

Ohairu

Pre 1879

19th October 1872 E A Hughes Ohairu asking for recognition by the Board as a teacher [As written.]

23rd May 1873 A requisition from the ratepayers of Ohairu was read, asking that a school be established, with a request that Mr Darby be appointed master thereof

13th February 1875 Tenders called by Wellington Education Board for a school at Ohairu.

18th March 1874 Wellington Education Board: The Secretary informed the Board that tenders had been received for the erection of schools at To Aro, Makara, and Ohairu.....Mr. Toomath expressed his willingness to enquire into matters concerning the erection of a school at Ohairu, and the subject was accordingly held over.

6th May 1875 Education Board: OHARIU SCHOOL STE. The Chairman stated that the site for a school at Ohairu not being suitable, a more eligible one had been offered in exchange. The Board sanctioned the arrangement.

12th November 1875 The Ohairu district is somewhat noted for neighbours' quarrels, which have very often culminated in court cases. At the Resident Magistrate's Court yesterday two little old gentlemen appeared in court, each with an action against the other for assault. Both were exceedingly deaf, as also was the wife of one of them, and their evidence provoked a good deal of genuine amusement. His Worship attributed the frequency of quarrels in the Ohairu district to the general deafness of its inhabitants, which was calculated to prevent them having a good understanding of each other.

24th February 1876 THE EDITOR OF THE EVENING POST. Sir— In taking up a copy of the New Zealand Times of the 19th inst., I observed a correspondence signed Catholic," complaining of the conduct of the local committee in giving over the use of the school to the Wesleyans, and refusing it for other purposes, which is untrue, and there are other parts of the correspondence which I know to be so also; and being one of those unfortunate committee men, I feel it my duty to contradict the statements.

First—He says it is a well-known fact in the district, that if the Roman Catholics had applied for the use of the school it would have been refused. Now, I can distinctly state that to be untrue, for one of the committee, being a Roman Catholic.. he was told at one of our meetings, that they could have the use of the school if they required it. • .

Secondly— That the Wesleyans use the schoolroom as a Sunday school, which I deny, for there has never been one hour of Sunday school since the erection of the building, it has been used once on week days by the Wesleyans for a public tea meeting, and as " Catholic" wants to know why the chairman Permitted the use of the school for that purpose, I can explain it myself. It was thought by a majority of the committee that during the vacation it could not possibly interfere with the tuition of the children; and I can also explain what has been done with the few pounds collected at the said tea meeting— part of it has been expended in the purchase of books for a library, which now numbers 76 books, and the remainder will be spent as soon as new publications arrive.

With regard to the application by a person for the use of the school, on behalf of Charles Wiley, I can deny that. The person applied for the use of the school on his own account, for dancing, and being a single man, and no ratepayer, the chairman refused it. Should the school be required for any social purpose whatever, and applied for in a proper manner, it would not be refused by the committee. ,, ,

If "Catholic" or any of his colleagues want any further explanation of our conduct, we are willing to meet them before the Board. I am, &c, ' William S. Prier. Ohariu Valley, 22nd February.

16th August 1876 Board of Education: THE OHARIU SCHOOL. Some letters were read in reference to local matters in connection with the school. They were referred to the local committee. The Board then adjourned.

9th February 1877 Board of Education Inspector's Report included: 11. Ohariu school does not increase in numbers, although very good instruction is given in the school Public sense of the value of. education is,' to a great extent, dead in the district. Double the number should attend.

24th December 1877 Boxing Day: A cricket match will be played between eleven of the Ohariu and Makara Cricket Clubs, on the Ohariu ground. Wickets to be pitched at eleven o'clock. In the evening a ball will be held in the Ohariu school

28th June 1878 Board of Education announce that £250 was set aside for a Schoolmaster's dwelling

5th August 1878 Miss Nott appointed head mistress Ohairu School

20th December 1878 The children of the Ohariu school spent a very enjoyable day on Wednesday, when the distribution of prizes took place The books, etc., which amounted, altogether, to £10 in value, were carefully selected by the committee. Tea and cake were pro; Wed for the children, and races were afterwards run. Mr. M Kenny, the chairman, then distributed a quantity of lollies among the children, and the proceedings closed with hearty cheers for the committee and teachers.

21st December 1878 On Wednesday, the 18th instant, the annual school treat came off with great success.. A large number of valuable prizes were awarded to the successful candidates by the Ohariu school committee, for their hard exertions during the last twelve months, and for passing the examinations of the various standards successfully, for which the teacher deserves great praise and credit for the pains and care she has taken with the children during the. short time she has been at the above school. In spite of the weather being dull and damp various amusements were got up for the children. After the tea was over, the young people of the district finished up the day with a dance.

1883/1942	Alice	Nott	Albert Hardy	Finnis
1885/2036	Finnis	Stanley Alwyn	Alice	Albert Hardy
1886/77	Finnis	Emily	Alice	Albert Hardy
1888/8115	Finnis	Herman Leslie	Alice	Albert Hardy
1939/27875	Finnis	Alice	78y	

1879-1883

1879		Ohariu	Nott	Alice		Female	£120.00
1880		Ohariu	Nott	Alice		Head	£142.10
1881	35	Ohariu	Nott	Alice		Head	£142.10
1882	33	Ohariu	Nott	Alice		Head	£127.10
1883	28	Ohariu	Finnis	Alice		Female	£ 127.10

29th January 1879 At a meeting held at Ohariu on Monday, Messrs. F. Bassett, G. Boneld, J. Best, W. Beech, J. Bryant, T. Bryant, and T. Gilbert were elected as the School Committee for the ensuing year. Mr. Bassett was chosen as chairman.

5th May 1879 A soiree was held in the Ohariu schoolroom on Tuesday evening, the 29th of April. Several songs were sung during the evening, and dancing was kept up till morning. Refreshments were provided by some ladies of the district. There was a good attendance, and it was a decided success. The proceeds are to be spent for the benefit of the school children.

24th September 1879 A M Kenny Ohairu School won a Country District Scholarship worth £30.00 [Equivalent of \$3577.51 in March 2001]

29th December 1879 The annual school treat and distribution of prize; took place at the Ohariu school on Monday last, in the presence of the teacher, school committee, and several of the parents. After a short address from Miss Nott (teacher), and Mr Bassett (chairman), the prizes were presented by Miss Nott. The prizes in the upper division were arranged as follows : First division—Girls : 1st, Fanny Bassett. Second division -Boys : 1st, John Munrow ; 2nd, Joseph Brown ; 3rd, Henry Whishaw. Third division—Girls : Maggie Hume. Boys: 1st, Thos. Bassett; 2nd, Stanislaus .McKenny. The other children were rewarded according to merit. The day finished up with an exhibition of dissolving views, to which the children were admitted free. The committee desire to return thanks to those ladies and gentlemen who were so liberal in contributing towards the school funds.

5th February 1880 At an adjourned meeting of householders, held at Ohariu, for the election of a school committee, the following gentlemen were elected :—H. Y. Wishaw, Thomas Basset, Joseph Bryant, A. Brown, L. Brown, ‘G. Best, and A. Lambert. At a committee meeting, held the same day, Mr. H. Wishaw was elected chairman and Mr. Thomas Basset treasurer.

1st April 1880 Wellington Education Board: An application for lining the school at Ohariu was also held over, pending the receipt of estimates from the Local Committee,

3rd April 1880 Inspector’s report to Wellington Education Board re 1879 included: Teachers’ residences are wanting at Opaki, Horokiwi, Judgeford, Ohariu,.....Ohairu 38 children presented for examination 25 passed. [The children would be immediately promoted after the Inspector’s promotion.]

26th July 1880 Mr. Clapcott, of the Government Lite Insurance, gave one of his laughable and entertaining readings to an appreciative and large audience at the Ohariu schoolroom, on Thursday evening, the 22nd July, for the benefit of the Ohariu library fund.

4th October 1880 A musical entertainment was given in the schoolroom, Ohariu, on Tuesday evening, the 28th September, in aid of the annual school treat and prizes. Several ladies and gentlemen kindly gave their assistance, amongst whom were Mr. and Miss Rush, and the Messrs. Avery, who contributed some excellent musical selections during the evening. After the concert there was a ball, which was kept up till morning. The house was filled to excess,

and the entertainment proved a success. The committee passed a vote of thanks to those ladies and gentlemen who kindly gave their assistance.

25th December 1880 The annual school treat took place at Ohairu on Monday. The parents and friends of the children were invited to tea, after which Mr. Wishaw, the chairman, presented to the teachers, Miss Nott and Miss F. Bassett, a dressing-case and ladies' companion respectively, as a token of appreciation from the committee. Following is a list of the prize-takers :— Standard VI— J. Brown, 1 ; H. Wishaw, 2. Standard V— P. Quick, 1 ; M. Barnes, 2. Standard IV— Thomas Bassett, 1 ; Thomas Quick, 2 ; H. Hume, 3. Girls— Josephine Bassett, 1; E. Prior, 2. Standard III— Boys— A. Kilsby, 1 ; T. Spicer, 2; W. Kilsby, 3 ; W. Wackrow, 4. Girls— F. Monrow, 1 ; J. Hume, 2; K. Beech, 3; A. Lewer, 4. Standard II— G. Beech, 1 ; C. McKenny, 2. Standard I— A. Wackrow, 1. Girls— M. Bryant, 1 ; A. Beech, 2 ; M. Spicer, 3. Sports for the amusement of the children were afterwards got up and greatly enjoyed.

28th January 1881 Ohariu, on Monday last, the following persons were elected members of the Ohariu School Committee for the present year : Messrs. W. France (chairman), Thomas Bassett, Joe C. Bryant, Thomas Gilbert, Albert Brown, Robert Bryant, and Henry Best.

21st May 1881 PROSECUTION AT THE B.M. COUBT. Arthur Washington, a settler, residing at Ohariu Valley, appeared before Mr. E. Shaw, R.M., this morning, charged with being the guardian of Nellie and Margaret Williams, children between the ages of seven and thirteen, residing within two miles of a public school, and with unlawfully neglecting to send the said children to school after having been called upon to do so, they not holding a certificate of exemption. Mr. Quick defended. The Information was laid under the 91st section of the Education Act, 1877, at the instance of the Ohariu District School Committee. Mr. William France, the chairman of that committee, deposed that the children resided at the house of the defendant, under whose control he supposed they were. Mr. Quick — There is no definition of the word "guardian" under the Act. Witness went on to state that the defendant's residence was within two miles of the Ohariu public school, the road was good and passable, the children were nor. suffering from any contagious disease, and, so far as he was aware, were not receiving private tuition. Mr. A. G. Johnson, the Believing Officer of the Benevolent Institution, next deposed that Margaret Williams had been "adopted" by the defendant, and for the care of the other girl defendant was receiving 10s per week. This being the case for the prosecution, Mr. Quick elected not to enter into the merits of the defence until the question of guardianship had been disposed of. His Worship described the different kinds of "guardians" known to the law, Buch as " testamentary " and " customary " guardians, guardians for the purpose of rendering an account to the Court of Chancery, " guardians in socage," and so forth. Mr. Shaw was afraid that none of these kind of guardians came within the meaning of this information. He was not sure he would be warranted in putting a wider interpretation on the word than was known to the law. There was nothing, it appeared, to prevent Mr. Washington from putting these children out of doors. Mr. Quick— Nothing whatever. His Worship added that what was popularly known as the "adoption" of a child was a pure *facon de parler*. He thought the better plan would be to proceed against the father of the children who, it transpired, was still living, and who, Mr. Quick contended, was their natural guardian. The present information was accordingly dismissed.'

27th July 1881 Result of Pupil Teacher examination Josephine Bassett Ohariu passed third year examination age over 15

27th July 1881 Wellington Education Board: An application was read from the Ohariu Committee for funds for the erection of a shed, &c.. but this, as well as some other applications, had to be refused, on account of want of funds

27th October 1881 Wellington Education Board The Building Committee's report was brought up, and the following recommendations for grants of money to effect necessary repairs and improvements, Ohairu School L19 [Typesetters would use L standing for £ if they didn't have enough blocks]

28th October 1881 Miss Booth, at present pupil teacher at Ohariu, to be a pupil teacher at the Thorndon Infants' School. [Josephine Bassett spent 1881 to 1893 at Thorndon Infants and was sewing teacher at Ohairu in 1890]

29th December 1881 The annual tea-meeting and sports in connection with the Ohariu School were held in the schoolroom and grounds of that place on Boxing Day. There was a large attendance of parents and their children, and numerous visitors. Previous to the tea, the prizes—thirty in number—were distributed by the Chairman (Mr W. France), who took occasion, after giving an account of the proceedings of the Committee during the past year, to remind parents of the necessity of sending their children more regularly to school, as, owing to the paucity of attendance, the pupil teacher had been removed. Having presented Miss Nott (the school-mistress) and the late pupil teacher (Miss Bassett) with two very nice presents, as a token of the esteem in which they were held by the Committee, he stated that prizes, in future, would be given more for regular attendance than for passing a standard, as there was, in many cases, little merit in passing, it often requiring two years for a child—through non-attendance—to pass a standard which might, with more regular attendance, have been passed the previous year. After tea, sports of various kinds were indulged in, and the festivities were concluded with a dance in the evening. The utmost harmony and good feeling appeared to exist among the people and children assembled, and all left well satisfied with their afternoon and evening's entertainment. A sum of £7 7s 6d was added to the Children's Fund. All we can say is, may the district have many such enjoyable days.

23rd February 1882 Wellington Education Board Several applications for improvements, &c., were received from local Committees. In the case of one from Tinui for £15 to effect certain repairs, the amount was granted. The Board declined to pay for the levelling of the Ohariu School site,

1st April 1882 Leave of absence granted for 1 month to Miss Nott mistress at Ohairu and the Inspector was instructed to temporarily fill the positions.

12th April 1882 Wellington Education Board: Mr. MASON brought under the attention of the Board an application on the part of the Ohariu School Committed for a grant of £15, required to be expended on the erection of a shed for the girls, on levelling the playground, and constructing a fence to divide the girls from the boys.

14th April 1882 The Inspector reported that Good work was done at Ohariu.

17th June 1882 A Christy Minstrel entertainment was given in Ohariu School on Thursday evening by the employees of Ohariu sawmill. The singing and dancing were both very good, and the corner men excited great amusement. Amongst the best songs were these contributed by Mr. W. and Master L. Mudgway. and Mr. Le Mesurier. Mr. Cornwall gave a hornpipe

dance and a solo on glasses, which were warmly applauded. The room was well | filled, and all seemed to enjoy the entertainment. The proceeds to go to the Children's Prize Fund. The school committee request us to return thanks to those gentlemen who so kindly gave their services.

1884-1886

1884	46	Ohariu	Boyes	Thomas E		Male	£ 120.00	
1884	46	Ohariu	Boyes	Nina		Female Pupil Teacher	£ 20.00	
1884	46	Ohariu	Boyes	Alice		Sewing	£5.00	
1885	40	Ohariu	Boyes	Thomas E		Male	£ 140.00	
1885	40	Ohariu	Boyes	Nina		Female Pupil Teacher	£20.00	
1885	40	Ohariu	Boyes	Alice		Sewing	£5.00	
1886	43	Ohariu	Boyes	Thomas E		Head Master	£140.00	
1886	43	Ohariu	Boyes	Nina		Female Pupil Teacher	£20.00	
1886	43	Ohariu	Boyes	Alice		Sewing	£5.00	

Thomas E Boyes, Nina Boyes and Alice Boyes all only worked for the Wellington Education Board over these years at Ohairu. I couldn't trace them with certainty prior to their appointment nor afterwards

3rd January 1884 On New Year's night a ball was held in the schoolroom, Ohariu, for the purpose of supplementing the children's school fund, and was well patronised. Several very good songs were sung during the evening, and the dancing was kept up till an early hour in the morning. The committee purpose [sic] holding another on Anniversary Day on behalf of the library fund, hoping it will be aa well patronised.

16th January 1884 APPLIOATIONS for the Mastership of the Ohariu School, salary £100 to £140, according to classification, with residence will be received at this office up to Saturday, the 26th inst.

30th January 1884 Ohairu Mr T L Ward (removed from Tenui) [Is only listed as teaching two years at Tinui.] 28th November 1883 Mr. T. L. Ward asked to be removed from the Tinui school. No action was taken.

1st February 1884 Wellington Education Board The following estimates were laid on the table: Ohairu residence L280. To be built

27th March 1884 Wellington Education Board: At the Education Board meeting yesterday, in reference to an application from Mr Ward, of the Ohariu School, for a sewing mistress, the Chairman (Mr Blair) pointed cat that Mr Ward while in charge of the Tinui School had not been highly spoken of by the inspector. It was decided to call Mr Ward's attention to the report, and to warn him of unpleasant consequences in the event of no improvement taking place in the condition of the Ohariu School.

6th June 1884 Allocation by Wellington Education Board for library Ohariu Ohariu Valley, £18 6s 3d

17th July 1884 THE Board require a Master for the Ohariu School ; salary, £100 to 4140 per annum (according to classification) and residence

30th July 1884 Mr Boyes was appointed provisionally to the mastership of the Ohairu School

24th September 1884 Mrs Boyes appointed sewing mistress at the Ohairu School

4th October 1884 An entertainment, consisting of readings and recitations, was given in the Ohariu schoolroom on Thursday night by Mr. Boyes, assisted by his pupils. It went off very successfully. A ball was held afterwards and kept up until an early hour next morning. The attendance was large, and the settlers thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

30th October 1884 Miss Boyes appointed pupil teacher at Ohairu School

12th December 1884 On Monday night last a very pleasing entertainment, "The Village Rivals," was given in the Schoolroom, Ohariu, by the Ohariu Dramatic Club, under the presidency of Mr. Boyos. The attendance was very large, and the performance was well placed on the boards, eliciting much amusement. The proceedings were concluded by a ball, at which dancing was kept up till an early hour in the morning. Several visitors from Porirua, Tawa Flat, and Johnsonville were present.

20th December 1884 Approved work by Wellington education Board Ohariu, painting, £15

30th December 1884 The annual distribution of prizes and a tea-meeting took place at Ohariu School on Boxing Day. The Chairman (Mr. W. S. Prior), after addressing the children, presented the prizes, in place of Mr. C. B. Izard, who had kindly consented to present them, but, owing to the inclemency of the weather, could not attend. The prizes were awarded for sewing, for passing in the several standards, and for attendance. In addition to these there were four extra prizes, comprising an album from Mr. Dutton and writing desk from the committee, and two valuable books from Mr. and Mrs. Boyes, the teachers. The children sang several selections under the conductorship of Mr. and Mrs. Boyes, and then sat down to a sumptuous tea provided by the committee and finished up the evening with a dance.

16th January 1885 very pleasing ceremony took place in the Ohariu Schoolroom last evening, when Mr. William France, on behalf of the settlers in the neighbourhood, presented Mr. F. E. Darby with a very handsome eight-day timepiece in recognition of his services as chairman and treasurer to the Ohariu Library during the last eight years.

7th May 1885 We learn from a correspondent at Ohariu that the local public school is now closed through the prevalence of diphtheria in the district One child of Mr. Haggerty has died with it, and others of his family are suffering from the same disorder.

29th January 1885 Pupil Teacher Passed first year Niven Boyes Niven Boyes was not born in New Zealand.

7th October 1885 The children of the Carterton and Ohariu schools visited the Exhibition today to the number of about 250. The whole of them attended a legerdemain 'entertainment given in the concert hall by Messrs. Seager and Keyworth.

30th October 1885 Interim report of Inspector included: Ohariu [Passes]—Percentage of passes 70 ; work, poor.

29th January 1886 Wellington Education Board: £250 had been spent on a residence at Ohairu

25th February 1886 Wellington Education Board: A letter was received from the Ohariu School Committee stating that, in consequence of certain defamatory reports which had been circulated affecting them, they tendered their resignation in a body, It was decided that the Secretary be instructed to inform the Committee that their term of office expires in a month's time, and ask them to perform the duties of the Committee until then.

5th August 1886 Drawing Examination by Wellington Education Board: Ohariu. — A. Haggerty, C. McKenny, A. Boyes.

20th September 1886 A most enjoyable ball was held in the Ohariu Schoolroom on Tuesday evening last in aid of the children's school prize fund, Despite the inclemency of the weather, there was a very good attendance, and dancing was kept up with great spirit till a late hour. During the evening songs were rendered in excellent style by a few young" ladies and gentlemen from Porirua, which greatly added to the evening's enjoyment. The committee desire to thank those ladies and gentlemen who so kindly volunteered their assistance to make the affair a success.

27th October 1886 Inspector Lee's report on recently examined schools included The results of the examinations in the Upper Hutt, Makara Wainui-o-mata, and Ohariu schools are only moderately good.

22nd December 1886 Wellington Education Board: In accordance with the request of the local committee it was decided to remove Mr. Boyes from the charge of the Ohariu School.

1887-1890

1887	34	Ohariu	Browne	B T		Male	£200.00
1888	29	Ohariu	Browne	B T		Male	£175.00
1889	38	Ohariu	Browne	Borthwick T		Male	£175.00
1890	40	Ohariu	Browne	Borthwick		Male	£195.00
1890	40	Ohariu	Bassett	Josephine		Sewing	£5.00
1891	46	Ohariu	Munro	Donald		Head Male	£175.00
1891	46	Ohariu	Beech	William		Male Pupil teacher	£ 25.00
1891	46	Ohariu	Bassett	Jane		Sewing	£5.00

Borthwick T Browne started his teaching for the Wellington Education Board at Ohariu in 1887 and taught there until 1890. In 1891 he went to Clareville North of Carterton until 1898 when he ceased teaching for the Wellington Education Board. He then went farming.

BROWNE— On Monday, 21st June, 1915, at his late residence, Eskdale, Akatarawa, Borthwick T. Browne. Private interment

1915/3494	Browne	Rorthwick Temple	75Y
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Donald Munro See 1892

11th January 1887 Master, Ohariu; salary, £180 to £200, according to certificate. V A. DORSET, Secretary

27th January 1887 Ohairu Mr A T Browne Appointed [Actually B T Browne]

30th March 1887 Wellington Education Board: Mrs Boyes sewing mistress resigns.

14th May 1887. Those schools who hadn't elected a School Committee to hold an election on Monday 30th May at 8 O'clock Including Ohairu.

29th June 1887 Wellington Education Board: The question of appointing commissioner! for the Ohariu School was referred to the same committee consisting of the Chairman, Dr. Newman, and Mr. Brown

27th July 1887 Wellington Education Board: Commissioners — The committee recommended the Board to appoint Messrs. F. E. Darby, W. Prier, J. W. Bryant, John Bryant, and James Best; to be Commissioners for the Ohariu School District. The report was adopted

21st September 1887 In a long sad article Entitled The Misfortunes of a Clerk was this: . In 1884 he was appointed master of the Ohariu School, at £120 per annum, with .£20 for rent of house, his wife and daughter being employed as assistant teacher and sewing- mistress, at salaries of £20 and £5 respectively. These engagements terminated on the 31st March last, when it became absolutely necessary to remove to town, on account of the state of his wife's health, which required a warmer residence, as well as surgical operations. He went to Hobart to sell a patent mat on commission, but the venture ended in loss to him. In passing through Dunedin he was arrested and obliged to sign judgment at the suit of two of his Southern creditors, and in his absence at Hobart one of them levied an execution on his house. His wife being seriously ill and worried, and action by other creditors being feared, he was obliged to hasten home. Since then he had been out of employment. For the last six years he had practically earned only .£70 per annum, out of which he had had to maintain himself, his wife, and six children, besides contributing to the support of his aged mother.

26th January 1888 Wellington Education Board still want to build a residence at Ohairu for £250

29th August 1888 Mr Lee to inspect Ohairu on the 4th September.

14th September 1888 The result of the annual inspection at the Ohariu Government school is as follows Out of 39 presented (10 of whom are infants), 7 passes were secured,—the passes in each standard were—Standard I., 4 presented, 2 ; passed ;. Standard II., 6 presented (2 excepted), 4 failed; Standard III., 8 presented, . 4 passed; Standard IV., 4 presented, ! passed; Standard V., 5 presented, 5 failed ; Standard VI., 1 presented, and 1 excepted

26th September 1888 In his report to the Wellington Education Board Inspector Lee noted “the very poor condition of the Ohairu School”

24th April 1889 Wellington Education Board : It was decided not to interfere with the notice already given to Mr. Brown of Ohariu School.

26th April 1889 Ohariu.— Messrs. F. E. Darby (Chairman), W. L. Prior, J . C. Bryant, J. Bryant Jas. Best, G. J. Best, and D. Martin.

29th May 1899 Tenders were ordered to be called for the painting and reroofing Ohariu school.

5th July 1889 The following are the successful tenderers for work in connection with the Board of Education: — Repairs and painting, Ohariu School, George Best, .£42

31st July 1889 Wellington Education Board: The Ohariu Committee applied for a tank, and it was decided to purchase one at once.

27th July 1889 Mr Lee's inspection report included: Ohariu.— The condition of the grounds is improved since my inspection visit. The work is generally improved in quality since the last examination. The work in additional subjects should improve

4th October 1889 First Grade art examination: Ohariu.— W. L. Beech, B. Bryant, E. Prior

31st December 1889 The annual treat given to the children of the Ohariu school on Boxing Day was a great success. Although a free tea, the parents of the children subscribed liberally towards the cost. All sorts of amusements were got up for the little once. In the evening a ball was held for the purpose of augmenting the fund to give the children a picnic a Paikakariki, and the liberality of the inhabitants was more than the committee anticipated.

26th February 1890 Mrs Allen appointed sewing teacher at Ohariu

29th October 1890 Miss Bassett appointed sewing teacher.

30th December 1890 The children of the Ohariu School had their annual tea meeting on Boxing Day, with sports during the afternoon and evening. As the day turned out fine they thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The committee and parents expressed strong dissatisfaction at the absence of the school master from the festivities. As it had been decided not to give prizes to the children but to hold a picnic instead, it is proposed that they shall be taken to McNab's Gardens during the vacation, together with as many of the parents as would care to attend, seeing that they seem to appreciate an outing more than prizes.

27th February 1891 Wellington Education Board budget included: £1000 for residences at Belvedere, Porirua, Paraparaumu, and Ohariu, and a similar sum for furniture, plans, and contingencies.

6th March 1891: inspector Lee's report on 1890 inspections included: Ohariu Presented 47 Passed 23 Discipline and Order Good Manners Good

14th April 1891 Messrs. A. W. Brown, F. H. Fraser, and Dr. Newman— with the Secretary (Mr. A. Dorsett) are to-day visiting Porirua and Ohariu, to select sites for teachers' residences in those districts.

16th April 1891 As the result of the visit of members of the Education Board to the country districts this week, the sites offered for teachers' residences at Ohariu and Porirua were approved. The members also dropped into the Ohariu, Porirua, Johnsonville, and Ngahauranga schools on their way

21st April 1891 Nominations for School Committee . Ohariu.— Frederick E. Darby, Jas. Best, Geo. J. Best, J. C. Bryant, James Field, W. S. Prior.

28th April 1891 School Committee; OHARIU. The following Committee was elected : — Messrs. F. E. Darby. G. Best, J. Best, J. Field, C. Wackrow, and W. S. Prier. Mr. Darby was elected Chairman and Secretary.

29th April 1891 Wellington Education Board: The sum of .£10 was voted for the purchase of an acre of land at Ohariu.

21st May 1891 TENDERS for the Erection of a Teacher's Residence at Ohariu will be received at this office up to 5 o'clock p.m. of Tuesday, the 26th inst. Plans and specifications at the office of THOS. TURNBULL & SON, Architects

28th May 1891 Wellington Education Board: Seven tenders were received for the erection of a teacher's residence at Ohariu, and it was decided to accept the lowest.

4th June 1891 The contractor whose tender was accepted by the Board of Education for the erection of a teacher's residence at Ohariu has declined to proceed with the work on the ground that a mistake was made in the estimate, and fresh tenders are to be invited.

22nd June 1891 . The tender of Mr S. Hemingway has been accepted for the erection of a teachers' residence at Ohariu. The price tendered for is £206.

29th July 1891 Wellington Education Board passed: The sum of £15 was granted for fencing the teacher's residence at Ohariu

14th November 1891 First Grade Art Examinations: Scale Drawing Passed: Ohariu Ida haggerty, A Lee

30th December 1891 The practice of giving prizes to the school children at Ohariu having been discontinued for years past, the School Committee instead give the children annually a treat, and a day's outing. This year the treat was given on Monday last, 28th instant, in the schoolroom, which was nicely decorated for the occasion After the children had assembled

early in the afternoon, Mr. J. Young, a member of the Education Board, who happened to be in the 'district, gave a short but suitable address. The youngsters, after doing ample justice to the good things provided for them, spent the rest of the afternoon in various amusements, and went home greatly pleased. Towards nightfall the elder portion of the community, as well as a number from the surrounding districts, met in the same place for a dance, which was kept up with great spirit until daylight. The children's outing takes place some day next month.

1892-1895

1892	40	Ohariu	Munro	Donald		Head Male	£175.00
1892	40	Ohariu	Beech	William		Male Pupil teacher	£25.00
1892	40	Ohariu	Bassett	Jane		Sewing	£5.00
1893	40	Ohariu	Munro	Donald		Head Male	£175.00
1893	40	Ohariu	Beech	William		Male Pupil teacher	£30.00
1893	40	Ohariu	Bassett	Jane		Sewing	£5.00
1894	38	Ohariu	Munro	Donald		Head Male	£175.00
1894	38	Ohariu	Beech	Wilfred		Male Pupil teacher	£38.00
1895	40	Ohariu	Munro	Donald		Head Male	£175.00
1895	40	Ohariu	Beech	Wilfred		Male Pupil teacher	£38.00
1895	40	Ohariu	Searle	Ellen		Sewing	£ 5.00

Donald Munro started teaching for Wellington Education Board at Kaitoke in 1887. Came to Ohariu in 1891 and taught until 1895. In 1886 a Donald Munro was teaching at Orari in Canterbury.

24th September 1896 A very sudden death occurred at Ohariu on Monday evening. Mr Donald Munro, master of the Ohariu School, was talking to some friends in his garden, when he dropped dead. The deceased, who was 60 years of age, was much respected in the district. An inquest was held on Tuesday before Lieut. Colonel McDonnell, Acting-Coroner, when a verdict that death was the result of apoplexy was returned.

25th September 1896 Yesterday the remains of the late district schoolmaster of Ohariu, Mr. Donald Munro, were consigned to the Karori Cemetery, every family in the district being represented amongst the mourners, so general was the esteem in which the deceased was held. Some came from places as distant as Porirua and Kaitoke (the scene of Mr. Munro's former labours). The Minister for Lands (the Hon. J. McKenzie) an old friend, was present. The school children walked at the head of the procession for some distance.

26th September 1896

THURSDAY, 1st OCTOBER, At 1 o'clock sharp. SALE OF FURNITURE. BUGGY, &c, AT OHARIU SCHOOLHOUSE, • In the Estate of the Late Donald Munro. G. TAINE & CO. are instructed by the Executors in the estate of the late Donald Munro to sell by auction at the schoolhouse, Ohariu, on above date — The whole of the household furniture and effects •. D.S. buggy, horse, harness Poultry, garden tools, &c. The whole of the above are in excellent order and will be sold entirely without reserve. '

William/ Wilfred L Beech appears to be the same person. Possibly called Will for short. Didn't teach for Wellington Education Board after 9 years a pupil teacher. 1891-1899

3rd October 1900 Stoke [Near Nelson] new secular staff appointment as assistant master W L Beech of Ohiro [Ohariu] Wellington

11th February 1892 William Beech classified 1st year pupil teacher

20th April 1892 School Committee: Ohariu.— Messrs. F. E. Darby, G. J. Best, J. Best, J. C. Bryant, T. S. Bryant, T. Bassett, J. S. Field.

10th February 1893 Wilfred Beech passed into Second Year Pupil Teachers classification.

10th March 1893 The annual picnic w\|b held by the Ohariu School Committee at Porirua Bay on Thursday. Most of the children were taken by their parents in their own traps, and Mr Fisher's brake was hired to take the rest. The morning was rather cold and windy, but the day turned out fine and pleasant. Tea and other refreshments were provided. Mr A. McLaughlin with his bagpipes was present, playing some lively tunes. The party started back for Ohariu at 4 p.m., after spending a very pleasant day.

25th April 1893 The election of a new School Committee resulted as follows : — Messrs. Thos. Bassett, J. C. Bryant, - Wm. Beech, Thos. Bryant; James Best, Geo. J. Best, and James Field. The balance-sheet, showing a small credit balance, was approved. At the meeting of the newly-elected Committee, Mr. Thomas Bassett was unanimously elected Chairman.

12th August 1893 The Chairman and members of the Ohariu School Committee together with parents, teachers, and pupils, assembled in the playground on Thursday morning to carry out the tree planting which had been arranged for Arbor Day, and had to be postponed on account of the wet weather. A few short speeches were made to introduce the proceedings, after which all present took to work vigorously, and shrubs of various kinds were planted all round the playground. The children took great interest in the affair, each child supplying and planting one or more trees, and taking precautions for their future protection. A large number of trees were gratuitously supplied by Mr. C. Fisher, and credit is due to him and the Chairman and members of the School Committee, and parents, for the interest they have taken in the matter.

12th August 1893 On account of the very rough weather last Friday (Arbour Day) tree planting in the Ohariu school-grounds had to be postponed. This operation was, however, carried out vigorously yesterday morning, as it happened to be fine, although windy. At an early hour the chairman and members of the school committee, parents, teachers and pupils were assembled in the playground. The speeches were few and short, everybody evincing a greater desire to work than to talk. By the hearty co-operation of all, macrocarpas, pines and shrubs of different sorts were planted round the playground. The children took a special interest in the process, each supplying and planting one or more trees, and taking precautions to protect them. A large portion of the trees was generously supplied by Mr C. Fisher, to whom thanks are due. Great credit is due to the chairman, members of the school committee and parents for the interest they have taken in the matter ; and it is to .be hoped that their labours, so freely and heartily given, will be crowned with the success they deserve.

25th October 1893 First Grade Drawing Examinations. Ohariu, 11 sat—6 passed Makara 11-4: Johnsonville 67-19.

13th January 1894 At the annual school treat at Ohariu the children enjoyed tea and a Christmas tree and sports. - A dance took place in the evening. The committee acknowledge the kindness of those Who contributed so liberally towards the Christmas tree.

19th January 1894 OHARIU SCHOOL DISTRICT. Bounded on the North-east by Porirua Native Reserve ; on the East by Sections 62, 57, 55, 54, 52, 49, 47, 45, 43, 41, 38, 36, 34, ' 31, and Johnsonville and Khandallah School Districts -. on the South by Khandallah and Kaiwarra School Districts, and Sections , 80, and 9, and on the West by the Pacific Ocean to the starting point.

31st Jan 1894 Wellington Education Board It was decided that the Architect should report upon various repairs which the Masterton Committee suggest should be done to its school, and also upon the question of improving the ventilation of the Ohariu School.

28th March 1894 Miss Jane Bassett sewing teacher at Ohairu resigned.

26th April 1894 Wellington Education Board. Miss Beech was appointed sewing teacher at Ohariu

31st October 1894 The resignation of Miss Kate Beech sewing teacher at Ohairu was accepted and it was decided to ask the committee to recommend someone to succeed her

24th November 1894 SS Wairarapa was wrecked on Great Barrier Island with a great loss of life. Donations included £1 4s 4d

1st February 1895 Miss Ellen Searle to be sewing mistress at Ohariu

15th February 1895 Wilfred Beech passed third year pupil teacher examination

22nd April 1895 The pupils of the Ohariu School have presented the head teacher, Mr Munro, with an inkstand and clock combined.

29th April 1895 Ohariu — Messrs. T. Bassett, J. C. Bryant, J. Best, and G. J. Best. Aa seven members are required, the names of Messrs. G. Beech, VV. Beech, and W. Bryant have been submitted for approval of the Board.

31st May 1895 Inspector Fleming to inspect Ohariu on the 6th June

2nd August 1895 Wellington Education Board: It was decided to send the carpenter to effect certain necessary repairs in the Ohariu School, the outlay not to exceed .£10.

12th October 1895 Two scholars from Ohariu are sitting scholarship examinations: 149 candidates sitting

13th December 1895 A concert and dance was held last night in the Ohariu School, in aid of the children's prize fund. Songs were given by Misses Rigg, McDonald, and Muff and Mr. Griffiths, and recitations by Mr. Morgan and Miss Stone. Misses McDonald and May acted as accompanists.

1896-1899

1896	40	Ohariu	Smith	William B		Head Male	£175.00	
1896	40	Ohariu	Beech	Wilfred		Male Pupil teacher	£41.10	
1896	40	Ohariu	Anderson	Hannah		Sewing	£5.00	
1897	45	Ohariu	Smith	William B	D2	Head Master	£175.00	
1897	45	Ohariu	Beech	Wilfred L		Male Pupil teacher	£45.00	
1897	45	Ohariu	Anderson	Kate		Sewing	£5.00	
1898	44	Ohariu	Smith	William B	D2	Head Master	£175.00	
1898	45	Ohariu	Beech	Wilfred L		Male Pupil teacher	£ 50.00	
1898	45	Ohariu	Anderson	Hannah M		Sewing	£5.00	

1899	46	Ohariu	Smith	William B	D1	Head Master	£ 175.00	
1899	46	Ohariu	Beech	Wilfred L		Male Pupil teacher	£50.00	
1899	46	Ohariu	Anderson	Hannah M		Sewing	£ 5.00	

William B Smith started his career with the Wellington Education Board in 1892 as an assistant at Carterton until 1895. He was then at Ohariu from 1896 to 1902. In 1903 he went to Otaki School and was there until at least 1923 when my records end

When Mr W. B. Smith left the Carterton school to take charge of the Ohariu school, he was presented by the scholars and teachers with volumes of “.Scott’s Poems,” “Tennyson’s Complete Works ” and “ Cromwell’s Letters and Speeches,” by Carlyle.

11th April 1896 Brunner Relief Fund [Collapse of Brunner Coal Mine out of Greymouth] Children of Ohariu School £3 4s]

30th April 1896 Wellington Education Board The Board confirmed the appointment of Mr Bryant to complete the Ohariu committee.

24th June 1896 The pupil teacher at Ohariu granted leave of absence by the Wellington Education Board

29th July 1896 Wellington Education Board: The sum of £5 was voted for a sewing teacher at Ohariu, and it was decided to erect porches to the shelter sheds at an early date.

22nd September 1896 The Ohariu district has been thrown into a state of gloom by the sudden death of Mr. Donald Munro, teacher of the local school, which occurred in his own garden last evening, when he was engaged in conversation with some friends. Mr. Munro, who was about 60 years of age, had been in the district for about four years, and by his estimable personal qualities and his abilities as a teacher, had gained the respect of all the settlers. He leaves a widow and a grown-up son, who is settled in the South Island.

20th October 1896 Head Teacher, Ohariu School. Attendance, 41. Salary £175 and house. D Certificate required

27th October 1896 There are twelve applicants for the position of head teacher of the Ohariu School, vacant by the death of Mr. Munro.

9th December 1896 Mr W. B. Smith, assistant at the Carterton School, who has been promoted to the Headmastership at Ohariu, was the recipient of several handsomely bound volumes on the eve of his departure from Carterton, the gift being a mark of esteem.

20th February 1897 The annual picnic of the Ohariu School children was held on Wednesday at Makara beach. Advantage was taken of the occasion to present Mr. W. L. Beech, who has had temporary charge of the school, with a silver pencil case, suitably inscribed. [Mr Beech was pupil teacher at Ohairu from 1891 to 1899]

23rd February 1897 William Beech now classified 4th year pupil teacher

27th April 1897 OHARIU. At the meeting of householders last night the old School Committee was unanimously re-elected, viz., Messrs. G. and A. Best, Carl and T. Wackrow. F. Hook, S. Bryant, and F. A. Majendie. Mr. Majendie was re-elected Chairman and Secretary, and Mr. G. Best Treasurer.

9th September 1897 An enjoyable concert in aid of the Children's Fund took place last evening in the Schoolroom, Ohariu. The music by Mr. and Mrs. Forrest was of the best, and the singing of Mrs. Reed and Miss Burnett was much appreciated, also the recitations of Miss

Watson and the original poetry of Mr. Leech (Te Weka). Dancing was kept up with great spirit till the small hours.

19th January 1898 The Ohariu School Committee treated the children to their annual picnic at Day's Bay on Monday. The Committee expresses its satisfaction with the excellent arrangements made at Mr. Williams's property.

21st April 1898 Mr Robert Lee to inspect Ohairu on the 14th June

27th April 1898 OHARIU. At the meeting of Ohariu householders Mr. F. A. Majendie presided. The following were elected as the new Committee :—Messrs. F. A. Majendie (Chairman and Secretary, re-elected), G. J. Best (Treasurer), J. Best, C. Wackrow, P. Wackrow, P. Hook, and S. Bryant.

5th November 1898 The Education Board has been informed that there is not a house in Ohariu where there are children in which there are not measles. In consequence the local school has been closed.

25th April 1899 OHARIU. The result of the ballot was the return of the old Committee with one exception. The Committee is now constituted as follows : — Messrs. F. A. Majendie (Chairman and Secretary), Geo. Best .(Treasurer), S. Bryant, T. H. Bassett, O. C. Wackrow, F. Wackrow

19th May 1899 Inspector Lee will examine the Brooklyn School on Monday and Tuesday, and the Ohariu School on Friday.

18th November 1899 A concert of exceptional excellence was given in the Ohariu Schoolroom on Wednesday evening-, for the benefit of the local school. An efficient orchestra under Mr. and Mrs. Forrest, Mr. F. Parker, and Mr. Wilson played musical selections, and songs by Mr. Twiss and others, humorous items by well-known members of the Huia Minstrels, and elocutionary effort by Messrs. Wilkins and Morgan, produced what is considered to be the nest and most enjoyable entertainment the district has had for very many years. A dance followed.

1900-1902

1900	40	Ohariu	Smith	William B	D1	Head Master	£175.00	
1900	40	Ohariu	Edwards	Dorothy L		Female Pupil Teacher	£20.00	
1900	40	Ohariu	Anderson	Hannah M		Sewing	£ 5.00	
1901	42	Ohariu	Smith	William B	D1	Head Master	£175.00	House
1901	40	Ohariu	Russell	Constance		Female Pupil Teacher	£20.00	£10.00
1902	42	Ohariu	Smith	William B	D1	Head Master	£175.00	House

Dorothy L Edwards started teaching in 1900 at Ohairu. In 1901 she was at Karori until 1904 as a pupil teacher. From 1905 to 1910 she was an assistant at Karori.

Constance Russell only taught for the one period for the Wellington Education Board

1st March 1900 Wellington Education Board A grant of £5 was made to the Ohariu Committee for levelling the ground.

24th April 1900 School Committee: Ohariu School. — Messrs. Geo. Best, T. H. Bassett, C. C. Wackrow (Chairman), F. Wackrow, S. Bryant, B. Bryant, and Jas. Best (Secretary and Treasurer).

21st March 1901 New wages scheme proposed Pupil Teacher at Ohairu £5.00 on present salary of £20

2nd October 1900 Ohariu School is closed on account of a somewhat serious outbreak of diphtheria in the district.

19th October 1900 Before the departure of Mr. Wilfred Beech, of Ohariu School, to enter upon his duties as one of the newly appointed masters at the Stoke Orphanage, Nelson, the residents of Ohariu presented him with a handsome silver watch, suitably inscribed. The head-master of the school testified to Mr. Beech's industry amiability and supplemented the present with a gold chain.

21st December 1900 The distribution of prizes at the Ohariu State school was made yesterday afternoon by Mr. W. Field, M.H.R. for Otaki. The hon. member expressed his surprise at the excellent local library and the high average of school attendances ; he also urged the importance of combination among farmers and suggested the establishment of farmers' clubs as a means of discussing and consolidating producers' interests. Mr. C. C. Wackrau acted as Chairman for the School Committee, and the re-union was a very pleasant one

9th April 1901 A pupil teacher wanted

31st December 1901 Advertising for a mistress £80 salary

30th January 1902 Ohairu Alice Willis present salary £42 Colonial [New] salary £80 [Records show Alice Willis was teaching at Te Horo by December 1902 and was at Johnsonville in December 1901. Maybe she was relieving at Ohariu as she was back at Johnsonville in 1903] or Maybe:

6th February Appointed: Miss Wilks mistress at Ohariu of whom there are no records of her teaching for Wellington Education Board.

29th April 1902 School Committee: Ohariu.— -Messrs C. C. Wackrow and Secretary), S. Bryant (Treasurer), P. Wackrow, T. H. Bassett, Wm. Beech, Wm. J. Bryant, and James Field.

18th December 1902 The selection by the Education Board of Mr W. B. Smith, of Ohariu School, as headmaster of the Otaki School, has been approved by the Otaki School Committee.

1903-1905

1903	37	Ohariu	Turkington	Samuel	D2	Head Master	£145.00	House
1904	42	Ohariu	Turkington	Samuel	D2	Head Master	£149.00	House
1905	41	Ohariu	Turkington	Samuel	D2	Head Master	£161.00	House
1905	41	Ohariu	Bray	Hinemoa F	E4	Mistress	£80.00	

Samuel Turkington started his teaching career for the Wellington Education Board in 1884 at Tinui School [East of Masterton towards Castlepoint. Was not teaching for The Wellington Board in 1890 and 1891. In 1892 he was at Cross Creek where the trains were changed for the fell system. Then in 1903 was at Ohariu until 1902 when he ceased teaching for the Wellington Board. In 1905 Another Samuel Turkington was teaching at Mahoe for the Taranaki Education Board

Hinemoa F Bray started teaching as a pupil teacher at Mauriceville West in 1897 and in 1899 was at Hastwell 13 Kms South of Eketahuna and then from 1902 to 1904 sole teacher at

Wairere 37 Kilometres North East of Masterton and finally one year in 1905 as assistant at Ohariu

1906/4410	Hinemoa Frances Palmer	Bray	Henry George	Bryant
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8th January 1903 The head teacher of the Ohariu State School (Mr. W. B. Smith) was given a very hearty send-off in the form of a social gathering, on Tuesday evening, the eve of his departure for Otaki, to which school he has been transferred. Ho was duly toasted with musical honours and presented with a handsome writing-table and two addresses, one (handsomely bound and illuminated) from the past and present scholars, and one from the parents and settlers, expressing their regret at his departure, their feelings of esteem and affection for him. and their confidence of his success in his new and larger sphere of usefulness. The evening was enlivened with song, recitation, and dances, and was much enjoyed by the representative gathering.

26th February 1903 Wellington Education Board: Mr. S. Turkington's case was reconsidered. Ho wrote again protesting against his removal from Cross Creek to Ohariu, declaring that it would mean a reduction to him. The Secretary read the schedule of payments for the respective schools, and it was shown that the transfer would be promotion. During the discussion upon the subject it was stated that the Board's solicitor's advice on the subject set forth that if a teacher refused to accept a transfer he could be given three months' notice. On the motion of Messrs. Kebbell and Feist, supported by Mr. Lee, it was resolved that, he Secretary inform Mr. Turkington that if he does not take up his position at Ohariu by the first of next month he must accept three months' notice of dismissal.

2nd March 1903 A number of changes are being made to take effect immediately in the teaching staff of the Wellington Education Board. Mr. S. Turkington takes charge of the school at Ohariu next Monday.

11th April 1903 A social gathering of an enjoyable character was hold in Ohariu Valley on Tuesday evening, its object being to welcome the new head teacher. Mr. Turkington (transferred from Cross's Creek). Mr. C. C. Wackrow, Chairman of the School Committee, presided.

28th April 1903 Ohariu. — Messrs. C. C. Wackrow (re-elected chairman and secretary), • S. Bryant (treasurer), F. Wackrow, W. Bryant, T. Bassett, J. Field; and Vincent Beech

28th May 1903 Wellington Education Board: Ohariu School Committee) and Mr T. Bryant, interviewed the Board with a request that the teacher's house at Ohariu should be enlarged. Alter some discussion, the further consideration of the matter was deferred.

6th June 1903 A very well attended and enjoyable social gathering in aid of the Stoke Orphanage was held in the Ohariu School during the week. Musical items and fancy dances were given by visitors from Wellington, Johnsonville, Petone, and Khandallah. [Wilfred L Beech Long Time pupil teacher was the teacher at the orphanage]

26th August 1903 Start of a very long article of the Supreme Court Case: Yesterday Mr Justice Edwards heard an action brought by Samuel Turkington, schoolmaster, Ohariu, against his parents, William John Turkington, farmer. Hinemoa, Pahiatua, and his wife, Elizabeth Turkington, to recover possession of certain land and chattels, £250 compensation for broach of agreement, and arrears of rent from June 27th, 1902, at the rate of £70 per annum.

4th September 1903 We have received a communication from Mr S. Turkington, Ohariu, denying that the defendants in an action at present pending before the Supreme Court (William John Turkington, farmer, Hinemoa, and his wife, Elizabeth Turkington) are his parents. Samuel Turkington, schoolmaster, Ohariu, is described in the pleadings as the plaintiff in the action in question and defendant in a counter-claim. The statement as to his parentage was based upon sworn evidence.[Eventually the case was declared *Sein Dire*]

30th October 1903 Wellington Education Board: and to inform the Ohariu Committee, which wanted an additional tank, that economy had to be exercised,

21st December 1903 The breaking-up of the Ohariu School was celebrated by a "social." At which the oldest resident of the district, Mr. Thos. Bassett, presented the prizes. Subsequently a dance was held, and a most enjoyable evening spent. The sum of £5 15s was contributed towards the school funds.

30th March 1904 Wellington Education Board: An application for additions to the Schoolmaster's residence at Ohariu, involving an expenditure of £100, was referred to the inspectors for a report.

27th April 1904 School Committee Ohariu.— Messrs. S. Bryant (Chairman), V. Beech, W. Bryant, J. Field, T. JI. Bassett, F. Wackrow, and J. H. Haggerty.

8th June 1904 I found that the settlers who are interested in the local school are dissatisfied through the Education Board breaking faith with them. It seems the teacher's accommodation, and the housing of both sexes is a disgrace, and that the Board's chairman, Mr Brady, had promised to give accommodation as soon as the Board would get a grant. But now the Board has this grant it refuses to do its duty to the school by giving the necessary accommodation. The Board has even refused, I understand, to vote the committee the small sum of £5 to make the playground fit for the children to play on in wet weather. The committee is threatening to resign in a body as a protest against its treatment by the Board if the claims are not met. The local school committee has decided to entertain Mr O. C. Wackrow at a social on the 24th inst. He was chairman of the school committee, and during his stay in the valley took a deep interest in the welfare of the district.

15th June 1904 My next visit was to the public school [Ohariu. The housing of the teacher's family is the cause of so much agitation, for this residence is too small for a family, and I am surprised that the teacher is not provided with decent living accommodation. It seems the Board blames the Premier, but the residents say the Board is to blame, and as they say the Board never did justice to the valley they cannot expect much now. The school building is crumbling to pieces, and a -water tank is along the road where it has rolled from the school ' no one seems to be accountable for the state of school matters. It strikes me forcibly there is an undercurrent running here, or the Education Board would not suffer to exist in their midst what reflects so much discredit on it as education matters in Ohariu are doing at the present time

11th July 1904 Mr Justice Edwards delivered judgment on Saturday in an action heard in August and September of last year, in which Samuel Turkington, schoolmaster, Ohariu, sued William John Turkington, farmer, Hinemoa, Pahiatua, and his wife Elizabeth Turkington, to recover possession of certain land and chattels, £350 compensation for breach of agreement. and arrears of rent from Juno 27th, 1903, at the rate of £70 per annum. Defendants counter-

claimed for £300 damages through the failure of the plaintiff to make over to thorn excess of stock on the land for purposes of sale in accordance with a deed of bailment. His Honor gave judgment for

the plaintiff in the first action for possession of the stock and chattels, but decided that defendants were entitled to possession of the land. On the counter-claim he gave judgment for the claimants in the sum of £302 11s, with costs according to scale

26th October 1904 On the 21st instant, the Ohariu settlers had a ball in the local school for the purpose of raising funds to build a ladies' dressing room. As the night was very severe many who intended going out remained at home

28th December 1904 On Monday, the 19th inst., the usual distribution of prizes to those who had passed a standard took place, followed by a tea for all attending. In the absence of Mr W. Field, M.H.R., Mr Thomas Bassett, Senr., who has taken a deep interest in the school for more than 80 years, distributed the prizes, which had been provided' by the Committee. Owing to the threatening weather several visitors were absent, but the parents were well represented. Addresses to the parents and children were given by Mr S. Bryant (chairman of the School Committee), Mr S. Turkington (teacher), Mr T. Bassett, and the late chairman of the committee, Mr C. C. Wackrow. The prizes were very beautiful and reflect much credit on the taste and energy of the School Committee. Thirty-six children received books for passes, five received good attendance certificates and one 2nd class attendance certificate was given out. After the distribution of the prizes a tea was provided, and a collection of £3 6s was taken up in aid of the children's fund. A dance took place, and all had a very enjoyable time. The usual school picnic will take place on or about the 23rd January, 1905.

12th January 1905 The Wellington Education Board has vacancies for seventeen teachers and is advertising the details. Four of the schools needing teachers— Otaki, Waione, Ohariu, and Newtown— have increased their average attendance of scholars, and thus become entitled to larger teaching staff.'

21st January 1905 A piece from the Visit of the Premier [Prime Minister] to Ohairu: Previous to this the Premier inspected the teacher's residence and the Ohariu school. The deficiency of the residence in the matter of accommodation and of the school for the forty-nine pupils who attend it evoked some condemnatory remark from the Premier, as Minister for Education, on the laxity of Education Boards in discharging the duties which properly attach to such bodies.

10th March 1905 Miss H. Bray, of Wairere, has been made mistress at Ohariu.

28th March 1905 The case of Samuel Turkington, of Ohariu, schoolmaster, appellant (plaintiff in the Supreme Court) and William John Turkington, of Hinemoa, farmer, and his wife, Elizabeth Turkington, respondent* (defendants in the lower Court), resume today before the Appeal Court— His Honour the Chief Justice, and Justices Williams, Denniston, and Cooper. The appeal is from the decision of Mr. Justice Edwards. 'Hie case- is a long-standing ono concerning a form occupied by respondents ; appellant is their son. The action is for recovery by appellant of possession of the land from respondents, on the ground of certain breaches of covenant, und n» failure to eradicate certain weeds, maintaining fences in repair, etc. ; and also for the recovery of certain livestock bailed by appellant to respondents. Respondents counterclaim on certain grounds, chiefly for losses sustained through appellant's withholding his consent to sale of surplus stock. Mr. Justice Edwards's judgment

was that appellant fails in his claim to recover possession of the land but is entitled to Judgment for possession of the stock and chattels bailed to respondents j appellant to be allowed witnesses' expenses in proving aa to bailment, respondent* to have- witnesses' expense* as to the claim for recovery of the land. In the counterclaim, Mr. Justice Edwards gave respondent, judgment for £202 11s, with costs according to, scale Appellant appeals, principally on the ground that the rest, of the judgment is inconsistent with the portion which directs that appellant is entitled to the chattels.

5th July 1905 Wellington Education Board: Ohariu —New rusticating at school;

14th September 1905 WELLINGTON Education Board: Ohariu— Headmaster, £161 and house.

29th September 1905 Mr S Turkington Resigns.

11th October 1905 Miss D Halley has been temporarily appointed to the charge of the Ohairu School

7th November 1905 TIENDERS for Repairs . and Painting teacher's residence, Ohariu, will be received at the Education Board Office up to noon of MONDAY, the 13th inst. Specifications may be seen at the school, Ohariu, Mr. Braithwaite's, Johnsonville and at this office. G. L. STEWART, Secretary

23rd November 1905 It was reported that the tender of S. Bryant for repairs at Ohariu had been accepted.

24th November 1905 Wellington Education Board: An application from Ohariu for increased accommodation "was; not Agreed to

24th February 1905 The following works were authorised; —Ohariu, range for residence

1906-1909

1906	42	Ohariu	Bringans	John	D3	Head Master	£ 165.00	House
1906	42	Ohariu	Higgins	Florence J	Lic	Assistant Female	£85.00	
1907	44	Ohariu	Bringans	John	D3	Head Master	£165.00	House
1907	44	Ohariu	Higgins	Florence J	Lic	Assistant Female	£85.00	
1908	41	Ohariu	Bringans	John	D2	Head Master	£165.00	House
1908	41	Ohariu	Higgins	Florence J		Assistant Female	£85.00	
1909	39	Ohariu	Bringans	John	D2	Head Master	£185.00	House
1909	39	Ohariu	Spence	Bessie P		Assistant Female	£90.00	

John Bringans started teaching for the Wellington Education Board at Kakariki {West of Hukanui under the Tararuas. 1899 to 1901 From 1902 to 1905 he was at Kaipororo 8 kilometres South of Eketahuna. Then 1906 to 1909 at Ohairu. Followed 1910 to 1917 at Scarborough by the Pahiatua Railway Station. Later called Mangamutu School. And from 1919 to at least 1923 Headmaster of Khandallah School.

20th December 1939 Parents, pupils, and ex-pupils of the Khandallah School last week said farewell to Mr. John Bringans, who retired on break-up day after over 40 years in teaching in the Wellington Education Board's district and over 20 years at the Khandallah School. During those 20 years at Khandallah Mr. Bringans has been the friend as well as the teacher of his pupils, and the farewell, though regretted by, everyone, was a friendly and happy 'evening.

! The Khandallah School has not had I much change in headmastership. It i was opened in 1894 as a sole teacher I school under the late Mr, Jenkins, who carried on, with an increasing school roll, until 1919, when Mr, Bringans became headmaster; today the roll is about 350. Mr. Bringans is tall and white-haired, and young fry of Khandallah these several years have dubbed him "Rua," schoolboy short for Ruapehu, but allegedly—though headmasters know a good deal more than they let on about school asides —it was not until the. farewell that the significance of "Rua" was known to Mr. Bringans.

Florence J Higgins started as a pupil teacher in 1898 at Newman School [Just North of Eketahuna] and 1902-to 1903 at Eketahuna. In 1904 and 1905 she was sole teacher at Ngapopotu [Near Tinui East of Masterton] After 3 years at Ohairu she spent 1 year at Worser Bay. I think she later went teaching for the Hawkes Bay Board around Dannevirke.

Bessie P Spence taught at Ohariu 1909 to 1912 and then taught for 2 years at Ngaio School as Elizabeth P Spence

12th April 1906 Wellington Education Board: Ohariu— Female. Assistant, £85

11th May 1906 Ohariu School, Miss Higgins, promoted from the Ngapopotu School'

27th July 1906 The report of the Instructor in Agriculture (Mr W. O. Davies) was received at yesterday's meeting of the Education Board. It stated that, in addition to the weekly engagements, visits had been paid to the Scarborough, Ohariu, Paraparaumu, and To Ore Ore schools, all of which were making application for the recognition of classes in elementary agriculture.

24th April 1907 Ohariu.— Messrs. Stephen Bryant (chairman and secretary), Thomas H. Bassett (treasurer), W. J. Bryant, J. H. Doyle, J. H. Haggerty, H. G. Bryant, Frederick Field.

28th April 1908. OHARIU. The following were elected a school committee for- the ensuing year:— Messrs. W. L. Beech (chairman) and secretary), Thos. H. Bassett (treasurer),S. Bryant,- W. J. Bryant, L. Bryant, J. H. Haggerty, and F. Field.

30th October 1908 Mr Bringans granted unspecified leave of absence

29th January 1909 Sarah E Best pupil at Ohariu won a scholarship in the class B section.

25th February 1909 Library Grant Ohariu School library received £4 19 7d library grant [Only 20 schools qualified for a grant

14th April 1909 Tenders called for New Latrines [Toilets] in wood Ohairu

27th April 1909 School Committee: Ohariu. — Messrs. W. L. Beech (chairman and secretary), L. C. Bryant (treasurer), F. Bould, W. J. Bryant, F. Field, Albert Spicer, Charles Spicer.

13th May 1909 Wellington Education Board.= Advertisement Ohariu (Johnsonville) Assistant Mistress £90 to £120

9th June 1909 Wellington Education Board appointment Ohairu: Miss B Spence

20th December 1909 The annual prize-giving at Ohariu is a great occasion in the district, and on Friday afternoon .the' grown-up folk turned out in large numbers to the large Ohariu Hall, [recently built] where children and parents 'were entertained, during the afternoon. Mr. Beech, the chairman of the committee, presided, and Mrs. J. P. Luke, in the .absence of Mr. Luke presented the prizes every 'child-in the school receiving one. Afterwards, tea was served,- and the children played games.' Late in the afternoon the smallest children went home, but the elder ones remained till the evening, when a very enjoyable dance was-held.

1910-1913

1910	38	Ohariu	Dallaston	Charles W	D2	Head Master	£180.00	House
1910	38	Ohariu	Spence	Bessie P		Assistant Female	£90.00	
1911	41	Ohariu	Dallaston	Charles W	C1	Head Master	£185.00	House
1911	41	Ohariu	Spence	Bessie P		Assistant Female	£90.00	
1912	44	Ohariu	Dallaston	Charles W	C1	Head Master	£190.00	House
1912	44	Ohariu	Spence	Bessie P		Assistant Female	£94.10	
1913	43	Ohariu	Dallaston	Charles W	C1	Head Master	£195.00	House
1913	43	Ohariu	Spence	Elizabeth P	D3	Assistant Female	£110.00	

Colin W Dallaston was a pupil teacher in 1897 at Clyde Quay and then 1898 to 1901 was a pupil teacher at Mt Cook Boys'. 1902 and 1903 he was headmaster at Ponatahi School on the road between Carterton and Martinborough. Followed from 1904 to 1909 at Rangitumau North East of Masterton as a sole charge teacher. From 1910 to about 1917 he was at Ohariu before going by 1919 to Plimmerton until at least 1923.

29th January 1941 Mr. C. W. Dallaston, head teacher of the Porirua School, who is retiring after 43 years in the Wellington Education Board's service, was tendered a farewell by the board today. Mr. Dallaston began his teaching career as a pupil teacher at the Clyde Quay School in October, 1897. In subsequent years he was a pupil teacher at the Mount Cook Boys' School, a master at Ponatahi and Te Rangitumau. sole teacher at Ohariu, head teacher at Plimmerton for 10[^] years, and he has been head teacher at Porirua since February, 1930.

1946/18277	Dallaston	Charles William	68Y
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20th January 1910 Agnes Hawley Ohariu topped the Class B junior Scholarships with 550 Marks and was recommended for a Junior National Scholarship'

6th April 1910 Mr J Bringans appointed to Scarborough [Later Mangamutu]

26th July 1910 he story of a country school not very far from Wellington was told to the Wellington Education Board this ' afternoon by the leader of a deputation representing the Ohariu School Committee, which urged, the pressing need for a new school. In the first place, said the spokesman, the school had been built by contract 35 years ago. He himself had had his schooling there and remembered the present chairman of the board, then the inspector, saying he was a thick headed pupil. (Laughter.) The school was not built, continued the speaker, it was simply stuck up. Immediately it was built, it had to be propped up. It was simply a weatherboard building — a barn. It' had to be held together with two iron_ bars, which were there now. Seventeen years ago the floor wore out and broke right through. Without coming to the .board the settlers had a new floor put in,' and the speaker was still £3 out of pocket on that account. This floor was now worn down to the tonguing of the boards. The place was simply a barn, with nothing to protect the children but weatherboarding. "I wish you gentlemen would come out when a southerly is blowing," said the speaker, "and I'm sure you be satisfied it is not fit for a pig to be in, much less a child. We are sorry we are not backed up with the Health Officer's condemnation of the old building. We have had the Health Officer out there to try to get him to condemn, it. (Laughter.) The reason why he would not condemn it was because we had kept the outside in first-class order. The microbes in the old place have been accumulating for 35 years, and we have had a. lot of sickness in the Valley. The doctor is there twice a week now.

" Mr. Aitken : What is the nature of the troubles ? The speaker : Everything — appendicitis, whooping cough — (laughter).

"Have you had any typhoid ?"

"Yes, there are two cases of typhoid from there in the hospital."

The chairman (Mr. Robert Lee) said the board was quite satisfied that there should be a new school. It was one of the oldest schools in the district, as he knew himself, and was an inferior building at the start. The time had arrived when they should have a new school, and the board would deal with it as soon as possible. "Hear hear," came from the deputation, which then withdrew.

26th October 1910 Wellington Education Board: Instruction was given that the Ohariu school should be put in a state of thorough repair. Tenders called 18th November Repair and painting.

25th November 1910 Keen dissatisfaction is being felt among Ohariu householders at the state of the local school. About three months 1 ago', according to Mr. S. Bryant, chairman of the Ohariu committee, a deputation which waited upon the Education Board extracted a promise that an application for a new school would be given every consideration. Immediately the deputation left, Mr. Bryant states, the board decided to do nothing in the matter of a new school, but to repair the existing building. Tenders have been called for repairing it at a cost of ,£50. This is regarded by the Ohariu' people as most unsatisfactory. Mr. Bryant described the school building as being dilapidated, and much of its timber rotten. "I began my schooling in it," said Mr. Bryant, "and it is still there." A meeting of householders is to be held at Ohariu this evening, with a view to laying a strong protest before the Education Board .at its next meeting.

30th November 1910 A deputation of one—the chairman- of the Ohariu School Committee —appeared before the Wellington Education Board yesterday in support of his district's agitation for the erection of a new school building to replace the existing thirty-five-year-old structure. . The board urged the deputation. (Mr. J S. Bryant), should abandon the idea of tinkering up the old building and build a new one. Referring to the specification, for the repairs—tenders have already been called—Mr. Bryant complained that-there was no provision for new piles and plates. He then produced a sack and extracted therefrom several venerable-looking chunks of wood described by the chairman (Mr. Lee) as resembling decayed teeth considerably magnified, and by Mr. Hogg as "elephants' tusks"—which represented all that was left of certain of the piles under the school. ..Mr. Bryant had had no difficulty in .kicking out the relics with his foot.

Mr. Buchanan drew Mr. Bryant's attention to the fact that his house was thirty-seven years old, and the timber in it was as good as on the day it was built. "That's all right," replied Mr. Bryant. "It all depends on the timber," and he gazed disrespectfully at the "exhibits."

. "Quite so," agreed Mr. Buchanan.

Mr. Bryant proceeded to criticise the condition of the old school, and categorically condemned it, raking it fore and aft with adverse comment. He urged members to journey out to Ohariu to see the school for' themselves. "I'll stand the expense," he said.

After some discussion it was agreed to defer for the present the work of repairing the. school, with, the .purpose of reviewing the whole question de novo.-

14th December 1910 It has been decided by the Education Board that the Ohariu School building shall be put in thorough repair. The clerk of works has visited the school—which the residents wanted rebuilt—and adhered to his previous recommendation that the school could be repaired. A tender has been accepted for this work, which will proceed immediately.

15th December 1910 Wellington Education Board: Ohairu repairs and painting V Beech

24th December 1910 OHARIU SCHOOL.

Sir,-With your permission I feel justified in saying a few words re' the above. At the last meeting of the Education Board, Mr. Lee (chairman), stated that a deputation had come to the last board meeting and produced a rotten stump in support of its contention that the piles were rotten. That was no argument according to Mr Lee. His own house, '18 years old; had recently been repaired; and one of the piles had been discovered to be rotten. But the rest; of the building was- absolutely sound. Mr. Editor, as the opinion, is gaining ground that my committee had no reason to ask for a new school, I would like to say a few words to substantiate what I have already said to the Education Board. In the first place I headed a deputation to the board and asked for a new school. Mr. Lee informed the deputation that the question of a new school for Ohariu was then on the order paper, and would receive every consideration, as the board, recognised that a new school was necessary. Immediately the deputation withdrew, the question of a new school dropped and the board thought of repairing the old one, as the board -was short of funds.' Yet it; appeared in the press that Mr. Lee stated at that meeting; that the board, was in a better, financial position than it had been for some time. At the next meeting of the board I again put in an appearance, to show reasons why the school should, not be repaired. I took in proof that the school was over 35 years old (which had' been repudiated by officials of the -board),namely, entry in the log-book by Mr. Lee, Inspector of Schools; also a sample of the piles, which Mr. Lee says is a rotten stump. Mr. Editor this- remark by Mr. Lee was totally uncalled for and unfair, as I took those 'pieces of wood from under the north side of the school ,in the presence of i-'the head, teacher, and there, was in that bag that I produced at the meeting -of the board what was- left; of three piles and pieces of -five, more. I have in my possession an entry made by Mr.. Lee in -the log-book 33, years ago,, that the school was badly built in the first place.

Mr Lee also stated that the board should accept the verdict of their own officers in preference to that of outsiders." To show you, Mr Editor that outsiders, as Mr, Lee calls us, know something about it, the' board have greatly enlarged on-the first specifications that were drawn up by the board's officials. In conclusion, Mr. Editor, "I 'may, state that I offered to pay the board's expenses to Ohariu, but Mr. Lee objected. 'Mr. Lee knew too well the condition of the. school. As a protest against this work being carried out, the! committee has tendered its resignation. I have the opinion of professional builders that it is a -waste of money to repair the old building, and as a builder myself am of the same opinion. •—I am,- etc., - S. BRYANT. Ohariu, December 21, 1910

18th January 1911 Scholarship Frederick Hawley Ohairu topped the Class C for schools with rolls under 45 with 453 and as well as a board scholarship takes a national scholarship as well
1st February 1911 The Ohariu School Committee, which recently resigned in a body as a protest against the action of the Wellington Education Board in declining to accede to its request for a new school building, has now withdrawn its resignation. Referring to the matter at the meeting of the Education Board yesterday, the chairman (Mr. Robert Lee) remarked

that the committee's withdrawal of its resignation could be interpreted as an expression of satisfaction with the manner in which the present school building had been repaired. The old school was still in a sound condition on the whole, despite the impression created by a recent exhibition in the board room, of some "rotten old tusks," which were then alleged to be a fair sample of the school piles.

1st February 1911 Ohariu School Committee late last year was firmly of the conviction that the school building at Ohariu was not in a fit state to be repaired, as suggested by the Wellington Education Board, -which called tenders for the work. The committee pleaded for a new schoolhouse. When the board persisted in its way the chairman of the school committee waited upon the board last year with a strong appeal and a bag of exhibits, the latter called from the softer and more decayed portions of the venerable building. Relentlessly the board decided to go on with the work, and the building was rehabilitated. The committee tendered its resignation en bloc. When the work was completed, however, there was no revolution on the part of the residents in the rustic valley In fact, to the contrary : Yesterday the Wellington Education Board received word per letter that the committee had reconsidered its decision and had withdrawn its resignation. Board members expressed gratification at the change of front and attributed the happy circumstance to the improvement worked in the building by the repairs aforesaid. The building is built of heart of totara, and the little affair of yesterday's letter moved the chairman (Mr. R. Lee) to express the wish that more of the schools had been built of the same excellent timber

4th February 1911 DALLASTON.— At Schoolhouse, **Ohariu**, to Mr. and Mrs. C. "W". Dallaston — a daughter.

1908/8795	Dallaston	Charles Clifford Rex	Elizabeth	Charles William	-
1911/3634	Dallaston	Ivy May Ruth	Elizabeth	Charles William	-
1917/2918	Dallaston	NR	Elizabeth	Charles William	S
1918/23277	Dallaston	Naomi Gwen	Elizabeth	Charles William	

27th May 1911 At the annual meeting of householders on April 21 last, the Ohariu people failed to elect a school committee for the ensuing year. At a meeting called by the Education Board for Monday evening' last, move interest in local school affairs- -was in evidence, and the following were elected: Messrs. L. C. Bryant (chairman and secretary), S. Bryant (treasurer), W J Bryant, T. H. Bassett, P. Field, A. J. Spicer and C. H. Spicer.

13th March 1912 Wellington Education Board Tenders are invited by the Education Board for erection of school at Plimmerton additions to teacher's residence at Ohariu,

24th April 1912 School Committee: •Ohariu. — Messrs. Stephen' Bryant, L. C. Bryant, F. Field, A. J. Spicer, C. H. Spicer T. H. Bassett. and F. C. Liddle

29th May 1912 Tender let to V Beech for (Ohairu additions to residence and painting

26th February 1913 Library subsidies (up to 9d per head) were approved on the following amounts, subject to compliance" with the Education Department : Reikiorangi, £2 ; Fernridge, £5 0s Id ; Ohariu, £1 12s 3d ; Hastwell, £3

29th April 1913 OHARIU. At-the annual meeting of householders the following were elected members of the new committee Messrs. 'S. Bryant (chairman, and secretary), L. S. Bryant (treasurer), H. G. Bryant, W. L. Beech, I'. H. Bassett,. F. Field, and C. H. Spicer.

1914-1917

1914	42	Ohariu	Dallaston	Charles W	C1	Head Master	£205.00	House
1914	42	Ohariu	Bodell	Florence A	D3	Assistant Female	£120.00	
1915	45	Ohariu	Dallaston	Charles W	C1	Head Master	£215.00	House
1915	42	Ohariu	Bodell	Florence A	D2	Assistant Female	£130.00	
1917	52	Ohariu	Dallaston	Charles W	C-53	Head	£235.00	
1917	52	Ohariu	Best	Sarah E	D-98	Assistant	£130.00	

Florence A Bodell started teaching as an assistant in 1909 at Belvedere west of Carterton. In 1913 she was sole teacher at Akatarawa. Following 1914 and 1915 at Ohairu as an assistant she was in 1917 sole teacher Kahautara south of Featherston. By 1919 she was sole teacher at Pahautanui and in 1923 she was back at Ohariu as sole teacher. In 1928 appointed sole teacher at Makara

1948/31447	Bodell	Florence Allen	67Y
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Sarah E Best Taught at Petone West in 1912 and 1913 In 1915 she was at Manukau and by 1917 at Ohairu. – IN 1919 TO 1921 Koputaroa in Northern Horowhenua.

1934/10456	Best	Sarah Elizabeth	56Y
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In 1922 was teaching in Palmerston North

4th March 1914 Junior National Scholarship has been awarded by the Education Board to Effie M. Morgan, of the Roseneath School, and an extra Junior Board Scholarship to Arthur H. Hawley, of the Ohariu School. Both are on the li list of schools having an attendance of from 36 to 200

8th May 1914 OHARIU. 'Mr. S. Bryant presided over a poor attendance of .householders at a meeting held at Ohairu. The balance- showed a credit balance for the year , £20 3s 9d. and the report stated that there were 52 pupils on .the roll, with an average attendance of 45. The following' committee was elected: Messrs. S. Bryant (chairman and ' secretary), L. C. Bryant H. G. Bryant, W: L. Beech, V. Beech,' F. Field, and A. Spicer

4th September 1914 The Ohariu school children have decided that the proceeds of a concert which was held on Wednesday in aid of their prize fund should be devoted to the Belgian Fund

5th May 1915 OHARIU. At a fair attendance of householders at the meeting held 011 Monday, presided over by Mr. S. Bryant, the following were elected a committee for the ensuing- year:—Messrs. S. Bryant (chairman and secretary), L. O. Bryant, V. Beech, W. L. Beech, and H. Dunford. _ Under the Act of last year a committee of five members is required in place of seven, as formerly. The balance-sheet read at the meeting showed a credit balance of £16. A protest was made against the continued delay of the Education Board in making arrangements for the erection of a new school. The present building, it was pointed out had done service for 40 years and appears to have been erected at a time when the principal tools of the country carpenter were a cross-cut saw and an axe. The incoming committee pledged itself to use every endeavour to. further the rebuilding scheme.

15th November 1915 Wellington education Board: Ohariu —Repairs and painting, school, and residence.

28th January 1916 As one who went to the school forty years ago, I know what the children have to put up with now!" said Mr. S. Bryant, chairman of the Ohariu School Committee, to the Minister for Education (the' Hon. J. Hanan) to-day. Mr. Bryant, accompanied by Mr. R. A. Wright, M.P., was asking that better accommodation be provided for the children of Ohariu than the present building.

Mr. Bryant described how the building had only one room, but two teachers. For two years now one of the teachers had had to take a class into the open air; and those who knew how the winds blew over Ohariu, added Mr. Bryant, would know what that meant! The building in the first instance had been built forty years ago, by a bush carpenter. Since then it had been patched several times and had even had to be buttressed to keep it from blowing over. When it was first built, 25 children had attended school' there ; now the average was 59 children. The health of the pupils was endangered by such conditions.

The Minister gave a sympathetic reply, and pointed out the responsibility of the Education Board, which received grants for rebuilding purposes, in the matter. As a result of his statement the board will be interviewed with a request for a new school.

17th March 1916 Miss S E Best appointed

19th April 1916 Wellington education Board: he board approved of small grants' to the following schools:—Karori, Koputaroa, Levin District High School/ Ngaio, Ohariu [residence 100 yards of asphalt., Johnsonville, arid 'Puketoi

31st May 1916 Wellington Education Board: In regard to the Ohariu School, it was decided that adoption-of the suggestion made by the Department was impracticable and that additional accommodation, should be provided without delay

24th July 1916 Mr. R. A. Wright, M.P., has received the following letter from the Minister of Education (Hon. J. A. Hanan)' Referring to the remarks you made during the discussion on the Estimates with respect 'to the necessity for additional school accommodation at Ohariu, I have to say that I looked into the matter, and find that, as there are 123 square feet of floor-space per pupil in average attendance and much more urgent cases are before the Department, I have been compelled to postpone consideration at the present juncture. When the. amount of the appropriations for school buildings is ascertained, the Matter will receive further consideration."

26th October 1916 Wellington Education Board: With regard to a grant of £250 authorised by the Education Department for a new school at Ohariu., the secretary (Mr Stewart) stated that that amount represented only the cost of half a room, and the department held that a teacher's, room was unnecessary. But now that they had medical inspection of schools, be thought that a teachers' room was necessary for that alone. Besides, the site, was an exposed one, and the teachers would need a room on that account.

30th November 1916 Wellington Education Board: The tender of Mr. T.' S. Jackson for the first section of the new school at Ohariu was accepted.

5th March 1917 On Thursday last Mr. Shields paid a visit to Ohariu and gave a demonstration of trick swimming and life-saving to a very interested gathering of school children and parents. He also explained minutely the correct method to be adopted in the resuscitation of the apparently drowned. On behalf of the residents, Mr. S. Bryant, chairman of the School Committee, thanked Mr. Shields for attending, and called for three cheers, which were heartily given. As a result of constant practice in two good ponds which the

School Committee have made for them almost all the upper children of this school can now swim. At sports held recently, Ngaia Bryant gained the medal for the girls' championship, Jean Nossiter being runner-up. Roy Haggerty just beat Philip Nossiter for the 'boys' championship. Other winners included Hiram Dunford, Lance Bryant, Gordon and- Patty Nossiter.

22nd March 1917 The new school at Ohariu is now ready for occupation, but so far no date has been arranged for the official opening. This school contains one class-room (24ft. by 22ft.), a teacher's room (10ft. by 8ft.), and a corridor (15ft. by 8ft.). This building has been erected some distance in the rear of the old school, which will still remain in use.

19th April 1917 The new school at Ohariu was opened yesterday afternoon by Mr. W. H. Field, M.P., who was accompanied by Mrs. Field. Among others present were Messrs. R. A. Wright, M.P., W. Allan, and T. Forsyth, members of the Education Board. Apologies were received from Hon. J. Hanan, Minister of Education, and the Hon. J. G. W. Aitken for their unavoidable absence.

Mr. S. Bryant, chairman of the committee, presided over a gathering "which was large and representative of the district. The chairman gave a very interesting account of the school work, going back to the time when the old school building, was erected some 41 years ago and he attended as a pupil. Mr. Bryant has been chairman of the committee for the past 24 years, and it is largely due to his persistent efforts that the handsome new school building has been erected. .

Master P. Nossiter, one of the senior pupils of the school. Welcomed the visitors, after which a short programme was well rendered by the scholars; under the direction of Mr. C. W. Dallaston, _ who had specially composed for the occasion a chorus, "" Our Opening Day" and an appropriate ode entitled "The Old School's Lament." which was, recited by Master C. Dunford.

After the members of the Education Board present had addressed the: gathering and offered their congratulations, Mr. Field formally opened the new school, and afternoon, tea was then served by-the ladies of the district.

Messrs. R., A. Wright and W. H Field, M.P.'s, were specially thanked for their services to the district. and: a similar, compliment was paid to Mr. S. Bryant. The proceedings closed with the singing of the National Anthem.

The new school was designed by the board's architect: (Mr. A. McDougall), and Mr. T. Jackson was the contractor, and both were complimented on their work.

2nd May 1917 At a meeting of householders of Ohariu, the chairman reported upon the work of the outgoing committee) mentioning among others the general improvement of the school grounds and the establishing of. two swimming ponds which have, proved of direct benefit not only to the children but to residents generally. A new classroom on -up-to-date principles had been erected. , A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the retiring chairman, Mr. S. Bryant, who, after twenty-four years of service on the committee, desired to be relieved from further service. His retirement was accepted with regret. His efforts on behalf of the school and district, particularly in the direction of securing the erection of the new schoolroom, were happily commented upon by householders present, and a motion giving expression to the appreciation of his services was entered upon the records of the school. The new

committee elected is:—Messrs. W. L. Beech (chairman and secretary), T. H. Bassett, L. C. Bryant (treasurer), H. Dunford, F. Nossiter.

16th July 1918 Copper [Penny] trail Ohairu School 11 shillings [There 12 copper pennies in shilling or 24 copper half pennies]

26th July 1918 Flu epidemic. Special disinfections had been carried out at Ohairu School

1st August 1918 The Wellington Education Board appealed against Chas. W Dallaston. Being called up for war duty. Adjourned sine die.

1919-1921

1919	46	Ohairu	Jackson	Patrick M	C-69	Head	£285.00	
1919	46	Ohairu	Hislop	Violet R Mrs	D-102	Assistant	£215.00	
1921	39	Ohairu	Jackson	Patrick M	B	Head	£360.00	
1921	39	Ohairu	Creagh	Eileen	C	Assistant	£230.00	

Patrick M Jackson first taught for the Wellington Education Board at Mangatainoka north of Pahiatua in 1909 to 1911. He was at Kopuaranga in 1912 and 1913 and spent 1914 and 1915 at Greytown DHS in the secondary department. He was at South Wellington in 1917 and was by 1919 at Ohairu and was still there in 1921. By 1923 he was an assistant at Lyall Bay Mrs Violet R Hislop only taught under this name for the Wellington Education Board at Ohairu.

1912/7572	Rita Violet	Cleveland	Stephen Henry	Hislop
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In 1911 Rita Cleveland was teaching at Newmarket School in Auckland

1920/3131	Rita Violet	Hislop	Frank Shirley	Spilman
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16th October 1939 HOTEL MAJESTIC, Paraparaumu Beach—Adjoins Golf Links and Beach, close Bowling Green and Public Tennis Courts. Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Spilman Tel. 10 Eileen Creagh taught at Worsler Bay/Seatoun/Miramar in 1919 and at Ohairu in 1921.

31st January 1919 Miss S Best assistant resigns

18th February 1919 Wellington Education Board: Assistant: Ohairu: £140 to £160

16th April 1919 School Committee Ohairu.—Messrs. T. O. Kirkpatrick (chairman), L. C. Bryant (treasurer), F. C. Liddle, W. H. Wakefield, F. Nossiter.

26th July 1919 Prior to his departure from Ohairu, Mr. C. W. Dallaston, who has been appointed headmaster of the Plimmerton School, was on Thursday evening last entertained by the residents. The proceedings took the form of an excellently arranged concert. Vocal items were rendered by Misses It. Bryant, V. Bassett, V. Morgan, and Mr. H. Griffiths, and instrumental items by Mesdames Liddle and Beech and Misses N. Bryant and N. Beech. The Scotch dancing, to the music of the pipes, of Miss J. Campbell, of Wellington, was thoroughly enjoyed. At the conclusion of, a well-acted farce, Mr. S. Bryant, on behalf of the residents, made eulogistic reference to the valuable services Mr. Dallaston had rendered to the district. He was leaving the school work in a condition that would leave his successor no concern. The local Anglican Church was losing the services of an efficient and painstaking choirmaster, and the Glee Club was losing its leader. Mr. Dallaston's assistance was always available for any cause for the general welfare of the community. Mr. Bryant's remarks were heartily seconded and he handed to Mr. Dallaston a wallet, suitably inscribed, and containing

a cheque for a substantial sum. Mr. B. Best, on behalf of the Glee Club, presented a chased vase to Mrs. Dallaston to whose efforts much of the success of the club was due.

In responding for himself and his wife, Mr. Dallaston expressed his sincere thanks to all for the gifts, and his keen regret at leaving a district and school where he had probably spent some of the happiest days of his professional life. Memories of the people and pupils would always find a warm corner of their hearts.

1st August 1919 Wellington Education Board Ohariu, head teacher, Mr P. M. Jackson;

21st October 1919 children's plain and, fancy dress dance was held in, the hall, Ohariu., on Friday last, in aid of the school- sports fund. The attendance was very large; practically the whole of the residents of .Ohariu were present, as well as a number of visitors from other districts;. The decorations in the hall were excellently carried out The proceedings opened with a grand march', and the intricate movements were carded out by the children very successfully and showed that great care had been taken by Mr.- Jackson (head teacher), and Mrs. Hislop (assistant "teacher), and other helpers who had devoted their time to teaching the children. Various other dances, fancy and otherwise, followed, and later supper was served to the children. In. the meantime the judges, Mrs. T.. P. Bryant, Mrs. Jackson, and Mrs. Kirkpatrick were selecting the winners, and the following were adjudged the best in their order :—Girls : first, Marcia Wakefield. (Old English Lady); second, Una Monks (Bed Cross Nurse); third, Betty Liddle (Rose); ' fourth. Nellie Bryant (Irish Girl).. Boys : First, D. Wakefield (Early French Costume); second, M. Bryant (Cowboy); third, S. Nossiter (Dutchman); fourth, H. Bryant (Red Indian). Several songs were sung and the adults continued the dance until a late hour, bringing to a conclusion a very successful entertainment. '

21st April 1920 Last Thursday night a very successful concert was given in Ohariu by a party from Wellington, consisting of Miss O'Brien, Messrs. Touhy, Leydon, , Fogarty and O'Brien. The audience, comprising people "from Ohariu, Makara, and Tawa Flat, greatly appreciated the items. The amount taken at the door was a record for Ohariu, and forms, the first sum towards a tennis court for the Ohariu school. The School Committee and the Tennis Club are making an effort to have the tennis court laid down this year. The chairman, Mr. L. Bryant. thanked the visitors for their musical. items, and ;'called for a hearty vote of thanks for the performers. Before leaving for Wellington the hope was expressed to them that they would soon be again in Ohariu,.

5th May An Assistant wanted Ohariu £140 to £160

2nd July 1920 LITTLE DAMAGE DONE. A fire occurred tit the Ohariu State School at 5.15 p.m. on Wednesday. It appears that some firewood had been placed to dry under the tank-stand beside the new part of the school, and through inadvertence on the part of two pupils, the wood caught, fire, but owing to .the prompt action and strenuous exertion of Messrs. Best, S. Bryant. Jarvis, and Jackson (the schoolmaster), no very serious damage was done. It is estimated that repairs to the school will cost between £50 and £60. No suspicious circumstances exist as to the cause of the fire, the scene of which was visited yesterday afternoon by the secretary of the Education Board (Mr. G. L. Stewart), and the clerk of works (Mr. McDougall).

21st December 1920 A very successful social and- dance was hold last Friday night, to celebrate the "breaking-up" 'for the Christmas holidays of the Olearia School. A large

Christmas tree occupied the middle of the floor, and the children and their parents danced round its well-filled branches'. Then Father Christmas appeared, to- the delight of the children, and quickly sold the numerous toys. Mr. Shaw acted as Father Christmas in a very capable manner. Mrs. Jackson sang two songs. The proceeds go to the School Tennis Court Fund. With the subsidy, the school committee has now £80 to lay down a tennis court, which, will improve the playground, and be a great benefit to the children and to the local players of the good old game. Certificates of proficiency were awarded as follow :—Joyce Ahradsen, Gordon Griffiths, and Donald Wakefield.

28th December 1920 In Thursday's "Times" it was stated that one of the pupils to gain a proficiency certificate for a free place at the Girls' High School this year was Joyce Ahradsen, of the Ohariu school, at the record age of, 12. It appears, however, that the record for gaining a proficiency certificate at an early ago is held by William G. Whitehouse (son of Sergeant Whitehouse, of the Wellington Police Force), of the Normal School, Thorndon, who recured his proficiency certificate in November of last year at the age of 11 years 8 months.

18th February 1921 Ohairu infant mistress Miss E Crough [Creagh]

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1923	31	Ohariu	Bodell	Florence A	D-147	Head	£303.00	
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Florence A Bodell see 1914 Ohariu

22nd February 1922 E Creach [Creagh] resigns

25th August 1922 A pleasant function took place at **Ohariu** Hall last Friday evening, when the residents of the district gave a farewell to Mr and Mrs P. M. Jackson, headmaster. of the **Ohariu** School, who is being transferred to the staff of the Lyall Bay School. During the evening the chairman of the school committee, Mr Lyall Bryant, spoke of the good work done by Mir. Jackson, and on behalf of the residents and school children presented a handsome dock, suitably inscribed, as a token of the esteem in which they were held. Mr Jackson suitably replied. Dancing, singing, and recitations pleasantly filled the evening. Which terminated by all singing "Auld Lang Syne."

21st October 1922: WANTED Sell, Horse, Gig, Harness, £35. Apply Bodell) Schoolhouse, Ohariu, Johnsonville. [I have found no record of Miss Bodell being appointed]

2nd May 1923 School Committee: . OHARIU. At the householders' meeting, the following were elected for the committee: — Messrs Lyell Bryant (chairman and secretary). Leonard Bryant. Frank Nossiter, Frederick Liddle, Maurice Hasler.