

Parkville

1899-1900. Named after the Park Family this is a suburb of Eketahuna across the Makakahi River and the deep chasm. It is certain that this school was at Rongokokako rather than at Parkville and the Name of Rongokokako was adopted after 2 years of the Parkville name.

1899	11	Parkville	Oxley	Jessie		Female	£41	\$7,279
1900	23	Parkville	Oxley	Jessie		Female	£78	\$13,561

There was another Parkville at Carterton

Strangely I can find no mention of Jessie Oxley being appointed nor on the opening of the school as Parkville or under any other name. It is all of a mystery

23rd December 1885 Jessie Oxley came 3rd in the Distant Scholars scholarship examinations from Reefton

7th July 1886 Jessie Oxley was appointed monitor at the Reefton school until she is 16 years of age.

7th July 1887 Jessie Oxley was appointed probationer at Reefton

25th January 1898 Jessie Oxley was one of ten applicants applying for the Merrijigs School for the Nelson Education Board

26th September 1899 Jessie Oxley was one of 2 names forwarded to be appointed at Merrijigs. But by December she had been appointed to Parkville school and taken up the position without any publicity. Possibly run by Eketahuna School Committee as a side school

27th February 1901 Passed Class E Examination from Wellington Education Board

1st September 1905 A very pretty wedding was celebrated at St. Cuthbert's Church, Eketahuna, on Wednesday, the 31st ult., when Miss Jessie Oxley, second daughter of Mr R. Oxley, of Reefton, was united to Mr Adam Hughan, eldest son of Mr A. Hughan, of Carterton. The Rev. V. H. Kitcat officiated, and the service was fully choral. The bride was given away by her brother-in-law, Mr C. Reeve, and wore a white spotted silk dress trimmed with real lace, and a beautiful veil and orange blossoms, and carried a very fine bouquet of white camelias. The bridesmaids were Miss Isabel Hughan, sister of the bridegroom, and Miss Pearlle Hall, and were dressed in cream cashmere dresses and black picture hats. Four small bridesmaids—Misses Clara Preston, Rene Hughan, Clara McPhee and Topsy Elliott—wore pink cashmere and white silk hats and carried baskets of mimosa and camelias. The church was crowded; besides a large gathering of Eketahuna residents. All Rongokokako appeared to be present to do honour to their late schoolmistress, who had greatly endeared herself to them during the time she resided, amongst them. The bridegroom was attended by the bride's brother, Mr H. Oxley, and Mr S. Lewis was groomsman. Mr A. Wallace officiated at the organ and played the wedding march as the happy couple left the Church. A large number of guests proceeded to the residence of Mr C. Reeve to partake of the wedding breakfast.

Mr and Mrs Hughan left for Auckland and Rotorua by the 4 o'clock train, where the honeymoon will be spent; ' The " bride's travelling dress was a green cloth skirt and green velvet bolero, trimmed with grey fur, cream straw hat trimmed with cream roses. The presents received were both numerous and costly.[Merrijigs was a gold mining town around Inangahua District on the West Coast of the South Island]