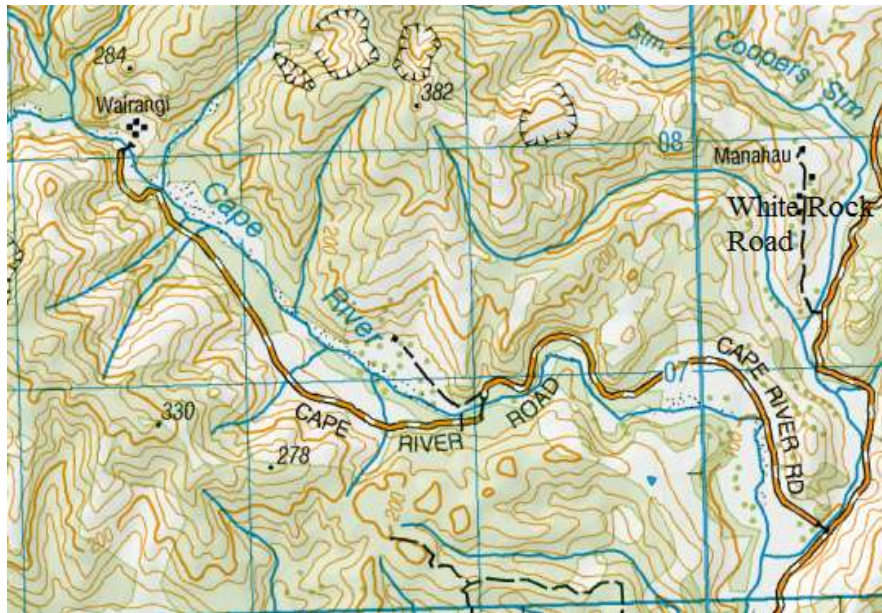


Rough Hill

The Rough Hill Station was on the Cape River Road East of Tukurumuri off the White Rock Road. The Wellington Regional Council bought the property and sold the buildings to the Wairangi Station

Rough Hill 1935 – *about 1960* 45 Kilometres from Martinborough on the Cape River Road off the White Rock Road



30th April 1935 Miss M. Atkinson, sole teacher at Rough Hill PP

1935

7th February Application for new school

Family	Years in district	Nearest School	Childs Name	Age	Present School
J Haycock	33	Tukurumuri	Edith	12	Martinborough
		8 Miles	Joyce	11	New Plymouth
			John	8	Martinborough
			Byrel	6	
W Haycock	26		Kenneth	2	
			Janet	6	Months
D Ross		1/ 1/2 Miles	Alison	5	6 in June
			David	3	

9th February Application for new school

Tukurumuri 8 Miles, Martinborough 28 Miles Featherston 40 miles

Building 10 foot x 20 ft ,J Haycock and Son

Signed agreement to provide free board and lodgings

25th February The WEB decline to open a school owing to insufficient pupils

12th March Secretary of Wellington Education Board writes to Ministry asking that an aided school be established

19th March The Honourable Minister has approved the establishment of a Grade O school at Rough Hill

27th May Letter from Marion A Atkinson to Wellington Education Board

I have found there are no blackboards, chalk, maps, handwork supplies, T Squares, Blackboard compasses or any of the forms and rolls necessary to keep the records of the school at Rough Hill

Would it be possible to send them at an early date

I find it exceedingly difficult to teach the children without blackboards

Would you send me 1 work book and 1 scheme book

Your obedient servant

31st May

All the necessary registers and a supply of handwork material have been sent to your school

T Squares and Blackboard compasses we don't supply them

Your request for a blackboard has been referred to the buildings branch for consideration

Work Book and Scheme Book will be sent to you on receipt of a postal note for the sum of 1/9d (*1 shilling and nine pence*)

19th June Letter from Mr. J Haycock included

- a) Miss Atkinson received a small a/c for school journals 2/3
- b) Is there not some error. Hitherto the school journal has always been provided free as was the case when our children were being taught by correspondence

c) Miss Atkinson assures me she has never before been asked to pay for the school journal

d) Also Miss Atkinson states she received a cheque today for £4; as her engagement was at £75 p a how is this arrived at?

e) Also Miss Atkinson asks for a supply of ink and some white chalk, neither of which so far have come to hand

f) Would you kindly have these matters attended to and could your Department supply a small Blackboard, this is urgently needed

2nd July reply included

a) Miss Atkinson's salary has been calculated on 4 pupils which provides a salary of £60. If the attendance is higher changes will be made

b) Will you kindly follow instructions and only put one subject in a letter

1936

26th February Departmental letter to Wellington Education Board

- a) When the household school closed at Rough Hill could the children be conveyed to Tukurumuri
- b) A child Ross lives a mile away from Haycocks and receives correspondence

- c) AS the car would have to cover 32 miles in a day it would be too expensive for parents to cover costs
- d) Is there any possibility the Board can supply an uncertificated teacher to the school

In Pencil Notes from Wellington Education Board

- a) The teacher concerned will most likely come out at the end of April
- b) The position will be advertised
- c) The pupils will go on correspondence if there is no suitable applicant
- d) Conveyance is not suitable

14th March Letter from Marion A Atkinson There are five children on the roll of Rough Hill

There is no possibility of being any more during the year

16th April Letter from J T Haycock asking for another teacher for the 5 children. The removal of the late teacher Miss M A Atkinson two or three weeks ago

13th May Mr. D Rockel (*Probably Duncan Graham*) will take up position. D Rockel at Rakaunui in 1945

14th May There will be five children attending Rough Hill School

11th June 1936 Mr. D, Rockell, Rough Hill PP

19th November Letter from THE Haycock to Wellington Education Board

- a) Two of the five students sit proficiency next week

- b) Next year we will have 6 and following 7
- c) If my two daughters pass they would like to carry on and get their matriculation. Will they still be able to attend and be on the roll
- d) I have four children at school and home and one little girl boards with me to make the necessary numbers
- e) I am hoping the school can be kept on as it is very hard for the country children to get a chance at Education
- f) Mrs McKenzie whose little girl board lives 12 miles from here on the Coast and if this school is closed her two children will be put on correspondence as well

11th December Letter to Mr. E Haycock. That he school will be open next year

1937

3rd February Letter from Mr. J Haycock

- a) It is not intended to keep the Rough Hill School open as we can only have an uncertificated teachers and that is not desirable with secondary pupils we have decided to put them on correspondence

4th March Rough Hill formally closed

1938

School held in private building rent free. Reopened 26th October 1938

5th October Letter from W H Haycock, D M Ross, J T Haycock and K A Mackenzie asking for Rough Hill school to be reopened

No of families 4

No of Children 7

Same free room

Site is level and dry and clear of bush

11th October I am quite willing to proceed with reopening of school

27th November I would quite like to have a female teacher if possible for the Rough Hill school ,W M Haycock

1st December We will consider that

1940

29th October As the roll has dropped to 4 letter to Director of Education asking if the school should be closed from Wellington Education Board

1949

21st December Reopen for 1950 as five children are available

1954

12th August Letter to Wellington Education Board from Department

On the Minister's recent visit to Martinborough he had representations regarding the school at Rough Hill

a) The interior is in very poor condition

b) The school furniture is outmoded

c) It was stated that there are some very good school desks lying at the discussed Tukurumuri school and the Minister asked could these be transferred

d) The Minister promised to look into the matter and we request a report from the Wellington Education Board

e) We realise this problem ties in with our previous request for information regarding the reopening of the Tukurumuri School

Reply The school building is not the property of the Board

I will check up on the furniture and if necessary will see it replaced.

7th September The Minister has again been approached in the delay of opening up the Tukurumuri school

Letter from the Minister to C R Harris Rough Hill

The Wellington Education Board has arranged for the current desks to be replaced. But as the Board or The Department own the Buildings there is no help there

1961 Just a Ministerial note saying this school was closed on 31st January 1961