

## Ruawhata

1915-1939 13 Kilometres from Pahiatua turning off onto Ruawhata Road at Mangatainoka

1915	23	Ruawhata	Dixon	Annie	Lic	Female	£133	\$17,815	£20.00
1917	22	Ruawhata	Frayne B A	Leonora J	Sole	B-71	£160	\$17,933	
1919	21	Ruawhata	Hood	Lilian A	Sole		£180	\$16,261	
1921	23	Ruawhata	Power	Mary E	Sole	D	£270	\$23,244	
1923	18	Ruawhata	Walden	Eric M	Sole	C-223	£205	\$18,842	

24<sup>th</sup> April 1914 Mr Escott, M.P., has received a letter from the Postmaster - General suggesting "Ruawhata" as the name for the new Post Office on the Mangatainoka Block. Mr Escott has replied stating that he considers the name a very suitable one.

27<sup>th</sup> January 1915 Wellington Education Board Advice of the following grants was received from the Government (included)• Ruawhata, £400 ;

3<sup>rd</sup> February 1915 Wellington Education Board calls for tenders for new school

25<sup>th</sup> February 1915 In respect to the building of a new school at Ruawhata, the board decided to re-advertise for tenders

17<sup>th</sup> March 1915 The Wellington Education Board has accepted tenders as follow : Additions Brooklyn and Paekakariki, Davison and Roberts ; erection of school at Ruawhata, A. R. Wallace.

17<sup>th</sup> May 1915 The new school at Ruawhata (Mangatainoka block) will-be ready for occupation this. week.

25<sup>th</sup> June 1915 The new school at Ruawhata (Mangatainoka Block) was opened on Tuesday morning. Twenty pupils were enrolled, and as many as ten more are expected, but bad weather and sickness are responsible mostly for the children 's absence. Miss A. M. Dixon, the teacher appointed, has opened no less than three schools during her career as teacher in primary schools.

[Annie Dixon is only listed as being teacher of Ruawhata School at any time for the Wellington Education Board, she either taught for other boards or worked as a relieving teacher. In 1914 there was an Annie Dixon teaching at Birchwood for the Southland Education Board which maybe her as Annie Dixon was not at Birchwood in December 1915 ]

16<sup>th</sup> September 1915 Wellington Education Board Ruawhata (near Mangatainoka)—Solo Teacher, £140 to £190 and £20, h.a.[Housing Allowance]

28<sup>th</sup> June 1916 Wellington Education Board. New works and repairs were authorised at Ruawhata

14<sup>th</sup> July 1916 Wellington City Council A letter was received recently by the City Council expressing the thanks of the teacher of the Ruawhata School, Mangatainoko, for a gift of books

26<sup>th</sup> March 1917 LAST week we were discussing the position with regard to the settlement of land lying along the Pohangina river, from the summit of Wharite to the Gorge. We have been reminded of another block of land, very similarly situated with regard to outlet. The only sure outlet for settlers by the Pohangina is over the hills to Woodville ; the natural outlet

is across the river to Ashhurst. Now about the Ruawhata Settlement, only a few years old, but already flourishing and carrying over 20 families. Its only outlet is over the hills to Pahiatua ; its natural outlet is across the river to Woodville. But there is one difference between Ruawhata and the land by the Pohangina. The Pohangina is quite hemmed in ; it would not be possible to take a road round by any other way so as to avoid the hills. It must wait for the good days that are coming when the Government can build more bridges, before access to it is really easy. But for the Ruawhata folk there is another possible outlet, by a good flat road to Ngawapurua bridge, and thence either to Pahiatua or Woodville. The pity of it is that the road already has been formed so far and stops short at a big 800- acre block of Maori land, concerning [which negotiations were some-how held up, so that the road was never taken through. Many public works are waiting for the good days of peace, and no one wants to agitate impatiently for the expenditure of public money on comparatively small affairs that can wait. But nevertheless, these things should be kept in mind and planned for, and it would be wise for the Ruawhata settlers to develop a corporate sense as it were, and to realise that it is not only to their own but also to the public interest, that they should move in the direction of making their settlement as easy of access as possible.

20<sup>th</sup> March 1918 Ruawhata Miss L A Hood (temporary appointment)

17<sup>th</sup> January 1920 Junior Scholarships: Candidates who claim the advantages of clause IV. of the regulations, and who have gained between 54 per cent, and 64 per cent, of the marks obtainable: Yates, Marcella Victoria Ethel, Ruawhata, 447.

4<sup>th</sup> February 1920 Navy league enrolments Ruawhata 15

21<sup>st</sup> April 1920 Miss L A Hood Resigns

15<sup>th</sup> June 1921 Miss M Power appointed

27<sup>th</sup> May 1930 Miss J M Ward appointed Sole Teacher

23<sup>rd</sup> December 1938 Chinese Orphans Adoption Funds Ruawhata School, £1 14s;

### **National Archives: Buildings and Sites:**

**Ruawhata 1915** 528 Square Feet as at 1951

Section 29 Block IV Mangahao SD Area 5 acres

Consolidation on Pahiatua approved 22/11/1938