

Waihoanga

1911	11	Waihoanga	Bradford	Laura M		Female	£90.00	\$10.00
1912	14	Waihoanga	Davies	John C		Master	£90.00	\$10.00
1913	17	Waihoanga	Robinson	Alice M		Female	£94.10	\$10.00
1914	23	Waihoanga	Robinson	Alice M		Female	£94.10	\$ 15.00
1915	24	Waihoanga	Robinson	Alice M		Female	£126.00	\$ 20.00

The figures in the far right column indicate that a house is not provide by the Wellington Education Board for the teacher and so a housing allowance was paid.

Laura M Bradford Started teaching for the Wellington Education Board at Taueru Just East Of Masterton in 1906 In 1907 at Maku In the Puketoi. 1909 Kaipororo and Waihoanga [Note there was another just Laura Bradford listed as teaching for The Wellington Education Board in 1915 Mangamahoe and Takapu In 1917 and 1919. and it may well be the same Laura Bradford as their dates don't overlap but I have only recorded here the dates for Laura M] There was a L M Bradford who came from Victoria to teach at Wesleyan Methodist Day School in October 1883 who was possibly the Laura Bradford teaching at Newtown in 1881 and 1882.

John C Davies taught at Korora School [On the Waihi Valley Road North of Pongaroa One of the many schools in this area, Including Pukehinau, Puketoi and Manuhara The roads were so bad in this area especially in winter. There was no road material in the area to look after the roads.] From 1908 to 1911 and then at Waihoanga

Alice M Robinson taught first for the Wellington Education Board at Waihoanga then by 1917 was at Dyer [Dyerville] school south of Martinborough. In 1919 she was teaching at Masterton School, In 1921 as an assistant at Kaiwairi between Martinborough and Featherston and in 1923 was sole teacher at Pukenui "In the wilds behind Martinborough" 19th February 1924 The death occurred suddenly on Friday evening of Miss A. M. Robinson, mistress of the Pukenui (Martinborough) school.

16th January 1911 Waihoanga The new school will soon be out of the hands of the contractor 7th February 1911 Miss Radford [Sic] the teacher appointed to the ' new school here, has arrived, and is at present the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Beauchamp. The school will not be ready' for opening for another week.

1st March Wellington Education Board 16 16s, for fencing was accepted.

6th March 1911 In consequence of the growth of settlement in the Gorge, the Education Board has opened a school at Waihoanga. Mr. R. Lee, chairman of the board, and Mr. ,W. H. Field, a member of that body, visited Waihoanga last week in connection with the opening of the school. Speeches were made by those gentlemen and two or three of the settlers, and a gala on, a small scale was very successfully carried out.

14th March 1911 Waihoanga (hear Te Horo) — Sole Teacher; probable salary £90 to £120, and £10 h.a. G. L. STEWART., Secretary. [h.a = Housing Allowance]

15th March 1911 To Editor Dominion: Sir, —At last, after weary waiting, we have our school, a monument to inactivity and red tape. At the opening ceremony it was amusing to hear the feeble apologies offered by Mr. Field, M.P., on behalf of the Education Board, for

the delay in the' erection of the building, for according to that gentleman, "no one had blundered." Parents who had the interests of their children at heart would not remain where there were no educational facilities, so left the district, and now, instead of having 30 children on the roll, some twelve are attending, and I doubt if even all these are of school age. Whose fault is this? Not only is the Education Board to blame, but likewise parents of children in the place, who, all through, have displayed an amount of apathy unparalleled, and had it not been for the unremitting agitation of one "Wanderer" it is doubtful if the school would be in existence yet. Again, look at the result of the election which lately took place for a school committee. Householders, a number of whom are embryo bachelors of the "tin house order". displayed a satirical senso of humour in placing two of their number amongst the successful candidates; and doubtless these fledglings feel flattered at being hoisted into such a responsible position. But it would have rebounded more to their credit and the interests of the school had they gracefully retired, and made loom for parents who were willing to act,, and who were more suited to look after the health and comfort-of the children.-It would seem that it is thought that when the Taungata mill starts that the families who will reside there will send their children to the Waihoanga School, and thus augment the attendance. I hardly think that parents will send their children three miles along a dangerous and bad road, more especially in winter there, so that ere long another school will have to be erected in the upper gorge to meet the requirements of that place. When that time arrives it is to be hoped that there will be less bungling and more alertness shown by the "powers that be."—I am, etc.

, WAIHOANGA. March 14, 1911.

11th April Miss L Bradford appointed sole teacher

28th June 1911 Wellington Education Board It was resolved, with regard to school sites at Martinborough, Johnsonville, and Waihoanga, as follows Martinborough That the additional rent claimed be declined. Johnsonville: That the plan of the proposed sub-division be approved; that Sections 4. and 5 be reserved; .and that the sale be held over in the. mean-'-time, but that. any offer be considered. Waihoanga: That the site be acquired under the Public Works Act.

26th July 1911 Wellington Education Board Waihoanga That the attendance does not at present justify purchase of additional land

2nd November 1911 Mr. Byron Brown, who is continuing a vigorous campaign in the Opposition interest, met 'a large number 91 electors at Waihoanga on Tuesday evening, many of those present having to ride a considerable distance over rough country. The candidate received a good hearing and was accorded a hearty vote of thanks for his able, instructive, anil interesting address, the motion being moved by Mr. R. C. Dunn, seconded by Mr. N. Prouse. A hearty vote of thanks was also accorded Mr. H L Beauchamp, the chairman.

28th August 1912 Miss L M Bradford resigns

10th September 1912 Waihoanga (near Otaki) — Sole Teacher, £90 to £120 and £10 h.a. [Housing allowance]

9th October 1912 Waihoanga (Waikanae railway Station)— Sole Teacher . £90 to £120 and £10 h.a. [Note rail station Te Horo or Otaki were both closer]

12th November 1912 Miss A Robinson appointed

5th November 1912 Military Ambulance School Children's fund Waihoanga 8 shillings

12th December 1912. General Election 32 Total Votes cast at Waihoanga.

7th June 1915 Belgian relief fund Waihoanga School 14 shillings

30th November 1915 Hospital Ship equipment Waihoanga school children per Mrs Palmer 79 operation cloths, 22 diet cloths, 17 handkerchiefs, 1 face cloth.

1916-1923

1917	23	Waihoanga	Edmed	Mildred C	C-79	Assistant	£140.00
1919	23	Waihoanga	Edmed	Mildred C	C-70	Sole	£230.00
1921	21	Waihoanga	Campbell	Alice	D	Sole	£250.00
1923	21	Waihoanga	Campbell	Alice	D-193	Sole	£235.00

Mildred Clara Edmed was at Hukanui [East of Main Road between Eketahuna and Pahiatua] in 1915. And after her stint at Waihoanga taught at Pahiatua from at least 1921 to 1923 at Pahiatua DHS in the secondary Department. First listed in Papers pastas relieving at South Featherston in 1915. Passed teacher examinations in Masterton in 1915

10th August 1923 The many friends of Mss Edmed will be interested to know that she has been accepted by N.Z. Church Missionary Society for mission work in China. She expects to go shortly to either Sydney or Melbourne for a short course of training before proceeding to China. Though it appears that she was still in Pahiatua in 1926. In 1927 she was president of the New Zealand Women Teachers' association; In May 1928 she was appointed head teacher at Mangatainoka school just North of Pahiatua. In December 1929 she was appointed to the staff of the Dargaville High School. 4th September 1933 Miss Edmed of Dargaville has motored to Palmerston North. Was still in Dargaville in 1949

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Alice Campbell was a pupil teacher at Masterton from 1908 to 1910. Then taught at Hastwell in 1911 and didn't teach for Wellington Education Board until 1919 when she was at Marima before coming to Waihoanga by 1921

26th July 1916 Wellington Education Board £1 school work grant

21st December 1916 Miss-Robinson, who for the past four years has been teacher at the Waihoanga school, and who now has been transferred to Dyerville (Martinborough) was royally entertained by the residents and pupils of the school at the former place on Thursday last, and made the recipient of a wristlet watch. Miss Joyce Booth, in handing over the gift, did so in a neat speech. All are loath to lose Miss Robinson, who was proved a valuable, painstaking teacher.

6th February 1917 Miss M E Edmed appointed sole teacher at Waihoanga

5th March 1917 Class C Teacher certificate Mildred Clara Edmed Masterton

21st August 1917 Christmas parcels for troops Waihoanga School 10 shillings.

15th January 1918 National Junior Examinations List II Marion S Barker Waihoanga 1st 477 marks

15th June 1918 Waihoanga School made donations to the St Johns Ambulance brigade and Red Cross Society

24th February 1919 The prize-giving ceremony in connection with the Waihoanga Slate School took place on Friday in fine weather. There was a large attendance of adults and children, and the outing to all proved most enjoyable. During the day sports were held, while in the evening a euchre party and dance took place. The presentation of prizes was made by

Airs Hill (wife of the worthy chairman), while Miss Edmed, the popular teacher, addressed a few remarks to those present, referring largely to the work of the school and the duty of parents. Following is the prize-list:—Attendance- First class —Vera Standish. Eric Jepson, Charles Beauchamp, Ethel Standish. Second class —W. Beauchamp and Hester Clark. Specials for general good conduct (given by Miss Edmed) : Charles Beauchamp and Maud Jepson. Marks for the year (upper group): Maud Jepson, Ivy Standish ; lower group .Minnie Beauchamp, Ethel Standish. Sewing: May Barker 1, Ella Cole 2. Gardening (prizes given by Miss Barker): Girls— May Barker and Maud Jepson (equal); Boys —Charles Beauchamp 1, Eric Jepson 2. Primers: Arithmetic, Huia Cole. Good attendance —Laura Butt and Fred Butt. Standard I.: Top boy, Lyell Cole; good progress. Marjorie. Emmett; reading, Walter Beauchamp; general improvement, John Duggan. Standard II: Writing and modelling, Maisie Cole; arithmetic. Leslie Barker; geography, Denis Duggan; general industry, Ethel Standish. Standish III. : Reading and recitation. Given Hill; arithmetic. Gordon Standish. Standard IV.: Modelling, Ella Cole. Standard V Reading and recitation, Charles Beauchamp; science and drawing, Eric Jepson ; general industry, Florence Blanchard; English, May Barker; reading (second), Vera Standish; geography, Maud Jepson; general industry, Vera Standish.

6th May 1919 At a public meeting at Manakau on Friday it was decided not to join with Otaki in celebrating peace, but to hold a picnic and sports gathering at their own township. Otaki is making big preparations for the event and is being assisted by the To Horo and Waihoanga Schools. The Rev. Knowles-Smith (Wellington) and Mr W. H Field, M.P., will be present to deliver speeches.

31st July 1919 The good folk of Waihoanga attended in great force at the last fortnightly euchre party in consequence of which very little debt, now remains to be paid on the piano.

18th December 1919 29 votes were cast at the Waihoanga Polling Booth in the National Election.

15th March 1920 The Waihoanga State school children, with .Miss Edmed in charge, yesterday enjoyed a picnic at the Otaki beach, where various pastimes were indulged in.

30th April 1920 There were ten householders present at Waihoanga on Wednesday night, when the following committee were appointed:—Messrs A. T. Thompson (chairman), F. Standish (secretary and treasurer), A. Butt, H. IV. Stevens and Mrs Butt.

Remits from the teachers' institution were received and discussed by the meeting. Two of these, which were as under, were adopted unanimously:— 1. That the school age be extended to sixteen years to ensure a free, compulsory secondary education.

2. That more trained teachers be obtained. and to this end that better salaries be paid to teachers. With regard to a further matter discussed fully, the meeting unanimously passed the following resolution "That this meeting protests against any proposal to alter the system of educational administration by abolishing the. local school committees."

20th September 1920 On Wednesday last the Waihoanga School Committee held another very successful euchre party at, the school, several visitors coming out from Otaki by car. The winners for the evening were Miss Edmed (work basket), Mr King (clothes brush). A nice little dance followed, interspersed by several songs.' The final gathering of the season is to be held on Wednesday week. This promises to be a very successful gathering. It will be in aid of the children's prizes.

19th February 1921 Waihoanga .State school children held their annual picnic on Friday. It was a success from every point of view.

8th June 1921 Miss M. C. Edmed, sole teacher of Waihoanga, has been appointed to the vacancy on the Pahiatua District High School Staff, caused through the departure of Miss E. North for England

15th June 1921 Miss Edmed, who has been in charge of the Waihoanga State School for the past four and a-half years, has received notice of transfer to the Pahiatua District High School.

4th July 1921 At Waihoanga last night Miss Edmed, who shortly leaves for Pahiatua was entertained and presented with a fine dressing case.

13th February 1922 Last Friday evening Mrs Waldo Stevens gave a kitchen evening to Miss Myrtle Standish whose marriage to Mr Guy Aspinall takes place shortly. Mrs Stevens made use of the Waihoanga school for the function, and the popularity of this couple was evidenced by the fact that even this building proved almost too small for the great number who assembled.....

14th August 1922 A very pleasant evening was spent 'in the school, Waihoanga, on Friday night, and a good muster of residents rolled up to take part in a 500 tournament, in spite of a strong counter attraction. After a few games of this popular pastime a bounteous supper was partaken of and dancing was indulged in till a late hour. The prize-winners were Mr and Mrs Beauchamp.

Speaking of counter attractions leads one to make a few observations. When the local school committee put on a form of amusement for the benefit of the school funds it certainly behoves the local people to patronise it and the practice of putting on something else on the same evening is to be strongly deprecated, especially when the offenders, in this respect, are most loud in their condemnation when it effects them or organisations they are connected with. Truly "Consistency is the refuge of fools."

16th May 1923 A very successful evening should be the Verdict of all who attended the euchre party and dance promoted by the Committee of the Waihoanga school, in aid of the library funds. The result plus the subsidy granted for funds raised for this object, would amount to £5. [\$510 value in September 2020 terms]

18th July 1923 The fourth evening, under the auspices of the Waihoanga School Committee was held in the school room on Friday evening last and the crowd present, constituted a record, no less than 62 people paying for admission. This is striking testimony to the organisation controlling these very pleasant affairs, which make such a complete break from "the daily round of toil and wear.....

18th July 1923 Through the generosity of Mr. G. M. Lethbridge the children of the Waihoanga School were enabled to hear the Empire Day message as recorded on the gramophone by His Majesty the King. The thoughtfulness was much appreciated by all, and at the conclusion Mr. Lethbridge, who entertained the youngsters at his residence, put on several other first-class records, after which the children gave Mr. and Mrs. Lethbridge three hearty cheers.

29th October 1923 An accident which will have disastrous consequences for the settlers in the vicinity occurred on Saturday ' night, when the suspension bridge over the Otaki river in

the Otaki Gorge collapsed. This will cause serious inconvenience to the settlers and will cut off the The Waihoanga school from those children residing on the south side of the river,

1st November 1923 The chairman of the Waihoanga School, where the collapse of the bridge over the Otaki River had cut off one half of the scholars, got into touch with his Education Board by telephone and an officer is now conferring with the county engineer.

11th December 1923 Horowhenua County Council: A letter was received from the secretary of the Wellington Education Board, stating that he understood from the teacher of the Waihoanga school that the operation of the chair which the council had placed across the river was so difficult that she really could not use it, and the parents were nervous about the use of it. He wondered whether the Council would be prepared to allow the settlers to use the boat which was removed after being there a little time. It would probably serve until a more permanent means of crossing could be prepared. In the meantime about half the children were without schooling. The chairman stated that the boat had been considered unsafe for the children. It was resolved to reply, informing the Board of the Council's proposition in connection with replacing the bridge.