

Waterfalls

Later Tiraumea

1906	11	Waterfalls	Harvey	Robina J		Female	£60	\$9,325
1907	9	Waterfalls	Johnson	M		Female	£66	\$10,347
1908	13	Waterfalls	Johnson	Mary A		Female	£78	\$12,228
1909	13	Waterfalls	Robbie	Annie		Female	£90	\$14,302
1910	13	Waterfalls	Robbie	Annie Mrs		Female	£90	\$14,109
1911	16	Waterfalls	Robbie	Annie		Female	£90	\$14,234
1912	14	Waterfalls	Robbie	Annie	Lic	Female	£114	\$17,483
1913	13	Waterfalls	Robbie	Annie	Lic	Female	£118	\$17,711
1914	13	Waterfalls	Robbie	Annie Mrs	Lic	Female	£128	\$18,362
1915	9	Waterfalls	Houlbrooke	A		Female	£110	\$14,735
1917	9	Waterfalls	Monkhouse	Grace J	Sole		£110	\$12,329

1904-1905

6th February 1904 The condition of the Alfredton Weber-road between the Waterfalls and Rakaunui during the last year or two has been nothing short of a scandal, some of it being converted from a road for wheel traffic into a very bad bridle track

15th January 1906 About a hundred residents of Tiraumea, Haunui, Waterfalls and Waihotoi Valley, have forwarded through Mr Hogg, M.H.R., a memorial to the Postmaster-General asking that a bi-weekly mail service from Alfredton be substituted for the present once-a week service. They point out that owing to the mail at present being despatched from Alfredton at weekly intervals they often found it necessary to have their letters on business matters left at Alfredton where they call for them. In a similar way to save loss of time they have to make special trips to Alfredton with outward correspondence. As matters stand at present a correspondent at Masterton or Eketahuna writing to Waterfalls has often to wait a fortnight before a reply can possibly reach him.

13th March 1906 No school yet as Polling booth was notified at The Premises of W E Green

27th April 1906 Wellington Education Board First published mention a grant of £15 was made to Waterfalls School

27th July 1906 Wellington Education Board Under Consideration A school for Waterfalls

1907

1st February 1907 Wellington Education Board reports the Education Department declined an application for a school building at Waterfalls

22nd March 1907 Wellington Education Board: It was resolved that renewed application should be made for the erection of a school at Waterfalls.

26th April 1907 Wellington Education Board An offer from Mr Holmes Warren to provide an acre of land at Waterfalls, free of cost, provided a school is erected, was referred to the Department

27th April 1907 Wellington Education Board Mr Holmes-Warren has offered to convey to the Education Department an acre of land at Waterfalls, on condition that a school is erected. It seems that a dozen children are now being educated in part of Mr Green's premises, but as that gentleman requires the building a school becomes a necessity. Application for the establishment of a school has already made to the Department and The Board has now resolved to refer the offer of Mr Holmes-Warren to the Department.

19th June 1907 In the Foresters' Hall, Masterton, on Saturday, June 29th, on account of Mr J. B. Green, Messrs Dalgety and Co., Ltd., will submit at auction the freehold property known as Waterfalls. This well-known property consists of 2,315 acres of good sheep country, 28 miles from Eketahuna and 16 miles from Alfredton. Fifteen hundred acres are in grass and capable of wintering over 2,000 sheep besides cattle. The buildings and appointments are up-to-date, substantial, and such as are suited for the successful working of a property of this description. Full particulars and terms can be found in the auctioneer's advertisement.

30th August 1907 Miss R Harvey Sole Teacher at waterfalls resigns

30th August 1907 Wellington Education Board WATERFALLS SCHOOL. The Government declined the request for a grant -of £340 for a school at Waterfalls. Members expressed surprise that such a large sum had been asked for. and it was decided to make a request for £100.

10th September 1907 Waterfalls— Sole Teacher, £66 and £10 h.a.[Housing Allowance and there was not a residence]

5th November 1907 . Miss Harvey, head teacher at the Waterfalls School, was tendered a farewell social on Friday evening by the settlers of the Waterfalls and Waihoki districts The function took place at the residence of Mr A. Murray, Waihoki. Tea was provided by a committee of ladies and was much appreciated. During the course of the evening speeches were delivered by Messrs Murray and Holbrook. Both speakers referred in eulogistic terms to Miss Harvey's many qualities, and to the high esteem in which she was held by the settlers. On behalf of the scholars Master Huia Holbrook presented Miss Harvey with a handsome silver mounted comb and brush as a mark of esteem. Musical items were rendered by Messrs Green, Boosby, Parsonson, Holbrook, McAlister, Murray, Peggram, and Mesdames Robbie, Smith and Boosby. At the conclusion of the gathering a hearty vote of thanks was passed to Mr and Mrs Murray, who were to a large extent responsible for the success of the function.

1907/6241	Robina Jessie Christina Harvey	Stanley Wallace Green
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7th November 1907 Appointment Waterfalls Miss M Johnson now at Pakowai [A homestead on the Waihoki Valley Road inland from Waterfalls]

14th December 1907 Wellington Education Board Mr Hogg, M. P., being unable to attend the meeting of the Education Board, on Thursday, communicated with the Secretary asking that several matters of a somewhat urgent nature should receive consideration. He has received a wire intimating that the purchase of one and a -half acres adjacent to the school at Te Ore Ore has been approved of, and that the application for a new school at Waterfalls, previously declined, had been received. Mr Hogg saw the Minister as to this application and explained that the Committee, would be satisfied with a school of very moderate dimensions. It appears that a dozen children have been accommodated up till lately in a room that forms a portion of a store, but that owing to the building being used for the storage of bone dust the aided

school has had to be abandoned. The Minister has promised to reconsider the question of providing a suitable building.

27th December 1907 Mr McDougall, Clerk of Works for the Wellington Education Board, is furnishing the local School Committee with a sketch plan of a school to be erected at Waterfalls, the Minister of Education, at the request of Mr Hogg, M.P., having granted £100 for the purpose. Mr Alex. Murray, Chairman of the School Committee.

1908

1st February 1908 A brisk discussion arose out of the proposal to erect a school at Waterfalls. Mr Hogg explained that, the Department having refused to expend £300 or £400 on a school there, he had seen Mr Murray, Chairman of the School Committee, and he undertook to erect a suitable building for £100. He then applied to the Minister, and, the money being granted, a sketch was prepared by the Clerk of Works, and the Committee were now proceeding with the building. Messrs Aitken, Allen, and Buchanan objected to the building being handed over to an irresponsible body.

Mr Hogg retorted that a School Committee was a very responsible body, and in this instance they knew their requirements better than the Board.

Mr Allen declaimed against the erection of a wretched building.

Mr Hogg retorted that the Committee intended it for their own children, and it would be better than no building at all, which was the alternative. A heated discussion ensued, Messrs Hogg, Allen and Buchanan rising simultaneously and endeavouring to shout one another down. A proposal to accept a tender to erect the building for £125 was proposed and seconded. Mr Allen objected, as the Minister had only granted £100. Mr Hogg reminded Mr Allen that if he obstructed this small vote he would block every vote for the city schools. The motion was carried without dissent

27th February 1908 In connection with a recent proposal to establish a line of coaches through the back country between Masterton and Dannevirke, we are able, through the courtesy of a resident interested in the matter, to supply the following almost exact distances between the various townships on an excellent road route: — From Masterton to Alfredton, 28 miles; from Alfredton to Waterfalls, 18 miles; thence to Pongaroa, 12 miles; thence to Waione, 8 miles; thence to Weber, 8 miles; thence to Dannevirke, 26 miles; total 100 miles.[1 Mile is 1.61 Kilometres and 100 Miles is 160.93 Kilometres

27th April 1908 Last week the new school at Waterfalls (Bush District) was formally opened.

15th July 1908 Mr Alex. Murray, of Waihoki Valley, and the members of the Waterfalls School Committee have to erect one of the cheapest, compact, and prettiest little schools in the Wellington Education District. Mr McDougall, the Board's Clerk of Works, furnished the design; the contract for the building was let to Mr Mead, of Eketahuna; a few energetic settlers provided horses, cleared the site generously given by Mr Holmes, of Tiraumea; and now the school is erected. It is roofed with iron, the walls are rusticated weatherboards, the main room (well lighted) is 16 ft by 18 ft, [4.87 meters x 5.49 metres] there is a vestibule 16 ft by 6 ft, a shed 16 ft by 8 ft, latrines, etc., and the total cost is £125. Miss Johnson has thirteen pupils, but an average of fifteen is expected for the rest of the season.

31st July 1908 Wellington Education Board Miss M A Johnson given leave of absence with no time stated

1909-1912

7th April 1909 Waterfalls (Eketahuna District) Sole Teacher. £90 to £120, and £10 h.a.

17th May 1909 Mrs A Robbie sole teacher.

1902/2119	Annie	McLauchlan	Charles Edward	Robbie
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Annie McLauchlan taught at Manuhara School in 1899 and 1900 and in 1901 at Maku which name had changed from Manuhara.

1902/14084	Robbie	Charles Malcolm	Edward	Annie	Charles Edward	-	
1908/7165	Robbie	Annie	Graeme	Mary	Annie	Charles Edward	-

27th August 1909 Wellington Education Board Waterfalls;—'£7 to be locally raised for school library and 'subsidy of : £2 be ' authorised

15th December 1909 Mr A. W. Hogg, M.P., forwarded to the Masterton County Council yesterday the reply received from the Minister for Roads in reference to the application of the Council ' for a grant of '£500 for metalling a section of the Alfredton-Weber Road from Tiraumea Homestead to the Waterfalls School, stating that the representations on the subject had been noted for consideration when the Public Works Estimates were being prepared

4th February 1911 1 pupil from Waterfalls was attending Masterton DHS

1st March 1911 Wellington Education Board The application for a residence was referred to the inspector 29th March Inspector authorised a residence/

28th June 1911 Wellington Education Board BUILDINGS. : ' The department wrote suggesting that it would be wiser to defer erection of a teacher's residence at Waterfalls owing to the fact that it was the winter season. In reply to this it was stated that if the grant were obtained, the winter would be over it would be possible to get the contract in hand, and it was decided to make further representations on the matter.

30th August 1911 Wellington Education Board Mrs. Robbie. The teacher at Waterfalls, granted three months leave from the 8th August

27th February 1912 Wellington Education Board £204 allocated for a residence

30th April 1912 The tender of R H Cameron for £204 accepted by Wellington Education Board

31st July 1912 Wellington Education Board Grants Waterfalls, levelling £7, metalling £3, new residence

30th October 1912 Wellington Education Board The matter of a defective chimney at Waterfalls was left in the hands of the foreman to deal with.

20th October 1944 MRS..C. E. ROBBIE. Mrs. Ann Robbie, whose death occurred recently, was the widow of Mr Charles Edward Robbie. She was born at Greymouth 69 years ago, the eldest daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Hugh McLauchlan. After spending her childhood in Christchurch and-moving to Auckland in her early twenties to be-governess to the family of

the late Mr. and Mrs. Hugo Friedlander, Mrs. -Robbie, who was a certificated teacher, went to Pongaroa in 1898. She was the possessor of a sweet soprano voice, singing in the choirs of Anglican Churches in Christchurch and Auckland, and ; was a pianist of some note. Her piano : was the first taken into the Pongaroa district. After her marriage, in 1902 Mrs. Robbie was the first woman to live in the Puketoi Road, Haunui, and her home was the centre of hospitality to the other settlers of the district. Keenly interested in all the district's activities, Mrs. Robbie was instrumental in raising funds for the erection of the Tiraumea Hall and was a foundation member of the Tiraumea W.D.F.U. and Red Cross, and a regular attender at the church services. A memorial service was conducted by the Rev. T. V. Pearson, vicar of Pongaroa. She leaves one son and one daughter. Mrs. A. E. Burrell (Palmerston North) is a sister and Mr. Hugh McLauchlan (Greymouth) a brother.

1913

8th January 1913 At the Waterfalls school, three proficiency certificates were granted at the annual Inspector's examination. The successful pupils were Constance Houlbrooke, .lean Murray, and Gordon Houlbrooke. Two pupils passed through two standards, a fact which proves what regular attendance means to a child attending school.

28th April 1913 COUNTRY CHILDREN AND THE WARSHIP. A quick trip was recently carried out by the teacher and the . elder, pupils of the Waterfalls School in connection with the recent visit of the warship to Wellington. When the circulars in connection, .with a visit to H.M.S- New Zealand were issued, it was thought to be impossible for the children in the back-blocks to take advantage of the excursions, but owing, to the generosity of Mr Holmes, of Tiraumea, Mr and Mrs. Herbert, of Eketahuna, and Mr, Chas. Cross, of Alfredton, the .. Journey was accomplished. The teacher and children were motored;: . to Eketahuna on the Sunday afternoon by Mr C. C. Holmes, and were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Herbert, who spared no pains to make their visit a pleasant one. On Monday morning ;Mr. Herbert motored the party to the railway station, .where the teacher, children, and ono committee man loft by train at 7.10 a.m. for "Wellington. After having a picnic in the train, the party wont on board the Government steamer, and thence on to the warship, where they bought a medal, as a souvenir of the occasion, and then left, for the shore. After making a few purchases, the party left Wellington about 5.30 p.m., and arrived in Eketahuna about 1.30 a, m. Tuesday where they were met by Mr. Herbert, and motored to his house. Here they had refreshments and retired to bed. At about 8.30 a.m. a coach (sent by Mr. Chas. Cross) took- the party to Alfredton, and Mr. C. C. Holmes again met them, and conveyed them to Tiraumea, arriving, 'there about 11.30 a.m. The trip (writes our correspondent) is one that will be stamped on the children's memory, and the kindness of, all who helped to convey the children ,will never be forgotten.

30th April 1913 School Committee Elections: Waterfalls. —Meeting lapsed for want of a quorum.

27th August 1913 Wellington Education Board Waterfalls, residence, refund of cost -of extra work;

3rd January 1914 The first coach belonging to the new Eketahuna-Pongaroa mail service took the first mail from Pongaroa on Now Year's Day. The Eketahuna Company has purchased a site from Mr Foreman, of Waterfalls, close to the Waterfalls school on which a garage and

stables are to be built. The present intention is to run a motor-car from Eketahuna to Waterfalls and back daily and connect with a coach from Waterfalls to Pongaroa.

11th September 1914 Ambulance Equipment Fund Waterfalls School 4s 6d

3rd March 1915 Ann Robbie passed her teacher examinations at Masterton

8th June 1915 Appointed Sole Teacher Kaiparoro

29th June 1915 Mrs Robbie, who had charge of the Waterfalls School, to the Kaiparoro School, near Eketahuna. Before leaving Waterfalls, Mrs Robbie was the has been transferred the recipient of several presents, including an eiderdown quilt from the parents, a silver-topped scent bottle from the pupils, a silver teapot and handkerchiefs, and other presents.

[Note: Mrs Robbie did not appear on any teaching lists until 1921 when she was listed as Ann Robbie and a reliever at Koputaroa and in 1923 as a teacher at Levin DHS]

28th September 1915 Mrs Robbie resigned

26th January 1918 Charles E Robbie passed his Public Service Examination

1916-1917

26th September 1917 the friends of Mrs C Robbie, of Haunui, will regret to learn that she is confined to a private hospital in Masterton

23rd October 1917 Miss G J Monkhouse appointed Sole Teacher Waterfalls

27th Oct 1917 Wellington Lands Board The ranger reported as to the proposed exchange of Waterfalls school site (part sections 23 and 48, Tiraumea—l acre 2 roods 15. 8 perchwes) for Crown lands section 23s, Tiraumea settlement, 12a Or 14p. —Approved.[That is 12 acres 0 Roods 14 perches of land]

19th June 1918 Charles Edward Robbie farmer Haunui was called to arms'

8th February 1919 The "Levin Chronicle" reports that Mr C. Robbie, of Haunui, has purchased a farm near Levin.

Tiraumea

1918-1923

1919	7	Tiraumea	Wake	Florence M		Sole	£84
1921	11	Tiraumea	Edwards	Leila		Sole	£170
1923	12	Tiraumea	Russell	Cecil R		Sole	£170

23rd January 1918 Wellington Education Board In a debate on size of schoolgrounds was this statement In connection with the Tiraumea and Waterfall sites, the Lands Department was quite willing to grant twelve acres, but' the Education Department could only See its way to allow three acres. At a place like Waterfalls a number of the children would ride to school, and would require a larger area, for the use of their horses, than would be necessary at a city school. That was only one case.

The Education Department took up an attitude against the proposal, and said that three acres was quite sufficient, the reason given being that in this time of stress and strain, the Empire being at war, we should conserve the Crown lands, and give them to settlers. The Department

would give-the six acres to a settler who did not want them. The same thing occurred in regard to waterfalls. It seemed that the Minister of Education was going about saying that he wanted to-help education by giving proper sites, and at the same time he was not doing so.

24th January 1918 At the meeting of the Wellington Education Board yesterday, strong comment was made upon the fact that while the Lands Department was willing to grant twelve acres of land for school sites at Tiraumea and Waterfalls, the Education Department was only agreeable to the purchase of three acres.

6th April 1918 Wairarapa Age When the Tiraumea estate, near Alfredton, was taken by the Government for settlement by returned soldiers. this paper expressed the opinion that a mistake was being- made. The price paid for the land was, in our opinion, unreasonable. We now discover that some of the soldier settlers are dissatisfied, and that the Land Board has permitted the aggregation of certain sections. The Land Board is probably acting in the best interests of the Dominion, as it acted in regarded to selections in the Pongaroa district some years Buti the people have a right to know why land was subdivided in such a fashion that settlers could not make a decent living off the selections. Moreover, was the price paid for the whole estate a fair one to the Dominion?

19th April 1918 Several months ago, owing to the Changes that sometimes accompany the progress of settlement, the 'attendance, at the school at- Waterfalls, about 20 miles north [Sic] of Alfredton, became reduced to such an extent that the Education Board resolved either to close it or remove the building to a more central position. After due enquiry, and having consulted the Inspectors, it was decided to adopt a site on the main road called the "Red Gate." To this proposal a good deal of objection was raised by certain residents at Haunui a promising settlement about two miles distant, who claimed that as the bulk of the children attending the school at Waterfalls belonged to Haunui, the school should be shifted there. As local feeling was running pretty high on the subject, Messrs Hogg and Moss, together with the architect and secretary of the Board, were asked to visit the locality and meet the settlers'. This they did on 23rd March.

The following is the report of what occurred, submitted, by Mr Stewart, the Board's secretary:- —

In compliance with the instruction of the Board, a, visit was paid on Saturday, 23rd March, to Waterfalls to meet settlers, of Waterfalls', Tiraumea and Haunui, in relation to the decision of the Board to move the Waterfalls school a-distance of about 1 ½ miles to the Red Gate—a road junction in a position central to all three localities. Mr Moss, who was prevented by public business from attending, sent an apology for his absence. 'It was .arranged that the visit of Mr Hogg, the secretary, and the architect should, be made on. the same day as that of the Chief Postmaster in relation to the establishment of a Post Office and telephone exchange, and thus a- quite representative gathering of settlers was assembled. The' Chief Postmaster stated that having received a promise from. 22 exclusive of those from Haunui [Next piece illegible]- -..... In the same locality sites have been reserved for a milk, factory. . store, blacksmith's shop. etc. One immediate, result of the opening of the post office at 'Red Gate would be the closing- of the post offices at. Waterfalls. Waihoki and Haunui, and as a secondary result the postmaster anticipates that for convenience the Haunui settlers must soon, connect up the proposed exchange at Red Gate, although, being in possession of a local exchange at Haunui, the settlers there have not at present fallen in with the Red Gate

proposal. The removal of the school to Red Gate will shorten the distance from 1 ½ to 2 miles' each way for all the children of settlers, including those of Haunui. except one on the Waterfalls who will in two years' time suffer inconvenience when his child reaches school age, but he raises no objection to the proposal . The chief ground of agitation by the Haunui settlers for the removal all instead of half the way is undoubtedly the unsatisfactory winter condition of the roads from Red Gate into Haunui, and the distance the children of one or two of the outlying settlers would have to go to Red Gate. For the former, the remedy is vigorous action by the local authority controlling the roads, by the settlers concerned, or by both jointly, and the removal to Haunui would create in a very few years the same difficulty of distance at the other end as it now proposed to be remedied at the Haunui end by the erection of the school at a position removed two miles' from the natural centre of the district. Another possible alternative—the establishment of another school—cannot really be seriously considered. There are nine children on the roll of the Waterfalls school at present, five from Haunui and four from Tiraumea. Most of the young children are at Haunui. We recommend that the decision of the Board stand, namely, that the school be erected at the Bed Gate, and that the residents of Haunui be informed that the Board will willingly grant an allowance for the conveyance of those children who reside over the statutory distance from the school. We are also strongly of opinion that as much land as possible should be provided here, as at all times a considerable number of the children must ride to school. The Crown Lands Department have set aside 12 acres 14 poles, but the area is much broken by the Tiraumea stream, the bed of which is about- 40 to 50 feet below the surrounding country. In any event the Government has declined to set aside so large an area, and if they finally decline to pay for the 12 acres we recommend that the two sections adjoining the post office site, and having a joint area, of five acres 1 rood 4 poles, should be obtained in exchange for the 12 acres relinquished . The five acre block is on the whole more suitable for the purposes of the Board.

The report together with the proposals it contains, has been adopted by the Board.

19th June 1918 Miss G J Monkhouse Waterfalls Resigned

18th July 1918 Wellington Education Board The name of the Otaki School Marlborough, was changed to Finner's Bay School; and that of the Waterfalls School, Wairarapa, to the Tiraumea School.

1st August 1922 Sole Teacher Mr C R Russell appointed

Post 1923

27th May 1929 Mr R H Jane appointed

29th September 1929 Mr N M Hislop appointed

National Archives: Buildings and Sites: Tiraumea previously known as Waterfalls

1918 288 Square Feet 1931 72 Square Feet added Section 22 & 48 area 1 acre 2 roods 15 perches

4th June 1918. Board will acquire Sec 258 and 265 Tiraumea settlement area 5 acres 1 Rood 4 perches £60 to be paid in compensation to Lands for settlement. Closed February 1914? Residence removed 1928? Added to 1931 1944 new residence [card was confusing]