

Whiteman's Valley

1882	19	Whiteman's	Messiter	Henry C		Master	£ 100.00
1883	18	Whiteman's	Messiter	Henry C		Master	£ 100.00
1884	20	Whiteman's	Messiter	Henry C		Master	£ 100.00

30th March 1881 A letter was read from the committee of the Upper Hutt School District calling attention to the necessity for schools at Upper Whiteman's Valley and Mungaroa. The Chairman thought the Board should recognise the claim and, immediately it was ascertained that the Board had the funds, give the district the schools asked for. Mr. Pharazyn proposed that plans be prepared for buildings, and that they be put among the urgent claims to be presented to the Government. Carried

27th July 1882 Mr H C Messiter was appointed master of the new school at Whiteman's Valley

31st July 1882 Evening Post TO THE EDITOR. Sir— In your report of the proceedings o' the Education Board on Wednesday, Mr. Lee is reported to have said, with regard to the appointment of a teacher to the Whiteman's Valley school, that "it would give anyone the horrors to remain in the place for a month." Now, sir, I should like to know what right Mr. Lee has to make such a damaging assertion Does he think that, after the settlers had contributed the site and nearly three-quarters of the timber for the erection of the school and school master's residence, and the building had been finished, that his remarks, coming from the Inspector of Schools, would tend to the advancement of education or encouragement of the teacher ? Some of the settlers have resided in the district for the last 15 years, and what we felt as our greatest need was a school, and now that our hopes are so near realised, and a teacher to be appointed, Mr. Lee kindly informs the Education Board that "it would give anyone the horrors to remain in the place for a month." Surely wo settlers would ere this have discovered some symptoms of this dreadful disorder, or is it only a teacher who is liable to an attack ? If so, we would advise Mr Lee to furnish the teacher with a prescription to meet the case. I was led to think that part of the duties of a school inspector was to encourage education in outlying districts, but, looking at the utterances of Mr. Lee, I suppose I must have been mistaken. I am, &c., A Settler. Whiteman's Valley, 28th July.

1st March 1883 The Upper Hutt Committee drew the attention of the board to the danger to the Whiteman Valley School, arising out of the fact that the acre surrounding the building was covered with dead timber. The matter was allowed to stand over.

28th April 1883 In a long piece on the absentee rate and lack of responsibility of parents in the New Zealand Mail was this An expensive system has been established ; many children do not attend at all, while the attendance of great numbers on the books is of such an intermittent nature as to make the imparting of anything but the most rudimentary education next to impossible. This is clearly brought out in the report of Board's Inspector, from which it will be seen that of the total number on the school rolls, only one half, or thereabouts, came up for examination. A scrutiny of this table of results will show that as a basis on which to form an opinion of the quality of the work done by any of the schools it is practically worthless. As an

example of this take Whiteman's Valley School, where the percentage of passes is 100—the highest attainable. We have here a small school with 29 on the books ; 25 were present at the examination, 17 of whom were over 8 years of age. Of this number four only were presented for examination in standard work, and four passed, and in this way 100 per cent, is noted as having passed. It must be manifest that such returns do not exhibit the state of the schools. It seems that power to deal with irregular attendance is more urgently required than was suspected

1896/668	Messiter	Henry Carran	46Y
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11th March 1890 The Kaiwhata School, situated near Castlepoint, the most distant of the Wellington Education Board's schools was reopened, after a cessation of three months on February 1st. Mr Henry Messiter is in charge.

25th June 1890 Wellington Education Board The applications of Mr. H. C. Messiter and of the School Committee at Gladstone for the alteration of the mid-winter holiday was agreed to, providing that the masters did not object to the request. At the end of 1889 Annie Duncan was the teacher at Gladstone and she was there at the end of 1890

7th February 1894 Mr Messiter has opened a school in Mr Harris's Woolshed Woodville Tiraumea Block Woodville Examiner [Possibly Henry C]

In 1895 there was a reference In Papers Past to possibly H C Messiter: Beef Creek South East of Mangaweka Wanganui Education Board Beef Creek— Letter from Mr Messiter, teacher ; referred to Executive !

For the Wellington Education Board Henry C is listed as teaching at Whiteman's in 1882-1884. Then in 1888 at Waikanae with 7 pupils and 1889- at Kaiwhata [On Kaiwhata Road between Te Wharau and Riversdale Beach] with 3 then in 1891 and 1892 at Stokes Valley with 15 pupils

No Death Notice is in Papers Past that I could find for Henry Messiter

1885-1887

1885	20	Whiteman's	Fugle	Matilda		Female	£ 100.00	
1886	19	Whiteman's	Fugle	Matilda		Female	£ 100.00	
1887	19	Whiteman's	Fugle	Matilda		Female	£ 100.00	

24th August 1870 Nelson Examiner Motupiko: Mrs. Fugle. — It was at one time in contemplation to close this school, the daily attendance having dwindled down to six. The appointment of a new teacher about two months ago, coupled with the threat of withdrawing all pecuniary assistance unless a change for the better took place speedily, had the effect of more than doubling the attendance at once. It is to be hoped that, under the present management, this very backward and thinly-attended school may yet take a respectable place among our smaller schools

15th August 1874 Colonist Nelson Motupiko. —Mrs Fugle, mistress—(17)—Great pains have evidently been taken, and successfully taken, here to remedy the defects that I pointed out last year. The writing is now neat throughout; the arithmetic, though less ambitious, more accurate than it was, the figures made by the children being so good as to deserve special

mention. The drawl in reading is also much diminished. I find that though the comparative merits of the scholars are carefully recorded in a class-book, no prizes are allowed by the Committee. I trust that so important a help to zeal and emulation will no longer be withheld.

25th February 1885 The Upper Hutt Committee wrote with reference to repairs at the Mungaroa School, and ventilation and desks at Whiteman's Valley. The sum applied for was voted.

21st August 1885 The Education Board requires the services of an assistant teacher for Masterton, and teachers for Whiteman's Valley and Judgeford,

28th August 1885 Whiteman's Valley The Chairman's action, suspending the teacher was confirmed, and Mrs Fugle was appointed.

28th August 1885 Wellington Education Board Mrs Fugle appointed to the Whiteman's Valley school

29th October 1885 The interim report of the Education Board's Inspector on country schools within the Board's jurisdiction gives the following particulars Kaiwarra—Percentage of passes, 79 ; general work, good. Johnsonville—Percentage, 83 ; work, very good. Korokoro—Percentage, 83; work, fair. Tawa Flat—Percentage, 88; work, fair. Pahautanui—Percentage, 71 ; work, fair. Judgeford—Percentage, 95; work, fair. Porirua—Percentage, 50 ; work, moderate. Ohariu—Percentage, 70 ; work, poor. Karori — Percentage, 75 ; work, fair ; Whiteman's Valley—Percentage, 93 ; work, good. Featherston—Percentage, 71; work, fair.

24th November 1886 The Upper Hutt Committee furnished estimates of the cost of fencing the school property at Whiteman's Valley. The Board decided to accept the lowest tender, .£13 10s .

30th March 1887 Wellington Education Board: Applications for votes for shelter-sheds at Taueru, Upper Hutt, Mungaroa, and Whiteman's Valley were received. The Board voted £10 for the erection of a shed at Taueru and decided to instruct the committees to give an estimate of the cost of the proposed sheds at Upper Hutt, Whiteman's Valley and Mungaroa

30th November 1887 Wellington Education Board Mrs Fugle resigns from Whiteman's School

Mrs Matilda Fugle Started teaching for the Wellington Education Board at Tauherenikau School in 1879 and taught there until coming to Whiteman's in 1885. She did not teach for the Wellington Education Board after her service at Whiteman's

1903/1376	Fugle	Matilda	79Y
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14th February 1903 Colonist Nelson. This is Matilda Fugle from Whiteman's School death notice she was about 63 years old when she ceased teaching.

Fugle.— -On the 10th February, at the Nelson Hospital, Matilda Fugle, late of Stanley Brook, aged 79 years.

1888-1891

1888	22	Whiteman's	Foden	Edward		Master	£ 100.00
1889	18	Whiteman's	Foden	Edward		Master	£ 100.00
1890	22	Whiteman's	Foden	Edward		Master	£ 100.00
1890	22	Whiteman's	Foden	Grace		Sewing	£ 5.00

1891	13	Whiteman's	Closed				
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1888/8110	Foden	Frederick Charles	Grace Eliza	Edward
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25th January 1888 Wellington Education Board Selections were made for the vacant appointments to the Dreyerton Kaiwaiwai, and Whiteman's Valley Schools but these have yet to be submitted to the local committees.

4th April 1888 Mr. Edward Foden has been selected by the Board for appointment to the Wallaceville school, and as the settlers in the district had previously petitioned in his favour, it is assumed that the confirmation of his appointment by the local committee is merely a matter of favour.

25th July 1888 Wellington Education Board An application for a sewing mistress in the "Whiteman's Valley School was not granted.

26th September 1888 A sum of .£33 was voted for improvements to the residence at Whiteman's Valley.

29th May 1889 Wellington Education Boardand to roof the Whiteman's Valley School with iron. [Presumably would have had wooden shingles previously]

4th October 1889 First Grade Art Examination for Wellington Education Board: First Grade Drawing; Whiteman's Valley.— K. J. Devine, J. W. Devine, J. Johnson, C. Johnson (Excellent), P. Prouse, E. Saul, M. Sedcole (Good), C. E. Swanson [This was a big deal with nearly all schools entered and success was difficult to obtain. In each school a member of the School Committee supervised the examination]

First Grade Geometry Whiteman's Valley .-J. W. Devine, T. Devine, S. J. Gorrie (Good), J. Johnson (?), P. Prouse (Excellent), E. Saul (Good), C. Swanson (Good).

29th January 1890 Wellington Education Board The Dreyerton and Whiteman's Valley Committees were voted £5 towards the salaries of the sewing teachers in their schools.

24th February 1890 Mr Edward Foden had a partial pass for the Class E Examination [Class E was the bottom grade]

26th March 1890 Wellington Education Board An application for a vote of £5 for gravelling the grounds of the Whiteman's Valley School was granted.

28th January 1891 Leave of absence for six months was granted to Mr. Edward Foder [Sic], Whiteman's Valley, with one month's full pay.

28th April 1891 WHITEMAN'S VALLEY. School Committee Four householders met, but no election took place, and the Board of Education will have to fix a. date for another meeting

27th May 1891 Wellington Education Board As new committees were sot elected at Korokoro and Whiteman's Valley on the statutory date, the Board resolved that the householders should be called together again on the evening of the last Monday in June.

[In spite of having a more unusual surname Foden it is difficult to follow Edward Foden after his team in the Upper Hutt]

1892-1896

1892	12	Whiteman's Valley	Dunne	Mary J		Female	
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1893	11	Whiteman's	Dunne	Mary J		Female	£ 70.00	
1894	16	Whiteman's Valley	Dunne	Mary J		Female	£ 70.00	
1895	18	Whiteman's	Dunne	Mary J		Female	£ 100.00	
1896	14	Whiteman's	Dunne	Mary J		Female	£ 100.00	
1876/2583		Mary Josephine		Dunne Martin McMahon				

Apart from teaching at Whiteman's Valley School I can find nothing about Mary J Dunne or whether this is her marriage. I suspect she left New Zealand or maybe joined the Catholic School System.

N Z Truth 30th July 1921 Mary Dunne, known in religion as Sister Mary Stanislaus, Rev. Mother at the convent at Wagga, said the office of Mother Superior was subject to election by the community. There were ninety resident boarders at Wagga, and four hundred day pupils. Plaintiffs duties were neither arduous nor laborious.

29th March 1895 Wellington Education Board The Chairman moved that the, .salaries-of the teachers at Scarboro, Waingawa, Tauherenikau and Whiteman's Valley Schools be fixed at .£100 per annum, thus raising them from the status of aided schools to State schools, and that the salaries attached to the Whakataki, Te Whiti, Stokes Valley and Kaitoke Schools be reduced after due notice to .£80 per annum, they having fallen below the status of Board schools.

2nd July 1896 The chairman was deputed to appoint teachers for Nikau and Levin schools. The carpenter was ordered to effect repairs at Hastwell, Porirua and Whiteman's Valley

1897-1899

1897	16	Whiteman's Valley	Sloan	Emily		Female	£ 70.00	
1898	16	Whiteman's Valley	Sloan	Emily		Female	£ 80.00	
1899	14	Whiteman's Valley	Sloan	Emily	E4	Female	£ 80.00	\$20.00

The \$20 indicates that a residence was not now provided for the teacher at Whiteman's Valley school After the three years at Whiteman's Valley school Emily Sloan taught for two years at Mangaone

I have a mention of an Emily Sloan at the Horowhenua School in 1902 but she wasn't teaching there at the end of the year

In 1903 an Emily Sloan was sole charge teacher at Rakaia School south

22nd February 1899 Emily Sloan passed Class E Examination]

17th June 1899 Wellington Education Board Head Teacher Whiteman's Valley School; attendance, 17: salary, .£80 and two rooms attached to school

1900-1904

1900	12	Whiteman's	Power	James L	D5	Master	£ 45.00	
1901	13	Whiteman's Valley	Gascoyne	Cath H	D5	Female	£ 70.00	House
1902	13	Whiteman's Valley	Gascoyne	M C H	D1	Female	£ 72.00	House
1903	19	Whiteman's Valley	Merlet	Isabella		Female	£ 80.00	
1904	19	Whiteman's Valley	Merlet	Isabella A		Female	£ 86.80	

Mary Catherine Helen Gascoyne according to the Electoral rolls went to Taranaki and then was in the Hawkes bay Electorates

James L Power was teaching in 1899 at Wharau, then 1900 at Whiteman's and finally for the Wellington Education Board at the Maori School at Turanganui [Near Pirinoa] for the Government

Miss Gascoyne only taught for the Wellington Education Board at Whiteman's Valley and doesn't appear on any other Electoral Roll

Isabella A Merlet had a long career for the Wellington Education Board starting in 1891 at Mt Cook Infants and from 1893 at Te Aro until 1902 always as a Pupil Teacher. She then went to Whiteman's Valley, followed by 2 years Kohinui. She then taught from 1907 to the end of 1909 at Ponatahi School followed by six years at Matarawa School in the Wairarapa. There was a Mr W W Kidd teaching at Longbush School [[East of Carterton] in 1915 and appointed to Bideford school in 1917 resigned in 1919

1916/9341	Isabella Annie Merlet	Wilfred Winton Kidd
1938/22906	Kidd	Isabella Annie 62Y

5th January 1900 The schoolhouses at Ohariu and Whiteman's Valley are notified in this week's Gazette as additional polling places in the Otaki electoral district [I have inserted this because if looking for Upper Hutt School Teachers in the Electoral Rolls the name Otaki can be confusing]

8th February 1900 Wellington Education Board Teacher, Whiteman's Valley School; attendance, 15. Salary £80

8th March 1900 The Whiteman's Valley school has been placed in charge of Miss Black one of the Education Board's relieving teachers, in place of Miss Sloan, who ' has been promoted to the Mangaone school, and whose- successor has yet to be appointed

17th March 1900 Miss Tully has been appointed to the charge of the Whiteman's Valley School, [Suspect it was Miss Tuely appointed who started at the Kohinui School in the Wairarapa]

26th April 1900 School Committee Whiteman's Valley.—Messrs T. J. Devine, T. Russell, T. Gordon. J. Swanson, E. Russell. Mr T. J. Devine was elected chairman and secretary

26th July 1900 In a long piece about Teachers' Salaries P A Black was teacher at Whiteman's Valley and was being overpaid by £27 10

9th November 1900 Miss Catherine Tully, who is at present in charge of the Whiteman's Volley School,' has been appointed teacher of the Kohinui School.

10th November 1900 A~TEACHER is" wanted for" the Aided School at Whiteman's Valley, near Upper Hutt; average attendance, from 10 to 12. Salary, .£50 per annum. Applications to be sent to S. J. DEVINE, Chairman of School Committee, Whiteman's Valley, Silverstream

24th November 1900 Mr. J. Powell [Power] is to be transferred from Wharau Aided School, South Wairarapa, to the Aided School at Whiteman's Valley.

5th February 1901 A Teacher is required for the Aided School at Whiteman's Valley, attendance about 13 ; salary .£50 per annum. Applications to be sent to Mr. Devine, Whiteman's Valley, Silverstream.

21st March 1901 New teacher scale Whiteman's Valley Attendance 12 Proposed new salary £60 increase £15

25th July 1901 Wellington Education Board Grants Miss Merlet extended sick leave without pay

4th March Miss I Merlet moved from Te Aro Infants to Te Aro

13th March 1903 Partial Pass Class E Isabella Annie Merlet

6th May 1903 Sole Teacher, Whiteman's Valley; average 16. Salary, .£84 and house.

28th May 1903 Miss J. M. Dowling, solo teacher at Rakaunui [Just South of Pongaroa], and Miss M. Gascoyne, sole teacher at Whiteman's Valley . _ wrote resigning their positions. [I think Miss Merlet was appointed and had not resigned from a position she had not started]

24th June 1903 Miss Merlet, to Whiteman's Valley, to succeed Miss Gascoyne, resigned;

1905-1909

1905	11	Whiteman's Valley	Baxter	Arthur J		Master	£ 80.00	House
1906	12	Whiteman's Valley	Irwin	Elizabeth H	Lic	Female	£ 72.00	House
1907	19	Whiteman's Valley	Irwin	Hannah E	Lic	Female	£ 110.00	House
1908	15	Whiteman's Valley	Pattle	Kate A		Female	£99.00	House
1909	15	Whiteman's Valley	Pattle	Kate Alice	D4	Female	£115.00	House

Arthur J Baxter only taught for the Wellington Education Board at Whiteman's Valley in 1905 and was clearly acting in a relieving position

Elizabeth Hannah only taught for the Wellington Education Board at Whiteman's Valley

Kate Alice Pattle taught at Mitchelton [In the Aro Valley in the centre of Wellington] as a Pupil Teacher in 1906. In 1907 she was at Te Horo followed by her stay at Whiteman's Valley, Followed by 4 years at Tauherenikau School. Then from 1914 to to at least 1919 Kate was at Pahiatua School. By 1921 she was head Teacher at Pirinoa and in 1923 was at Blenheim School when my records end. [Marlborough Schools were brought into the Wellington Education Board's care in 1915]

1973/42807	Pattle	Kate Alice	5 February 1888
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Kate Spent most of her life after Blenheim in the Oamaru Area of New Zealand. In 1928 she was in the Waitomo Electorate and by 1969 in the Remuera Electorate in Auckland

10th May 1905 The death is announced of Mr John Whiteman, aged 77. Deceased had resided in the Hutt Valley for 6-1 years, having arrived there with his father, brother, and sister in 1842, when he was but fourteen years of age. In the troublous times of the Maori uprising, deceased joined the militia, and fought against Te Rauparaha and others whose deeds awakened feelings of horror throughout the colony and elsewhere. The militia to which Mr Whiteman was attached fought from the vicinity of the Hutt Valley to Paikakariki and its neighbourhood, and he was one of the first to enter the barracks after the occasion upon which the Maoris tomahawked off the arms of a bugler lad who was sounding an alarm. Mr Whiteman, who was born at Kent, England, in December 1828, leaves five sons, the eldest of whom is Councillor Whiteman, of the Hutt County Council. One of the sons lives in the Wairarapa, but all the others are resident in the Hutt Valley.

12th July 1905 Miss Merlet of the Whiteman's Valley School has been appointed Mistress of the Kohunui School.

16th August 1905 Whiteman's Valley— Solo Teacher. £80 and house
 9th September 1905 Miss Edith Robinson, to be sole teacher **at Whiteman's** Valley;
 11th October 1905 Whiteman's Valley—Sole teacher. £80 and house.
 1st December 1905 Whiteman's Valley—Sole Teacher, £60 and house.
 9th January 1906 Miss Grace Allen, late of Marlborough, to be sole teacher at Whiteman's Valley ; By the end of 1906 Grace Allen was teaching at Taratahi West School in the Wairarapa then spent 2 years at Ihuarau [Pronounced Ish er r by locals]
 13th August 1906 Wellington Education Board Whiteman's Valley— Solo Teacher; £66 and house
 12th September 1906 Miss E Irwin appointed
 31st July Miss E H Irwin resigns
 15th August 1908 Wellington Education Board Whiteman's Valley (near Silverstream) — Sole Teacher, £110 and house.
 10th September 1908 Wellington Education Board miss K Pattle appointed
 14th April 1909 Wellington Education Board Whiteman's Valley — New Latrines (in wood) and General Overhaul
 30th April 1909 Wellington Education Board Tenders accepted Whiteman's Valley (overhauls), T. A. Swasland, £99 17s 6d ;
 5th October 1909 On Friday .last the pupils Whiteman's valley School, assisted by a-number of grownup people, gave a very enjoyable entertainment in the new hall at , Wallaceville In spite of the inclement, weather, there was a good attendance and the items' of the excellent programme were greeted with vociferous applause. The singing was much admired, and the little play lent .variety to the entertainment, which closed with the usual dance. The members of the committee worked indefatigably to make the evening a success, This was the last of a winter; series of concerts, and dances to provide funds for the purchase of a now school piano.
 13th December 1909 Evening Post APOLOGY. TO MISS PATTLE, Teacher; also Chairman and Members of the Whiteman's Valley School Committee — Messrs. Swanson and Russell— and Ladies and Gentlemen of Mungaroa. — For the disturbance which occurred at Messrs. Swanson and Russell's Shed on the evening of Friday, the 10th day of December, during the progress of a function in connection with the distribution of prizes to the school children, I, WILLIAM MINCHIN, do humbly Apologise for the obscene language used by me within -the hearing of the children ; also, for assaulting Mr. Russell on his own premises,' and since the occurrence I have repented and pledge that the same conduct will never be repeated by me, and I regret that the gathering was brought to such an abrupt termination.

1910-1915

1910	14	Whiteman's Valley	Harrison	Ada	E1	Female	£90.00	House
1911	10	Whiteman's Valley	Harrison	Ada	E1	Female	£90.00	House
1912	9	Whiteman's Valley	Harrison	Ada	E1	Female	£95.00	House
1913	11	Whiteman's Valley	Harrison	Ada	E1	Female	£100.00	House
1914	15	Whiteman's Valley	Harvey	Louisa A	E1	Female	£90.00	House
1915	15	Whiteman's Valley	Harvey	Louisa A Mrs		Female	£110.00	

31st May 1938 MISS ADA HARRISON. Many West Coast people and teachers in the education service will mourn the passing in Wellington last week of Miss Ada Harrison, at the age of 73. Miss Harrison, who was born in Australia on September 30, 1865, came to the Dominion at the age of 9, and continued her education at the Greymouth Public School. She commenced teaching in 1883, at the age of 18, and on her retirement in January 1919, had given service as assistant, head teacher, or sole teacher in the schools at:

Hatters Terrace, Taylorville, Ngahere, [West Coast}

Russell, Helensville, [North Auckland}

Te Oranga Home, Swannanoa, [Canterbury]

Whiteman's Valley, Kohinui, and Mauriceville. [Wellington Education Board] [Brackets by Researcher]

Miss Harrison was for many years connected with religious and temperance organisations and was an active worker for the Labour Party. She had many friends in Australia, particularly in Queensland, to which State she was a frequent visitor. The pallbearers at the funeral were Messrs. Clive and Edward Harrison, of Hawera, nephews o* the deceased, Mr. C. Fitzgerald, Dr. Beaumont, and the Hon. P. Fraser (Minister of Education). The chief mourners were Mr. Henry Harrison, Kutarere (brother), and Mrs. E. A. Harrison, of Hawera (sister-in-law). Among those present were Mrs. Bentley (president of the Wellington women's branch of the New Zealand Labour Party), Mrs. Thomas, Mrs. Smith, and Mrs. Francis (representing the branch), Miss Willis, Miss O'Brien, and Mrs. Roach. The service at the Karori crematorium was conducted by the Rev. Mr. Gilmour, of the Kent Terrace Presbyterian Church. Miss Harrison leaves a younger brother, Mr. Henry Harrison, of Kutarere. An elder brother, also a teacher, died at Hawera in 1936.

There are many newspaper articles on Ada Harrison after she had been dismissed as School Teacher from Te Oranga Home in Christchurch because she could not get on with the Lady in charge and made presentations against the women in a court of inquiry held in 1909

Mrs Louisa A Harvey only taught under this name for the Wellington Education Board at Whiteman's Valley

1896/4874	Louisa Alethea	Edkins	William Harvey
1950/21011	Harvey	Louisa	83Y

15th June 1910 Miss K. Pattle, at present teaching at Whiteman's Valley has been appointed by the Wellington Education Board as sole teacher at the Tauherenikau school

15th April 1911 Whiteman's Valley School, at present in charge of Miss Harrison, of Christchurch, is, like the Wallaceville School, on the down grade in the matter of diminishing attendance. A few months ago the roll number stood at 19, whilst to-day there are only 11 scholars all told. One family of eight has gone to Tasmania.

9th September 1911 Whiteman's Valley School closed yesterday for holidays; Miss Harrison has gone South on vacation.

10th May 1913 Whiteman's Valley householders did not meet to elect a school committee

28th May 1913 Mr Hogg member of the Wellington Education Board compared rolls at all Wellington Education Board schools in 1900 with those at 1912 The heading included Small Homesteads Disappearing Whiteman's Valley 13 in 1900 and 9 in 1912

23rd August 1913 Hutt County Council Miss Harrison's complaint re a blocked drain fronting the Whiteman's Valley school was referred to the inspector to do what was necessary.

30th June 1914 Wellington Education Board Authorised repairs to roof Whiteman's Valley

16th October 1914 Miss L Harvey appointed sole teacher

1916-1923

1917	18	Whiteman's Valley	Baskett	Georgina C Mrs	E	Sole	£110.00	
1919	16	Whiteman's Valley	Baskette	Georgina C Mrs	E-92	Sole	£190.00	
1921	11	Whiteman's Valley	Baskett	Georgina C Mrs	E	Sole	£250.00	
1923	13	Whiteman's Valley	Monkhouse	Grace J	D-219	Sole	£195.00	

After her time at Whiteman's Valley Mrs Baskett went to Stokes Valley School when my records end. Though the surname is often spelt with an E at the end the following is the Marriage Registration

1908/7740	Georgina Catherine Harper	John Seaman Baskett
1973/35378	Baskett Georgina Catherine	8 April 1878
1960/26379	Baskett John Seaman	83Y

In 1905 -1906 Georgina Catherine Harper was registered in Auckland. Note: There was a Georgina Catherine HARPER registered in Dunedin who was not the teacher Georgina Catherine Baskett nee Harper]

Georgina Catherine Baskett was registered in Waikato Electorates in 1911 and 1914 and from 1928 to 1938 in Wairarapa Electorates. Then finally she was in various Auckland Electorates In 1910 Mrs Basket was competing in the Te Aroha horticulture Show In September 1915 she was appointed assistant at Paeroa District High School. In 1916 she was a reliving teacher at the Komata [North of Paeroa] School

The only other mention in Papers Past were Mr J S and Mrs G C Baskett returning in the Monowai to Auckland in June 1939

14th April 1916 Mrs Baskett, who has been in charge of the infant department since its commencement, is leaving Paeroa. We shall miss her able and cheerful management of the infant work.

4th May 1926 Stokes Valley School A resolution was passed congratulating the teacher, (Mrs. Baskett) on the splendid results achieved by the pupils at the annual examinations, at which no failures had been recorded. Four pupils gained proficiency certificates, and one a junior national scholarship.

5th July 1937 Silverstream School She specially thanked Mrs. Baskett, infant mistress, for arranging the party for her.

10th December 1938 Silverstream School Mr. Smith announced that Mrs. Baskett, infant mistress, intended to resign from her position, and he said her departure would be a severe loss to the school. He presented her, on behalf of the committee, with a leather case and a box of linen as a mark of respect and esteem.

Grace Monkhouse In 1915 grace Monkhouse taught 3 pupils at Mangapari [East of Martinborough] Then at Waterfall [Later renamed Tiraumea as there was another Waterfalls school in Marlborough when the Wellington Education Board took over the Marlborough Education Board Schools]. Then in 1921 she was at Ward in Marlborough before coming back to 13 pupils at Whiteman's Valley

1970/43930	Monkhouse	Gracie Jane	76Y
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9th June 1931 Miss G Monkhouse appointed assistant at Boulcott School

22nd July 1916 Red Cross and St John's Whiteman's Valley School, per Mrs. L. A. Harvey, (5 pillowslips, 9 handkerchiefs, 3 head bandages;

25th April 1917 Mrs Harvey resigns

7th May 1919 Appointment Sole Teacher Mrs G C Baskette [Sic] Whiteman's Valley. Presumably was relieving before this appointment

29th October 1923 A very enjoyable function was held in Whiteman's Valley, the guest of honour being Mrs. Baskette who is leaving the district to reside at Stokes Valley. On behalf of the district, Mrs Baskette was presented with a gold wristlet watch, and the chairman of the school committee spoke in highly eulogistic terms of her work in connection with the school, stating-that he was sure he was right in saying everyone was heartily-sorry that she. was being transferred to another district Mrs Baskette suitably replied Musical items from the pupils and- others, interspersed with dancing, were much enjoyed, and the singing of Auld Lang's Syne" brought a very successful social to a close

Post 1923

3rd March 1930 Wellington Education Board Miss H C Wilson appointed assistant Whiteman's Valley

1st May 1930 At Whiteman's Valley the following committee was elected at the meeting of householders on Monday night:. Messrs. C. C. Wells (chairman), W. S. Kemp (secretary), R. C. Swanson, E. Richards, and E. Russell

25th November 1930 Whiteman's Valley school was totally destroyed by fire at an early hour on Sunday morning. An elderly woman, Mrs Allen, the mother of the schoolmistress, and her small grandson, who were sleeping in the living quarters attached to the school, narrowly escaped death, having to leave by a window in their night attire

5th March 1931 The Whiteman's Valley School, which was recently destroyed by fire, is to be replaced by the Wellington Education Board. The board has arranged for the purchase of half an acre of land adjoining the present school site, and as soon as plans and specifications are prepared tenders will be called for the erection of the building. A grant for the school and land has been received by the board.

1st December 1936 WELLINGTON EDUGATION~"BOARD. WHITEMAN'S VALLEY SCHOOL SITE. TENDERS are invited .for the Leasing of the Whiteman's Valley School Site (land only), containing approximately 1 ½ acres. Conditions on application to Board's Office, Mercer Street.

6th May 1938 As a result of the "Government's policy of centralization of schools, the Whiteman's Valley and Wallaceville Schools have been closed down and the children from these schools are conveyed by bus to Upper Hutt.