

AKATARAWA SCHOOL
Akatarawa Upper Hutt - opened late 1890s - closed 1918

<i>Time line</i>	<i>Akatarawa School</i>
1896	School opens
1896	Edward Lockyer Ingpen school master
1896	Donation from School
1905	New school building opened
1918	School closed

Akatarawa School Story

Evening Post newspaper 29 July 1896

A deputation consisting of Messrs G Brown, W Wackrow and H J Prior waited upon the Board and asked for the establishment of a school at Akatarawa between the Upper Hutt and Waikanae. There are now 18 children in the district and if a school is established more families will take up their residence there. Inspector Lee was directed to report on the matter.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 29 July 1896 page 5)

Evening Post newspaper 30 September 1896

Inspector Lee recommended that the Board should if possible accede to the request of the residents for the establishment of an aided school at Akatarawa and it was decided that the Chairman should take some steps in the matter.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 30 September 1896 page 5)

Evening Post newspaper 03 November 1896

The Akatarawa (Upper Hutt) State School has been opened Mr E L Ingpen late of Mangamahoe having been appointed master.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 03 November 1896 page 4)

Edward Lockyer Ingpen was the master at Akatarawa School from 1896 to 1900.

Hastings Standard newspaper 18 May 1897

The late floods - The relief Fund – The following further donations have been received by the Mayor of Napier – Akatarawa school Upper Hutt (per E L Ingpen) 15s [plus other names and amounts not transcribed]

(Reference Papers past website Hastings Standard newspaper 18 May 1897 page 2)

Evening Post newspaper 29 May 1897

The Hawkes Bay Relief Fund - Akatarawa School Upper Hutt per E L Ingpen 15s [shillings].

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post 29 May 1897 & New Zealand Times 31 May 1897 & New Zealand Mail 03 June 1897)

New Zealand Times newspaper 18 April 1898

School Inspectors Itineraries – Following will be the itinerary of the Wellington Education Board's inspectors on the completion of the three week's inspections remaining to be performed in the Wairarapa – Mr Robert Lee (various schools and dates) Akatarawa 16th (June).

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 18 April 1898 page 2)

Evening Post newspaper 09 March 1899

A boy of seven son of Mr J Whiteman of Akatarawa broke his arm yesterday through a fall from a horse on which he and his brother were riding home from school.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 09 March 1899 page 6)

New Zealand Times newspaper 27 July 1899

Education Board - A deputation consisting of Messrs C Brown, W H Wackron and H A Field, MHR waited upon the Board and urged that a new school should be erected at Akatarawa. The

chairman said that the Board was practically pledged to do something in that direction. The matter would be considered when the Board obtained its new grant. The deputation also urged that the salary of the teacher should be increased from £45 to £75 per year. The chairman said the question of salaries generally was a big one but he promised the deputation that the Board would consider its request

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 27 July 1899 page 7)

1899 Otaki Electoral Roll

- Edward Lockyer Ingpen Akatarawa school teacher residential

(Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Rolls)

Evening Post newspaper 01 March 1900

The Board decided to erect a schoolhouse at Akatarawa when funds permitted and to consider the question of a residence at Kaitoke if the attendance increased.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 01 March 1900)

New Zealand Times newspaper 01 March 1900

A deputation from Akatarawa introduced by Mr Brown asked for the erection of a new school at Akatarawa and a residence at Kaitoke. It was decided that as the Akatarawa school was on the list it would be built when funds provided. As to the Kaitoke residence the chairman promised if an increase attendance at the school necessitated it he would bring the matter again before the board and ask them to sanction the work.

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 01 March 1900 page 5 & New Zealand Mail 08 March 1900)

New Zealand Times 26 April 1900

School committee Akatarawa - Messrs George Morgan senior, Thomas Prier, John Salmons, Thomas Spicer, William Wackrow. Mr George Morgan senior was elected chairman and Mr Edward L Ingen hon secretary.

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 26 April 1900 page 6)

New Zealand Times newspaper 26 April 1900

The Education Board was waited upon yesterday by a deputation from Akatarawa which urged that the school at Mungaroa be removed to a position more convenient for the Akatarawa residents in the centre of a large amount of settlement. Mr Field MHR in introducing the deputation said there was only one dwelling in close proximity to the present school whereas there were a large number of houses all containing children of school age near the proposed site which is about two and three quarter miles from the present site. The Chairman stated that the inspector was going out there next Wednesday and he would meet the settlers interested in the subject and hear their views.

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 26 April 1900 page 5)

Evening Post newspaper 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 25 June 1900

Akatarawa School - Tenders for the Erection of a new Schoolhouse at Akatarawa near Upper Hutt will be received at the Office of the Education Board up to Tuesday 26th inst. Plans and specification to be seen at the Upper Hutt School.

Geo. Morgan Chairman Akatarawa School Committee

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Evening Post 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 25 June 1900 plus other newspapers)

New Zealand Times newspaper 28 June 1900

The time for receiving tenders for constructing the Akatarawa School has been extended.

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 28 June 1900 page 7)

Evening Post newspaper 28, 29, 30 June 1900

Akatarawa School – The time for receiving tenders for the erection of the Akatarawa School has been extended until Wednesday 4th July – Plans and specifications to be seen at the Upper Hutt School – Geo. Morgan – Chairman Akatarawa School Committee

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Evening Post newspaper 28, 29, 30 June 1900 plus other newspaper)

New Zealand Mail newspaper 02 August 1900

Wellington Education Board - A deputation of twelve from Akatarawa, introduced by Mr C. Browne, waited on the Board and asked for a final reply as to the site for the local school. It was decided to get a report from the inspector and take action accordingly.

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Mail newspaper 02 August 1900 page 63)

New Zealand Times newspaper 30 August 1900

Wellington Education Board - A deputation of three who were in favour of the school being removed asked the Board to appoint a committee to visit Akatarawa and report. There were forty-six children now on the Akatarawa side of the bridge who would attend the school if removed without affecting the attendance of the Mungaroa School. Under existing circumstances there were a number of children who could never receive an education. Another deputation of eight who were opposed to the removal of the school was introduced by Mr W H Field MHR. The Board appointed the following committee to visit the district and make a personal inspection, Messrs Kebbell, F Bradey, Robertson and Young.

(Reference Paper past website New Zealand Times newspaper 30 August 1900 page 6)

New Zealand Mail newspaper 06 September 1900

Inspector Lee reported on a visit to the neighbourhood of the Akatarawa School for the purpose of ascertaining how a change of site to Mungaroa would affect the children attending. He was opinion that the school should not be removed. Several letters for and against the proposal were received from householders and the mistress of the school. [Mangaroa Mrs Eliza M Evans] A deputation of three who were in favour of the school being removed asked the Board to visit Akatarawa and report. There were forty six children all on the Akatarawa side of the bridge who would attend the school if removed without affecting the attendance of the Mungaroa School. Under existing circumstances there were a number of children who would never receive an education. Another deputation of eight who were opposed to the removal of the school was introduced by Mr W H Field MHR. The Board appointed the following committee to visit the district and make a personal inspection, Messrs Kebbell, V Bradey, Robertson and Young.

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Mail newspaper 06 September 1900 page 61)

Evening Post newspaper 26 September 1900

The report of the committee appointed to enquire into the proposed removal of the school from Mungaroa recommended the removal of the school to the site known as the Akatarawa site when funds are available and that the school be continued in charge of the present mistress who should have permission to occupy the present residence. Adopted.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 26 September 1900 page 6)

At the end of 1900 Edward Lockyer Ingpen departed Akatarawa School.

Evening Post newspaper 31 January 1901

Teacher's salary – The following is a further list of the recommendations for increases in teachers' salaries made by the Education Department to the Education Board giving in each case first the present salary and then the proposed increased. Akatarawa E L Ingpen £30-£10.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 31 January 1901 page 2)

New Zealand Times newspaper 23 February 1901

Civil Service Examinations – The following Wellington candidates have passed the recent Civil Service examinations in the order in which their names are given. Junior Results. Mary M Steedman (Wanganui).

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 23 February 1901 page 5)

Evening Post newspaper 21 March 1901

The Board decided to make application to the Government for the cost of erecting a new school at Akatarawa.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 21 March 1901 page 2)

Evening Post newspaper 21 March 1901

The proposed new salary is then given and the sum in parenthesis shows the increase granted (A) Aided School - Akatarawa (A) – (9) sole teacher £45 (£11 5s)

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 21 March 1901 page 2)

Evening Post newspaper 26 March 1901

A Teacher is required for the Aided School at Akatarawa. Full particulars to be obtained from Mr G Morgan Chairman School Committee Akatarawa near Upper Hutt. A Dorste Secretary.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 26 March 1901 page 6)

In 1901 Miss Mary Maud Josephine Steedman became the teacher at Akatarawa School.

Evening Post newspaper 29 May 1901

Education Board - The Education Department notified the Board that it cannot make a special grant for the erection of a school at Akatarawa.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 29 May 1901 page 6)

New Zealand Mail newspaper 06 June 1901

Education Board – A letter was received from the Education Department stating that no special grant could be made for the Akatarawa School.

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Mail newspaper 06 June 1901 page 36)

New Zealand Times newspaper 27 June 1901

Wellington Education Board - Mr Martin chairman of the Akatarawa School Committee, waited upon the Board, and urged the necessity of pressing on with the erection of a new school at that place. The chairman, on behalf of the Board, said the Board had already resolved that a new school must be erected on a site agreeable to the majority of the people of the district, and the work would be proceeded with as soon as practicable.

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 27 June 1901 page 2 & New Zealand Mail 04 July 1901)

Evening Post newspaper 29 August 1901

The Board decided to meet the residents before coming to any decision as to the removal of the school from Mungaroa to Akatarawa.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 29 August 1901 page 5)

New Zealand Times newspaper 31 October 1901

Consideration of a petition for a school at Silverstream was deferred. A committee of the Board will visit Silverstream and Akatarawa shortly.

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 31 October 1901 page 3)

Evening Post newspaper 07 January 1902

Messrs Turnbull Watkins and Williams will sell by auction on Tuesday 14th instant at their rooms 3 Panama Street, 225 acres good sheep country in the Hutt district of which 100 acres are in grass and the balance in heavy standing bush. The land is situated within a mile of Akatarawa School and 11 miles from Upper Hutt railway station by good roads.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 07 January 1902 page 5 & New Zealand Times 07 January 1902)

New Zealand Mail newspaper 04 June 1902

Board of Education - Another deputation from Akatarawa asked the Board to settle the difficulty regarding the school for that district. Mr Bakewell inspector reported against the removal of the Mungaroa School pointing out that Akatarawa settlers were one and a half to two miles away with good roads and that if the school were removed the hardship said to be inflicted upon one family at the present time would then be suffered by two other families at the north side of the present school. Mr R G Martin one of the deputation said they did not ask for the removal of the Mungaroa School they asked for a school at Akatarawa. Finally the chairman was authorised to deal with the matter before next meeting.

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Mail newspaper 04 June 1902 page 48)

New Zealand Mail newspaper 02 July 1902

Education Board - A deputation from the Upper Akatarawa district introduced by Mr W H Field was informed that their request for the erection of a new school would be referred to the Government.

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Mail newspaper 02 July 1902 page 52)

Evening Post newspaper 28 August 1902

In reply to Mr Young the Chairman said that it was hoped that the question of the school site at Akatarawa would presently be settled as the Inspector was now willing to certify to a site which it was thought would satisfy the residents of the district. When this was done the Board could apply to the Government for the money.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 28 August 1902 page 2)

New Zealand Times newspaper 25 September 1902

An application for a new school at Akatarawa was ordered to stand over.

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 25 September 1902 page 4)

Evening Post newspaper 30 October 1902

Education Board – It was decided to ask the Government for a grant for a school at Upper Akatarawa.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 30 October 1902 page 5)

New Zealand Times newspaper 30 October 1902

The clerk of works stated that a site for a schoolhouse at Upper Akatarawa could be secured for £10 and a new schoolhouse would cost £200. Objection was taken to this amount as too large but eventually it was decided to ask the Government for a grant.

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 30 October 1902 page 3)

New Zealand Times newspaper 20 December 1902

School Building Grants - Deputation to the Minister of Education

The question of increased school accommodation at Epuni Hamlet, Muritai, Akatarawa and other districts was brought before the Minister of Education yesterday by a deputation introduced by Mr T M Milford MHR. Mr P Bradey (acting chairman of the Education Board) submitted a statement showing the number of schools required and the probable cost and said that in view of the spread of settlement and the opening up of new districts the demands upon the funds of the Board had increased and they therefore asked for Government assistance. Mr Wilford said that the sum of £350 would meet the cost of a suitable school house at Muritai and the building was urgently required as the children had either to cross the water to Wellington or to go round the road to the Hutt. There was no part of the district said Mr Wilford which had made such phenomenal progress as Muritai and Ilona Bay. In reference to the schoolhouse required at Epuni Mr Wilford pointed out that this had been promised and as the site had been acquired it seemed that nothing more was necessary than to put the Education Board in possession of the funds to carry on the work. He pressed the claims of Akatarawa for a school and in regard to the wants of Lower Akatarawa in this respect suggested that the schoolhouse should be placed at the junction of the three roads so that the residents of Upper and Lower Akatarawa and Maori Bank could send their children there. Mr Wilford added that £1000 would meet the demands for these school buildings. The Hon. W C Walker in reply said that there need be no difficulty about Epuni and Muritai schools as if the necessary applications were sent in to the department in the ordinary way the department would probably be able to provide the money as soon as possible. Mr Bradey mentioned that additions were needed at Seatoun, Brooklyn and Petone. Mr Walker advised Mr Bradey to put those before the department in the same way so that they might be considered when the additions to the special grant were being considered. The ordinary grant would be distributed in the usual way. In reference to an application for the addition of living rooms to the Akatarawa School the Minister said he could not promise that because they had had to stop the building of residences as there were no funds to go round. Mr Bradey said he thought the difficulty at Akatarawa could be met by leasing a building which would give living rooms and also two class rooms.

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times 20 December 1902 page 7 New Zealand Mail 24 December 1902)

New Zealand Times newspaper 30 April 1903

At yesterday's meeting of the Board of Education Mr John Young asked whether anything had been done with regard to the proposed new school at Akatarawa. Mr Fleming replied that having

gone to the district on Monday he had with Mr McDougal selected a site which they considered the best one that could be obtained there. The question of a site he stated had been a very difficult one to settle.

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 30 April 1903 page 4)

Evening Post newspaper 18 September 1903

The Wellington Education Board deemed a public school at Akatarawa necessary but has no funds so the member for the district is endeavouring to get the Minister for Education to provide the money for the purpose.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 18 September 1903 page 5)

New Zealand Mail newspaper 30 September 1903

In another case the sum of £250 was granted in 1898 for a school in Akatarawa Valley but the school was not erected there but at Makomako. He did not know what the Board must have thought of the Education Department but he could tell them that now they had a Minister at the head of the department who would stand no nonsense from anybody and he would ask the Audit Department to see that the moneys were devoted to the purposes for which they were granted.

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Mail newspaper 30 September 1903 page 23)

Evening Post newspaper 10 October 1903

In the recent scrimmage concerning the Education Board's finance as the premier accused the Board of having received a grant for a school at Akatarawa and with having used it for some other purpose. The question of a school at that place [Akatarawa] is again being made a live one and the settlers there are meeting to-night to go into the matter with Mr Wilford the member for the district.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 10 October 1903 page 6)

Evening Post newspaper 12 October 1903

A meeting of the residents of Upper Akatarawa was held in Mr Wackrow's house on Saturday night to discuss the question of the most suitable site for a school. Mr T. Wilford MHR was present. A site on Mr Best's property which was inspected at 6 o'clock this morning has been selected with unanimity and Mr Wilford has been asked to present a petition on the subject to the Education Board.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 12 October 1903 page 6)

New Zealand Mail newspaper 04 November 1903

Wellington Board of Education - A petition having been received for the erection of a schoolhouse at Akatarawa it was decided that the schoolhouses at Akatarawa and Mangaramarama (near Pahiatua) should be the first works done when the Board has the money.

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Mail newspaper 04 November 1903 page 20)

New Zealand Mail newspaper 02 March 1904

The Education Board Finances - This report deals fully with the circumstances of the various places in the district where larger buildings or new buildings are required and recommends that accommodation is urgently needed at Akatarawa, Mangarama, Nireaha, Carterton, Shannon, Kereru Tokomaru, Makuri, Makairo and at the Masterton District High School for the secondary classes. It was decided after further discussion to send a copy of this report to the Minister of Education and make special applications for grants for the most urgent cases.

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Mail newspaper 02 March 1904 page 61)

New Zealand Times newspaper 29 July 1904

Wellington Education Board - Mr Milford MHR and Mr Wackrow chairman of the Akatarawa School Committee interviewed the Board with a request that a schoolhouse should be built at Upper Akatarawa. I am loth to believe said Mr Wilford that the Education Board is so on its last legs as not to be able to find £250 for a school which is admitted to be necessary. On the motion of Mr Allan seconded by Mr Field it was agreed that the Board should take immediate steps to secure the site agreed upon by the residents and inspectors with a view of building a school forthwith.

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 29 July 1904 page 2)

New Zealand Times newspaper 10 September 1904

A Much Neglected Highway - (Contributed) - It is now nearly thirty years since a start was made to make a road to connect the Hutt Valley with the West Coast and up to the present much remains to be done before the work is completed. The neglected backblocks has become a parrot cry and we heard quite a lot of it during the recent Pahiatua by election. Had this important highway been in the Pongaroa district instead of within twenty miles of Wellington city it would have been formed and metalled years ago. Perhaps the back blocks settlers are better agitators or perhaps they have become more used to looking to the Government to do everything for them and never giving their representative any peace till they got what they want. However if there is any part of the Wellington province that has been sadly neglected it is the portion nearest Wellington city. Thanks to the persistent efforts of Messrs Field and Wilford MHR much headway has been made during the last few years but there is still much to be done. Truly the Upper Hutt and Akatarawa settlers are a patient long-suffering class of mortals. Here we have this important highway neglected year after year and little or no effort made to get it completed. To those not acquainted with the locality it will be of interest to point out that the distance from Upper Hutt to Waikanae is about 27 miles on the Upper Hutt side the road is formed for about 13 miles and on the Waikanae side for about six miles. The intervening gap is a bridle track. It is estimated that the road could be completed for about £4000. Branching off the old coach road about a mile north of Upper Hutt at a distance of about half a mile the Hutt River is crossed by a bridge 240 feet long. A quarter of a mile further on the road crosses the Akatarawa stream on a bridge about 150 feet long. Those bridges were built over twenty years ago and have never had a coat of paint. A thin coating of tar has recently been put on. After crossing the Akatarawa River the road follows the Akatarawa Valley on the eastern side. At intervals up the valley comfortable homesteads are passed also three sawmills in full swing. The sawmilling industry has great possibilities before it in the Akatarawa and Upper Hutt district where there are fine areas of valuable milling timber. An experienced sawmiller told the writer that finer rimu than that growing in the Akatarawa Valley did not exist. At the end of the road formation 13 miles from the Upper Hutt the last house is passed (Mr Prier's) and the bridle track formation begins. The road crosses the Akatarawa stream twice and starts to rise steadily and easily up to the watershed dividing the East and West coasts crossing the saddle the road descends by very easy grades until the wide road is reached. Shortly past the first house two miles further the road reaches Rikiorangi a fine progressive settlement. Here the Waikanae River is crossed on a good bridge and after three miles more of good metalled road the Waikanae station is reached. The Akatarawa and Waikanae streams with their many tributaries are ideal trout streams and are fairly well stocked. In the Akatarawa Valley there are several fishermen's huts. One bears the sign of ye prolonged gridiron. In the season patient disciples of Isaac Walton do much frequent the Akatarawa. The importance of the completion of this road should be recognised by the Chamber of Commerce. As a stock road alone it would afford an easy means of getting stock from the West Coast to the Hutt and to the Wairarapa and would be of the greatest convenience to settlers from Paikakariki to Palmerston North as well as from Wellington to the Wairarapa. The scenic beauties of the road are varied and most interesting and to residents of Wellington this road when completed will be a popular one. From Wellington to Waikanae via Upper Hutt and back to town through Paikakariki, Pahautanui and Johnsonville will become a favourite trip. The writer notes with pleasure that Mr Field is actively moving in the matter.

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 10 September 1904 page 9)

New Zealand Times newspaper 28 October 1904

Education Board - The report of the clerk of works showed that he had during the month prepared plans and specifications for work at Akatarawa [did not transcribe full article]. Tenders will also be called for a school at Akatarawa.

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 28 October 1904 page 6)

Evening Post newspaper 28 October 1904

Plans were ordered to be drawn for a school at Nireaha and tenders to be called for the erection of a school at Akatarawa.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 28 October 1904 page 2)

Evening Post newspaper 31 December 1904

School District Boundaries - Akatarawa N. — Horowhenua County ; W.— Sections 63, 37, 36, Block X., Kaitawa S.D., Sections 15, 14, 8, Block XIV., Kaitawa S.D., Section 6, Block 11., Akatarawa S.D., 11, 12, 16, 8, 9, 10, Block 1., Akatarawa S.D., 84, 93, 92, Block 11., Paikakariki P D., and boundary Block H. to junction with Block IV., Blocks IV. and VII., Paikakariki S.D. S.— Block XIII., Sections 1, 358, Block XIV., 359", 362, 361, Block X., Akatarawa S.D.E-Forest Reserve [did not transcribed the full article as the boundaries were confusing]

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 31 December 1904 page 6)

New Zealand Times newspaper 06 March 1905

The opening ceremony in connection with the new school at Akatarawa will take place at 3 o'clock on Thursday afternoon. In the evening a concert and dance will be hold.

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 06 March 1905 page 5)

The new Akatarawa school building was opened on Thursday 09 March 1905 at 3 pm.

Evening Post newspaper 11 March 1905

Resident of Akatarawa and the surrounding district assembled in large numbers yesterday afternoon on the occasion of the opening of the new school by Mr Wilford MHR. Prizes were presented to the children by Mrs Wilford and a handsome silver inkstand was presented to Miss Steedman the teacher for her able and conscientious work. A social gathering was held in the evening.

(Reference Paper Past website Evening Post newspaper 11 March 1905 page 4)

New Zealand Times newspaper 11 March 1905

New School at Akatarawa - The opening of the new school at Akatarawa on a property purchased by the Wellington Education Board took place yesterday at 3 o'clock in the presence of the settlers of that district and visitors for Mungaroa, Upper Hut and Wellington. There was a large number of ladies and children also present. Before the building which is well situated and conveniently placed was opened. Mr William Wackrow chairman of the School Committee congratulated the district on seeing their desire at last attained in the establishment of the school and pointed out that it was a sign of progress for fifteen years ago when he first knew the place it was dense hush without oven a bridle track. Mr Alexander the Contractor then handed the key of the building to Mrs T M Wilford who after opening the door declared the school open. The visitors then assembled in the large schoolroom where the formal opening ceremony was carried out by Mr T M Wilford member for the district. The Rev Cecil Smith congratulated the district on the possession of its public building. Adjournment was then made to a large marquee where a repast was partaken of. At the conclusion of this the following toasts were honoured. Our School proposed by Mr George Brown who has been closely identified with the district for many years and responded to the Rev Cecil Smith who congratulated Mr Wilford on his untiring efforts in bringing about the good result and congratulated the district on having a worthy member. The toast of 'Our Member was proposed by Councillor John Whiteman who after speaking in a eulogistic way of the public works carried out through the direct assistance of Mr Wilford stated that since he had acted as councillor for the riding he had always found their member ready and willing to assist and no trouble seemed too great for him. The toast of The Contractor was proposed by Mr Wackrow and humorously replied to by Mr Alexander. An adjournment was then made to the schoolroom where the prizes were presenter to the children by Mrs Wilford and a handsome silver inkstand to Miss Steedman the teacher on behalf of the residents for her able conscientious and painstaking work. The evening was devoted to a social.

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 11 March 1905 page 9)

New Zealand Times newspaper 29th September 1905

Education Board - The report of the clerk of works showed that the Akatarawa School was completed.

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 29th September 1905 page 3)

New Zealand Mail newspaper 04 October 1905

Education Board – The report of the clerk of works showed that the Akatarawa School was completed.

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Mail newspaper 04 October 1905 page 18)

Free Lance newspaper 18 November 1905

Hutt Election – Mr Wilford's Engagements – Wednesday - Akatarawa School at 8 pm.

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Free Lance newspaper 18 November 1905 page 16)

In 1906 Rev Aubrey Edward Aston became the relieving Master at Akatarawa School.

In the same year 1907 Nora Elizabeth Kelly was the teacher at Akatarawa School.

By the end of 1907 Miss Ainsworth was appointed the sole charge at Saunders Road School out in the Puketoi area of the Forty Mile Bush.

New Zealand Times 12 September 1907

The Board of Education has made the following appointments – Saunders Road Miss I Ainsworth also teacher.

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times 12 September 1907 page 5)

Miss Edith Monica Johnson was the teacher at Akatarawa School from 1908 to 1912

Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 19 May 1911 & 15 July 1911 & 15 August 1911

[a] Upper Hutt school roll 256 [b] St Joseph's Industrial School roll 62 [c] Akatarawa School roll 25 [d] Kaitoke School roll 19 [e] Mangaroa School roll 29 [f] Wallaceville School roll 24 [g] Whiteman's Valley School roll 11

(Reference Papers past website Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 19 May & 15 July & 15 August 1911)

Evening Post newspaper 11 August 1911 page 8

Wellington Education Board – Tenders for the following Works will be received at the Education Board Office up to Noon of Tuesday 22 August - Akatarawa School – Painting etc.

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Evening Post newspaper 11 August 1911 page 8 & Dominion 15 August 1911)

New Zealand Times newspaper 01 November 1911

Tenders – The Wellington Education Board has accepted the following tenders – Mr J G Lusty painting and repairs Akatarawa School (plus other schools not transcribed)

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times 01 November 1911 & Evening Post & Dominion 02 November 1911)

New Zealand Evening Post newspaper 02 November 1911

The contract for painting and repairs to Akatarawa School was given to Mr J G Lusty

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Evening Post newspaper 02 November 1911 & Dominion newspaper 02 November 1911 page 4)

Evening Post newspaper 02 November 1911

The Wellington Education Board has accepted the following tenders Mr W Whittaker painting and repairs Akatarawa School

(Reference National Library of NZ Papers past website New Zealand Evening Post newspaper 02 November 1911 page 4)

Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 04 November 1911

Tenders have been accepted by the Education Board for the local works as follows – Painting Akatarawa School J G Lusty

(Reference Papers past website Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 04 November 1911 page 2)

Evening Post newspaper 25 November 1911

Otaki Electorate – Mr W J Field will address the Electors as under – Akatarawa (School) To-night Saturday 25th November at 8 o'clock.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 25 November 1911 page 8)

Evening Post newspaper 25 November 1911

Otaki Elections – Mr W H Field will address the Electors at Akatarawa School tonight
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Dominion newspaper 21 December 1911

Akatarawa School – The Akatarawa School picnic was held on Saturday in fine weather an enjoyable day being spent. The sports events results as follows:

Boys race under 16 - c Morgan 1, Schmfelder 2, R Morgan 3

Girls race over 16 – Mrytle Morgan 1, Grace Morgan 2 Ileen Morgan 3

Girls race under 12 May Morgan 1, Clara Ferguson 2, Doris Schmfelder3

Tug of war (six men a side) Mr J Ham's team1, L Schmfeld's team 2, J Ham's team won after a hard pull

Single ladies race – Miss Morgan 1, Miss Cederholm s, Miss Johnson 3

Single men's race – F Whiteman 1, J Ham 2

Married ladies race Mrs Schmfelder 1, Mrs Grant 2, Mrs Morgan 3

Miss M Morgan was presented by Mr Schmfelder n behalf of Messrs Nathan Young and Hullo [sic] with a lady's companion for merit obtained during the last twelve months. Miss Gracie Morgan was also presented with a writing desk.

(Reference Papers past website Dominion newspaper 21 December 1911 page 6)

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Single men's race – F Whiteman1, J Ham 2

Married ladies race – Mrs Schmfelder 1, Mrs Grant 2, Mrs Morgan 3

Miss M Morgan was presented by Mr Schmfelder on behalf of Messrs Nathan Young and Halls [sic] with a lady's companion for merit obtained during the last twelve months. Miss Gracie Morgan was also presented with a writing desk.

(Reference National Library of NZ Papers past website New Zealand Dominion newspaper 21 December 1911 page 6)

Evening Post newspaper 27 February 1912

An application for the establishment of a school at Karapoti, between Mungaroa and Upper Akatarawa, was referred to the inspectors for report.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 27 February 1912 page 8)

Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 02 March 1912

Schools Directory

Upper Hutt – Roll 258 - Headmaster F W Connell; assistant master J Rodgers; assistants, Misses E Paul, W Brown, D Printzen. Committee – Mr W Greig (chairman) Rev J H Sykes (secretary), Messrs W Brown, W Burrell, PT Edwards, R Gibbs, J Kemp, J Lambert, A Palmer
St Joseph's Industrial School – Roll 62 - Manager Rev James Hickson S.M., Wellington, Sister-in-charge Sister Mary Ambrose Upper Hutt

Akatarawa – Roll 25 - Teacher Miss E M Johnson - Committee Mr A J Morgan (chairman and secretary), Messrs H Crow, J Ham, A E Morgan, J Tressler

(Reference Papers past website Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 02 March 1912 page 4)

Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 27 April 1912

School Committee - Annual Meetings Akatarawa – Mr L Schonfelder presided at the householders meeting and there was a good attendance. The report of the outgoing committee showed the number of children on the roll had increased notwithstanding the changes in population incidental to a sawmilling district. The following committee was elected – J Grant, J Koch, A J Morgan, W Morgan and L Schonfelder. Mr Schonfelder was chosen as chairman and Mr A J Morgan secretary. Votes of thanks were accorded Messrs Hunt and Nathan of Wellington for prizes for the annual picnic to the teacher Miss Johnson and to the outgoing committee for a very successful year.

(Reference Papers past website Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 27 April 1912)

Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 04 May 1912

A school is to be established at Karapoti on the Little Akatarawa river at a cost of about £15.

(Reference Papers past website Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 04 May 1912 page 2)

Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 06 July 1912

District News – The Education Board foreman has passed the Karapoti (Little Akatarawa) school building as complete.

(Reference Papers past website Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 06 July 1912 page 2)

Miss Edith M Johnson departed Akatarawa School in 1912 and was teaching at Wallaceville School by January 1913.

Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 04 January 1913

Miss Johnson of the Akatarawa School takes charge of the Wallaceville School after the holidays.

(Reference Papers past website Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 04 January 1913 page 2)

Miss Florence A Bodell was the teacher at Akatarawa School in 1913

Dominion newspaper 11 February 1913

The following Education Board appointment are announced – Akatarawa (sole teacher) Miss F Bodell.

(Reference Papers past website Dominion newspaper 11 February 1913 page 6 & New Zealand Times 11 February 1913)

Wairarapa newspaper 26 February 1913

Miss F A Bodell mistress at the Belvedere school has resigned her position in order to take charge of the Akatarawa School

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Wairarapa newspaper 26 February 1913 page 4)

Wairarapa Age newspaper 26 February 1913

Miss F E Bodell has tendered her resignation as mistress of the Belvedere School she having been appointed to the charge of the Akatarawa School.

(Reference Papers past website Wairarapa Age newspaper 26 February 1913 page 5)

Wairarapa newspaper 26 February 1913

Miss F A Bodell mistress at the Belvedere school has resigned her position in order to take charge of the Akatarawa School

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Wairarapa newspaper 26 February 1913 page 4)

Mrs/Miss Laura Baldine was the sole teacher at Akatarawa School after April 1913 but some record state from 11 August 1914 to 1915

Wairarapa Daily Times newspaper 26 February 1913

Miss F A Bodell mistress at the Belvedere School has resigned her position in order to take charge of the Akatarawa School.

(Reference Papers past website Wairarapa Daily Times 26 February 1913 page 5 & New Zealand Times 27 February 1913)

Evening Post newspaper 01 April 1913

The Belvedere School Committee and schoolchildren on Friday presented the assistant mistress Miss F A Bedell who has been appointed sole teacher at the Akatarawa School with a silver manicure set and hair brush.

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Evening Post 01 April 1913 page 9)

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Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 26 July 1913

[a] St Joseph's Industrial School [b] Upper Hutt School [c] Akatarawa School [d] Karapoti School [e] Kaitoke School [f] Mangaroa School [g] Wallaceville School [h] Whitemans Valley School
Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 28 November 1914

W H Field address the Otaki electors at the Akatarawa School tonight.

(Reference Papers past website Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 28 November 1914 page 4)

Evening Post newspaper 14 July 1914

Wellington Education Board - Akatarawa (Upper Hutt Railway Station) £120 to £150 and £15 H.A.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 14 July 1914 page 1)

Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 18 July 1914

Schools – Akatarawa – Teacher - Miss Bodell

(Reference Papers past website Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 18 July 1914 page 3)

Mrs Laura Balding a widow became the sole teacher at Akatarawa School from 1914 to 1915.

Evening Post newspaper 11 August 1914

The Education Board has made the following appointments – Akatarawa sole teacher Mrs Balding

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 11 August 1914 page 6 & New Zealand Times newspaper 12 August 1914)

Dominion newspaper 18th September 1915

Red Cross Work – The St John Ambulance and Red Cross Society wish to acknowledge the following gifts - Mrs Balding (Akatarawa) 12 face cloths, 4 balaclavas, old linen, 1 pair mittens.

(Reference Papers past Dominion newspaper 18th September 1915 page 10 & New Zealand Times 21 September 1915)

Dominion newspaper 11 January 1916

Patriotic Funds – His Worship the Mayor acknowledges the following – Belgian Relief Fund – Children Akatarawa School £2.0.0.

(Reference Papers past website Dominion newspaper 11 January 1916 page 3 & New Zealand Times 11 January 1916)

New Zealand Times newspaper 14 June 1916

Wellington Education Board – Vacancy List – Aided Schools – Vacancies for Teachers of Grade O schools at Akatarawa, Coonoore and one or two others at a salary of £50 per annum and free lodging. G L Stewart Secretary.

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 14 June 1916 page 1)

Evening Post newspaper 28 February 1917

A petition for the removal of the Akatarawa School to a more convenient position and an application for a separate infant department for Upper Hutt were held over for a month to enable further information to be obtained.

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New Zealand Times newspaper 01 March 1917

Consideration of a petition for the removal of the Akatarawa School to a more convenient position was adjourned for a month pending further information on the matter.

(Reference Paper pas website New Zealand Times newspaper 01 March 1917 page 7)

Dominion newspaper 31 May 1917

Education Board Monthly Meeting – An application was received for the establishment of a school in Karepoti [sic]. The Secretary reported that there was a closed school at Akatarawa and there was a proposal that the Akatarawa School building should be moved some five or six miles to Karapoti. It was decided to authorise the establishment of a school at Karapoti and to leave to the officers of the board decision of the question of whether this should be done by the removal of the Akatarawa building or otherwise. It was admitted by members that the Akatarawa School would not be opened again.

(Reference Papers past website Dominion newspaper 31 May 1917 page 9)

Dominion newspaper 31 May 1917

Education Board – Monthly Meeting – An application was received for the establishment of a school at Karapoti. The secretary reported that there was a closed school at Akatarawa and there was a proposal that the Akatarawa school building should be moved some five or six miles to Karapoti. It was decided to authorise the establishment of a school at Karapoti and to leave to the officers of the board decision of the question of whether this should be done by removal of the Akatarawa building or otherwise. It was admitted by members that the Akatarawa School would not be opened again.

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Dominion newspaper 31 May 1917 page 9)

Evening Post newspaper 16 October 1918

It was reported that a grant of £245 had been authorised for the removal of the Akatarawa School to Kurapoti [sic] also £1332 for additions to the school at Island Bay.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 16 October 1918 page 2)

Evening Post newspaper 16 October 1918

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(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 16 October 1918 page 2)

Evening Post newspaper 11 & 13 December 1919

Otaki Electorate – Evelyn MacDonald (Independent Liberal and Labourer) will Address Electors at Akatarawa School on Saturday 13th December at 3 pm in each instance. [another newspapers recorded 8 o'clock]

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post 11 & 13 December 1919 page 2 & Dominion 12 December 1919)

Evening Post newspaper 11, 13 December 1919

Otaki Elections - Evelyn MacDonald (Independent Liberal and Labour) will address Electors at Akatarawa School tonight Saturday 13 December at 8 o'clock

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 11, 13 December 1919 page 2)

Dominion newspaper 01 December 1922

Motorists contemplating making the trip through the Upper Hutt – Waikanae road will be interested to hear that there are no serious difficulties to be encountered despite the fact that the two bridges at the foot of the saddle on the Akatarawa side are still incomplete. The surface is good from the Upper Hutt to the new Akatarawa school by the junction with the Little Akatarawa.
(Reference Papers past website Dominion newspaper 01 December 1922 page 4)

Evening Post newspaper 14 December 1922

The Education Department notified that it was unable to make a further grant for improvements to the school residence at Levin or for the establishment of a school at Akatarawa.
(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 14 December 1922 page 9)

Miss Jessie Campbell was the sole teacher at Akatarawa School between 1923 and 1925

Evening Post newspaper 16 February 1927

New Schools – Amongst the Government correspondence read at to-days meeting of the Wellington Education Board were several letters written in reference to proposed new schools. Those at Akatarawa and Happy Valley will receive consideration at the end of the financial year and the board was authorised to invite tenders for the erection of a new school for the Wilford Settlement Petone East.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 16 February 1927 page 10)

Evening Post newspaper 13 April 1935

70th Anniversary Upper Hutt School Jubilee Celebrations – Some Early History – The schools at Wallace Settlement and Whiteman's Valley were side schools to Upper Hutt in the early days and had direct representation on the Upper Hutt school committees. Akatarawa has a school beyond Baigents sawmill. It was discontinued some years ago when the upper Akatarawa mills closed down. The building was removed to a site near Campbell Bros sawmill on the Little Akatarawa River and opened as Karapoti School in 1918 in lieu of the cottage classroom used in connection with Campbell's sawmill.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 13 April 1935 page 14)

Evening Post newspaper 13 April 1935

In 1934 there were 11 schools in Upper Hutt district:- [1] Upper Hutt School [2] Trentham School [3] Silverstream School [4] St Joseph's School [5] St Patricks College [6] Wallaceville School [7] Whitemans Valley School [8] Te Marua School [9] Kaitoke School [10] Mangaroa School [11] Karapoti School. (Akatarawa School closed and the classroom was moved to Karapoti School around 1918)

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 13 April 1935)

Evening Post newspaper 19 October 1935

A Country School - Deplorable Conditions - Pupils Never Taste Fresh Milk - (By W.B.N.) - We were travelling along the Akatarawa Road a party making a tour of inspection of the medical needs of the district when Mr J Purvis leaned over and touching the driver on the shoulder said "I want you to stop here Doctor. I want to show you a school which is attended by children who though they live in the midst of large open grass paddocks yet never taste fresh milk". The car was stopped and Dr Thorne of the Wellington Hospital, Councillor J Purvis of Upper Hutt and others of the party clambered up the bank and over two stiles to the school. It would be hard to conceive of a more drab structure which looked as if a good push would make it collapse. The rough unplanned weatherboards were coated in places with brown paint. The inside was still more depressing. The walls were covered with flirty drab paper torn and stained. There was a lean to room at the back unlined and still more depressing. We were introduced to the cheery sole teacher Miss B M Gallagher who told us some of her problems. The school had been established for only one term before that her ten pupils had just run wild. The eldest was eleven years old and none was higher than standard 11. There was no water obtainable at the school and as she would not allow the children to drink from the creek all water had to be carried from the nearest house. If only the Education Board would grant the material she would paint the walls and make them more cheerful. It was great fun she said playing cricket with improvised material with five a side. "Is it true that

these children have no fresh milk?" "Quite true" said Miss Gallagher." You see their parents live in rented houses and are not allowed to keep cows and even if they could afford to buy it there is not sufficient milk in the district to supply them. The only milk they have is condensed milk. The members of the party expressed amazement and Mr Purvis explained that the fathers of the children in better times had been employed in felling timber now they were members of a working men's syndicate which proposed to deal in firewood but until they had constructed a track there was no income and for years the families had handled no money. The syndicate supplied food rations but that was all they got. Some time ago the only clothes the children had were made from sugar and oatmeal bags. Last week one of the men had lost fingers from both hands through being caught in a wire rope. The man was the father of seven children he was uninsured and would be incapacitated for life. Some of the children appeared to be under nourished and certainly looked as if a daily ration of good fresh milk would be highly appreciated. As we climbed down the bank it was remarked that it was clear that poverty was not confined to the cities and that those who complain of the state of city schools have need to visit the Akatarawa School to realise true hardship. We understood that it was largely because of the good offices of Mr Purvis that the school was opened and that the families were granted sustenance. As we passed by the camp of the single men Mr Purvis had a word of praise for the men many of whom he said were making good. "There are" he remarked "two brothers in that camp they have been there since the camp started and their ambition is to save enough money to start them in a poultry farm. So far they have saved some £150." Good luck to them.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 19 October 1935 page 6)

Evening Post newspaper 02 November 1935

Akatarawa School - Merely Temporary - Exception is taken by Mrs M Wiltshire secretary of the Akatarawa School Committee to parts of a contributed article published in The Post on October 19 in regard to conditions there. She points out that the school is only a temporary one installed by the Education Board in an existing building at the request of the residents and though it looks rough from the outside it is clean and cosy within. As a proper school would be built it was natural that the board would not in the meantime welcome any unnecessary expenditure. The solo teacher Miss B M Gallagher was not complaining about the conditions as the article might make it appear but merely explaining some of the temporary disabilities. A water tank has been ordered said Mrs Wiltshire and is probably on the way now. What painting has been done has been by Miss Gallagher in her spare time of which she has a good deal. It is true that all the children do not have milk. Some of them do but not all. Those parents who have not milk could easily get it by going for it. It is obtainable not five minutes' walk from the school. The farmer could not be expected to bring it. As to the children being clothed in oatmeal bags and sugar bags use is made of these materials in the city also and in the country where the children romp over the hills a good deal and there is really nothing against it. The opening of this school was really due to the residents who applied to the board for a school. The board suggested that a shed could be used in the meantime and the building in use was chosen as most suitable by the residents who made it as ready for occupation as they could. Milk has been provided for the children's cocoa every day.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 02 November 1935 page 15)

Akatarawa School Teachers

<i>Time line</i>	<i>Akatarawa School Staff</i>
1896	Mr Edward Lockyer Ingpem master
1901	Miss Mary Maud Josephine Steedman sole teacher
1906	Rev Aubrey Edward Aston relieving master
1907	Miss Nora Kelly relieving teacher
1907	Miss Lilian Ada Jane Ainsworth sole teacher
1908	Miss Edith Monica Johnson sole teacher

1913	Miss Florence Allen Bodell sole teacher
1914	Mrs Laura Balding sole teacher
1923	Miss Jessie Campbell sole teacher
1935	Miss Bertha Mary Gallagher sole teacher

A to Z

Lilian Ada Jane AINSWORTH sole teacher 1907

- 0- Lilian Ada Jane AINSWORTH born and baptised 16 May 1869 Wilmslow Cheshire England died 1950 Levin New Zealand
#Lillian A Ainsworth age 4 along with her parents and siblings departed England on Celestial Queen arrived 28 June 1873 Canterbury New Zealand reference Archives NZ Wellington passengers lists
#Lilian Ada Jane Ainsworth Suburban North teacher residential & Rose/Rosa Blanche Ainsworth Suburban North teacher residential 1893 & 1894 & 1896 Nelson Electoral Roll
#Lillian Ainsworth Whangamomona East Road school teacher 1905-1906 Patea Electoral Roll
#The Education Board has appointed the following teachers – sole teacher at Akatarawa Miss L Ainsworth reference Papers past website Wairarapa Daily Times newspaper 13 March 1907 page 5 & New Zealand Times newspaper 20 & 22 March 1907 page 7 & 4
#Note Lilian Ada Jane Ainsworth was the teacher at Akatarawa School for around 6 months
#The school committees concerned have accepted the following nomination of teachers made by the Wellington Education Board and the appointments are to be regarded as made – Saunders Road Miss L Ainsworth sole teacher reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 11 September 1907 & New Zealand Times 12 September 1907 & Wairarapa Daily Times 12 September 1907
##The resignations of the following teachers have been accepted by the Education Board – Miss L Ainsworth Saunders Road reference Papers past website Dominion newspaper 30 October 1908 page 6
#Lillian Ainsworth Saunders Road Alfredton spinster 1908 Masterton Electoral Roll
#Lillian Ada Jane Ainsworth 11 Princes Street Levin spinster 1949 Otaki Electoral Roll
#Lilian Ada Jane Ainsworth died 1950 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1950 folio 584 website 1950/19506 age 80 born about 1870

Rev Aubrey Edward ASTON relieving master 1906

- 0- Aubrey Edward ASTON born 03 October 1874 Reigate Surrey England died 11 August 1957 Pahiatua New Zealand married 1915 New Zealand Elizabeth STORMONT born 29 December 1888 New Zealand died 17 March 1981 Pahiatua New Zealand
#Aubrey Edward Aston Upper Devon Street clerk in holy orders 1905-1906 Wellington Central Electoral Roll
#1906 – 13 – Akatarawa School – Aubrey E Aston – Master - £84.0.0. - £10.0.0. reference from the Geni website by Carolyn surname unknown
#Aubrey Edward Aston Upper Devon Street clerk in holy orders 1908 Wellington Central Electoral Roll
#Aubrey Edward Aston married 1915 New Zealand Elizabeth Stormont reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1915 folio website 1915/3349
#Aubrey Edward Aston 39 Mangahao Street Pahiatua retired & Elizabeth Aston Mangahao Street Pahiatua married 1957 Pahiatua Electoral Rolls
#Rev Aubrey Edward Ashton was a teacher and a reverend and spent time between the two occupations including a lot of relieving. Always registered in the Pahiatua electorate reference from the Geni website by Carolyn surname unknown
#Aubrey Edward Aston died 1957 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1957 folio website 1957/32138 age 82 born about 1875

Mrs Laura BALDING 1914-1915

- 0- Laura BATH born 1864 Wallaroo South Australia died 09 October 1939 New Zealand married 1885 Victoria Australia Arthur Lallam BALDING born 30 May 1856 Geelong Victoria Australia died 28 May 1891 Geelong Victoria Australia

#School Teacher Examination for Certificates Successful Wellington Candidates – Passed for Class D – Laura Balding reference Papers past website Evening Post 28 February 1914 page 6 & Dominion 02 March 1914 & New Zealand Times 02 March 1914

#The Education Board has made the following appointments – Akatarawa sole teacher Mrs Balding reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 11 August 1914 page 6 & New Zealand Times newspaper 12 August 1914

#1914 – 13 – Akatarawa School – Mrs Laura Balding - D3 – Female teacher - £120.0.0. reference from the Geni website by Carolyn surname unknown - £15.0.0. reference

#1914-1915 Mrs Laura Balding Akatarawa School Education Board Inspectors Reports Class Schedules & Classification Lists

#1915 – 6 – Akatarawa – Mrs Laura Balding - D3 – Female teacher - £120.0.0. - £20.0.0. reference from the Geni website by Carolyn surname unknown

#Red Cross Work – The St John Ambulance and Red Cross Society wish to acknowledge the following gifts - Mrs Balding (Akatarawa) 12 face cloths, 4 balaclavas, old linen, 1 pair mittens reference Papers past Dominion newspaper 18th September 1915 page 10 & New Zealand Times 21 September 1915

#The Wellington Education Board has made the following appointments Judgeford sole teacher Mrs Balding reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 18 July 1916 page 8

#Laura Balding Akatarawa widow 1914 Otaki Electoral Roll

#Laura Balding Main Road Judgeford widow 1919 Otaki Electoral Roll

#Laura Balding 256 Ohiro Road Brooklyn widow 1922 Wellington South Electoral Roll

#Laura Balding died 09 October 1939 Wellington New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1939 folio website 1939/22037 age 75 born about 1864 (buried Karori cemetery Wellington)

#Laura and Arthur Lallam Balding daughter Gwendoline Elizabeth Balding (1891 AUD -1970 NZ Mrs Charles Sim Moore)

Miss Florence Allen BODELL 1913-1915

- 0- Florence Allen BODELL born 22 June 1881 Belper Derbyshire England died 06 August 1948 Wellington New Zealand
- #Florence Allen Bodell teacher departed England Tainui 20 August 1909 arrived New Zealand Carterton Notes – The newly appointed assistant teacher at the Belvedere School Miss Bodell has taken up her duties reference Papers past website Dominion newspaper 14 October 1909 page 7
- #The Wellington Education Board has made the following appointments Akatarawa Miss F Bodell sole teacher reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 11 February 1913 page 3
- #Miss F E Bodell has tendered her resignation as mistress of the Belvedere School she having been appointed to the charge of the Akatarawa School reference Papers past website Wairarapa Age newspaper 26 February 1913 page 5
- #Miss F A Bodell mistress at the Belvedere School has resigned her position in order to take charge of the Akatarawa School reference Papers past website Wairarapa Daily Times 26 February 1913 page 5 & New Zealand Times 27 February 1913
- #The Belvedere School Committee and schoolchildren on Friday presented the assistant mistress Miss F A Bodell who has been appointed sole teacher at the Akatarawa School with a silver manicure set and hair brush reference Papers past website New Zealand Evening Post newspaper 01 April 1913 page 9
- #Florence Allen Bodell / Boddell The School Belvedere spinster 1911 & 1914 Wairarapa Electoral Roll
- #Schools Akatarawa Teacher Miss Bodell reference Papers past website Hutt Valley Independent newspaper July - December 1913
- #1913 – 16 – Akatarawa school – Florence A Bodell - D3 – Female teacher - £120.0.0. - £15.0.0.
- #Schools Akatarawa Teacher Miss Bodell reference Papers past website Hutt Valley Independent newspaper January-December 1914

#1913-1914 Miss Florence Allen Bodell Akatarawa School Education Board Inspectors Reports Class Schedules & Classification Lists
#Schools Akatarawa Teacher Miss Bodell reference Papers past website Hutt Valley Independent newspaper January –December 1915
#The following appointments were approved yesterday by the Wellington Education Board Kahautara (sole teacher) Miss F A Bodell reference Papers past Dominion newspaper 19 April 1916 page 6
#Florence Allen Bodell schoolhouse Pahautanui spinster & Edith Allen Bodell schoolhouse Pahautanui spinster 1919 Otaki Electoral Roll
#Florence Allen Bodell died 1948 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1948 folio website 1948/31447 age 67 born about 1881

Jessie CAMPBELL sole teacher 1923-1925

- 0- Jessie CAMPBELL born unknown died unknown [to many with the same name]
#Jessie Campbell Mount Bruce spinster 1914 Wairarapa Electoral Roll
#Jessie Campbell Otago 1914 Wellington Education Board Teacher Examinations and Licenses reference New Zealand Gazette 30 June 1914 [No 61] page 2596
#Jessie Campbell Paekakariki spinster 1919 Otaki Electoral Roll
#1919 – 66 – Paekakariki school – Jessie Campbell - D-59 - Assistant teacher - £125.0.0. reference from the Geni website by Carolyn surname unknown
#A letter was read from the Education Board intimating that arrangement has been made for Miss J Campbell act as relieving teacher reference Paper past website Otaki Mail newspaper 09 July 1920
#1921 – 84 – Renwick School – Jessie Campbell – D – Reliever teacher - £170.0.0. reference from the Geni website by Carolyn surname unknown
#Jessie Campbell sole teacher Tuapeka Flat (transferred) reference Evening Star newspaper 19 May 1922 page 3
#1923 – 10 – Akatarawa School – Jessie Campbell - D-185 – Sole teacher - £125.0.0. reference from the Geni website by Carolyn surname unknown
#Jessie Campbell Akatarawa School spinster 1925 Otaki Electoral Roll
#Jessie Campbell Martin Street Upper Hutt spinster 1928 Wairarapa Electoral Roll
#Jessie Campbell Martin Street Upper Hutt spinster 1931 Wairarapa Electoral Roll
#Jessie Campbell Martin Street Upper Hutt spinster 1935 Wairarapa Electoral Roll

Miss Bertha Mary GALLAGHER 1935

- 0- Bertha Mary GALLAGHER born 05 August 1907 New Zealand died 1989 New Zealand married 1942 New Zealand Denis John Guy OLIVANT born 06 September 1910 New Zealand died 2001 New Zealand
#Bertha Mary Gallagher born 1907 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1907 folio website 1907/21022 parents Ellen Annie and Patrick Gallagher
#Bertha Mary Gallagher Maru Maru Wairoa spinster 1935 Hawkes Bay Electoral Roll
#Miss B M Gallagher school teacher at Marumaru who is leaving the district was farewelled the other evening and made the subject of a presentation by the school committee the young lady being handed a camera and a handsome bedroom clock reference Papers past website Poverty Bay Herald 31 August 1935 page 16
#We were introduced to the cherry sole teacher Miss B M Gallagher who told us some of her problems. The school had been established for only one term before that her ten pupils had just run wild. The eldest was eleven years old and none was the higher than standard II [did not transcribed full article] As we climbed down the bank it was remarked that it was clear that poverty was not confined to the cities and that those who complain of the state of city schools have need to visit the Akatarawa School to realise true hardship reference Evening Post newspaper 19 October 1935 page 6
#The sole teacher Miss B M Gallagher was not complaining about the conditions as the article might make it appear but merely explaining some of the temporary disabilities [the school is only a one installed by the Education Board in an existing building at the request of the residents] reference 02 November 1935
#Bertha Mary Gallagher Kaitoke spinster 1938 Wairarapa Electoral Roll

#Bertha Mary Gallagher Kaiparoro Eketaunhuna spinster 1941 Masterton Electoral Roll
#Bertha Mary Gallagher married 1942 New Zealand Denis John Guy Olivant reference RGO
NZ marriage registration 1942 folio website 1942/12071
#Bertha Mary Olivant died 1989 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1989 folio
website 1989/51732 born 05 August 1907

Edward Lockyer INGPEN teacher 1896-1900

0- Edward Lockyer INGPEN born 29 June 1835 St Pancras London England died 21 July 1926
Napier New Zealand 1st married 1860 New Zealand Sarah JONES born 1842 Wellington New
Zealand died 09 February 1873 Wellington New Zealand 2nd married 14 February 1883 New
Zealand Mary Ann / Marianne BERRY born 1865 Napier New Zealand died September 1903
New Zealand

#Edward Lockyer Ingpen 10 Arthur Street schoolmaster residential & May Ingpen 10 Arthur
Street household duties residential 1894 & 1896 Wellington Electoral Roll

#The Akatarawa (Upper Hutt) State School has been opened Mr E L Ingpen late of
Mangamahoe having been appointed master reference Papers past website Evening Post
newspaper 03 November 1896 page 4

#1896 Akatarawa School Edward L Ingpen Master £40.0.0. reference from the Geni website
by Carolyn surname unknown

#1897 – 12 – Akatarawa School – Edward L Ingpen – Master - £45.0.0. reference from the
Geni website by Carolyn surname unknown

#1898 – 7 – Akatarawa School – Edward L Ingpen – Master - £45.0.0. reference from the
Geni website by Carolyn surname unknown

#Edward Lockyer Ingpen Akatarawa school teacher residential 1899 Otaki Electoral Roll

#1899 – 9 – Akatarawa School – Edward L Ingpen – Master - £62.4.0. reference from the
Geni website by Carolyn surname unknown

#1900 – 8 – Akatarawa School – Edward L Ingpen – Master - £30.0.0 reference from the Geni
website by Carolyn surname unknown

#Edward Lockyer Ingpen died 1926 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1926
folio website 1926/6294 age 91 born about 1835

#Sarah and Edward Lockyer Ingpen 5 children [1] Francis Alfred Burdett born 1862 [2] Fanny
Edith born 1864 [3] Harriett Elizabeth born 1866 [4] Constance Maud born 1868 [5] Alice
Louisa Hornby born 1870 all born in New Zealand

#Mary Anne / Marianne and Edward Lockyer Ingpen 5 children [1] Violet Ethel born 1884 [2]
Samuel Stanton Lockyer born 1885 [3] Mabel born 1887 [4] Mabel May born 1889 [5] William
Henry Lockyer born 1894 all born in New Zealand

#Edward Lockyer Ingpen first teacher of the school in the Akatarawa Valley had an interesting
if different life. He first appears in New Zealand paper the Wellington independent issue of
12th June 1858 offering to open up a day school for young gentlemen from 6 years old in the
house in Molesworth Street Wellington lately occupied by Mr Cox. Charging different prices
for differing subjects taught assisted by Mr J E Myers and Mr W C Smith took music. In 1866
He was teaching at the Government Day School at Pahautanui, just north of the now city of
Porirua where his wife had a daughter Harriett Elizabeth. He was married to Sarah Jones in
1860. They also had 1862 Frances Alfred Burdett, 1864 Fanny Edith, 1868 Constance Maud
and in 1870 Alice Louisa Hornsby. On the 14th January 1868 the following piece appeared in
the Wellington Independent. *“Come this way Mr Editor come with me to yonder building on
the hill that overlooks the village there is to be a little scene gone through in that building to-
day for there the scholars are assembled to meet their teachers in the room that looks down
on the village on the green fields on the dark bush on the bright bay. There the teacher will
part from the taught not as it usually is in our far-off old country schools the taught part from
the teachers here he is only a teacher, there he is pre-eminently the schoolmaster awful
name. What recollections are hanging to this word. It is a bright morning. There is an air of
seriousness on the children's faces. A lad of twelve or fourteen years holds a paper in his
hand and on the desk beside him lies a parcel he opens the paper looks at it intent next at his
fellow casts an eager glance at the pathway seen through the door. The teacher is coming is
whispered along the forms. He enters. The children acknowledge his presence. He makes a
few appropriate remarks on the business of the day school the breaking up for the usual*

Christmas holidays &c. But the real business now begins the lad before mentioned opens his paper and reads as follows. To Mr E L Ingpen late Teacher of the Government Day school Pahautanui. We the undersigned hereby desire to express our sorrow at parting from you our respected and beloved teacher who during the last four years have won and held our warmest affections and we hope that our future conduct may never reflect any but the brightest lustre in you to whom we owe so much. May the Great Disposer of events endow thee with every good is the sincere prayer of (Here follow the signatures of twenty-four of the pupils.) The reader next opens the parcel and uncovers a handsome and expensive inkstand which the lad presents to his teacher from all the children of the school. Now Mr Editor this is an interesting little ceremony. Yet alas for the instability of our colonial institutions they are all frail and changing. The children once outside the room gave three cheers and down the hill they went pell-mell wondering if they should like the next teacher as well as the one they had just parted from. Your obedient Pahautanuian". It came to the researcher that could this have been written by the Master himself? In 1871 he was playing cricket in Wellington. Then comes in 1873 the death notice for his wife the funeral of whom left his home in Tasman Street Wellington. In 1875 he and a party of 8 were in Steerage on the Rangatira for the East Coast (Napier). That is presumably 5 children and 3 others? By 21 September 1878 he was chairman of the Star Cricket club in Napier and in 1882 he was appointed Janitor of the Victoria Royal Arch Chapter of the Masonic Lodge. 17th February 1883 Hawkes Bay Herald Ingpen – Berry - On the 14 February by the Rev D Sidey at the residence of the bride's father Clive Square, Edward Lockyer Ingpen to Mary Anne fourth daughter of Mr Samuel Berry both of Napier. Then in September 1884 the birth of a daughter Violet Ethel (mother's name Mary Ann) was announced there had been no mention of a wedding. A wedding took place in March 1883 to Mary Ann Berry. Other children born 1885 Samuel Stanton Lockyer, Mary Ann 1887, 1889 Mabel May, 1894 William Henry Locker. Mary Ann died in 1903 aged 38 years. Mabel died at 5 months as did Samuel Stanley also at 5 months. 3rd August 1886 there was a claim against Ingpen and later on the 5th he declared in the Daily Telegraph that he was bankrupt. He was not in the newspaper again though he did have a job in Napier until 1892 when he was advertising in the Evening Post Wellington for a barber for his shop in Woodville. He was still advertising his business in Woodville when Partidge claimed that E L Ingpen was in debt for £37.7s.2d. 20 December 1893 the Woodville Examiner advertised bankruptcy again and his business was for sale. Next mention was his appointment to Akatarawa School. The only other information I can find for Mr E L Ingpen is in my Teacher records where he was the teacher at Watershed Road Hunterville 1903-1906 for the Wanganui Education Board. He died in 1926 aged 91 he funeral took place on Thursday of an old Napier resident in the person of Mr Edward Lockyer Ingpen at the age of 91 years. The late Mr Ingpen was for many years on the staff of the Lands and Survey Department from which department he retired on superannuation some years ago. He was held in high esteem by a large circle of friends. 24th July 1926 Edward Lockyer Ingpen reference information transcribed reference from the Geni website by Carolyn surname unknown

Edith Monica JOHNSON 1908 - 1913

- 0- Edith Monica JOHNSON born 1872 New Zealand died August 1952 New Zealand
- #Edith Monica Johnson born 1872 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1872 folio website 1872/37687 parents Mary Jane & Alphonso William Johnson
- #Edith Monica Johnson Horokiwi Valley school teacher 1903 Oatki Electoral Roll
- #Edith Monica Johnson Akatarawa schoolteacher spinster 1908 Hutt Electoral Roll
- #1908 – 15 – Akatarawa School – Edith M Johnson - D3 – Female teacher - £84.0.0. - £10.0.0 reference from the Geni website by Carolyn surname unknown
- #1909 – 16 – Akatarawa School – Edith M Johnson - D3 – Female teacher - £115.0.0. - £10.0.0. reference from the Geni website by Carolyn surname unknown
- #1910 – 21 – Akatarawa School – Edith M Johnson - D3 – Female teacher - £120.0.0. - £15.0.0. reference from the Geni website by Carolyn surname unknown
- #Edith Monica Johnson Akatarawa spinster 1911 Otaki Electoral Roll
- #1911 – 18 – Akatarawa School – Edith M Johnson - D3 – Female teacher - £130.0.0. - £15.0.0. reference from the Geni website by Carolyn surname unknown

#Schools – Akatarawa Roll 25 Teacher Miss E M Johnson Committee Mr A J Morgan (chairman), L Schonfelder (secretary), Messrs J Ham, A E Morgan, J Tressler reference Papers past website Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 12 January to 30 December 1911

#1912 – 30 – Akatarawa School – Edith M Johnson - D2 – Female teacher - £135.0.0 - £15.0.0. reference from the Geni website by Carolyn surname unknown

#Schools – Akatarawa Roll 25 Teacher Miss E M Johnson Committee Mr A J Morgan (chairman & secretary), Messrs F Crow, J Ham, A E Morgan, J Tressler reference Papers past website Hutt Valley Independent newspaper January to March 1912

#Annual Meetings Akatarawa - Mr L Schonfelder presided at the householders meeting and there was a good attendance. The report of the outgoing committee showed the number of children on the roll had increased notwithstanding the changes in population incidental to a sawmilling district. The following committee was elected J Grant, J Koch, A J Morgan, W Morgan and L. Schonfelder. Mr Schonfelder was chosen as chairman and Mr A J Morgan secretary. Votes of thanks were accorded Messrs Hunt and Nathan of Wellington for prizes for the annual picnic to the teacher Miss Johnson and to the outgoing committee for a very successful year reference Papers past website Hut Valley Independent newspaper 27 April 1912

#Akatarawa Teacher Miss E M Johnson reference Papers past website Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 25 May 1912 to December 1912

#The following appointments were made at yesterday's meeting of the Wellington Education Board – Wallaceville (sole teacher) Miss E M Johnson reference Papers past website Dominion newspaper 11 December 1912 & Evening Post 12 December 1912 & New Zealand Times 11 December 1912

#Akatarawa Teacher Miss E M Johnson reference Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 02, 11, 18, 25 January & 01, 08, 15, 22 February & 01, 08, 15, 22, 29 March & 05, 12, 19, 26 April & 03, 10, 17, 24, 31 May & 07, 14, 21 June 1913

#Miss Johnson of the Akatarawa school takes charge of the Wallaceville school after the holidays reference Papers past website Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 04 January 1913 page 2

#Wallaceville Teacher Miss E M Johnson reference Papers past website Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 05 July 1913 page 3

#Edith Monica Johnson Wallaceville Upper Hutt spinster 1914 Hutt Electoral Roll

#Edith Monica Johnson Wallaceville Upper Hutt spinster 1919 Otaki Electoral Roll

#Edith Monica Johnson died August 1952 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1952 folio website 1952/25973 age 80 born about 1872 (buried Bromley cemetery Christchurch)

Nora E KELLY Teacher 1907-1908

0- Nora Ellen KELLY born 03 October 1888 New Zealand died 23 August 1982 Greymouth New Zealand married 1924 New Zealand John Graham CURRAGH born 1894 died 03 December 1956 Greymouth New Zealand

#Nora Ellen Kelly born 1888 Buller New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1888 folio website 1888/9059 parents Annie and John Kelly

#Miss Kelly teacher of the Inchbonnie School is at present very ill in the Kumara hospital and it will be some time before she can again take up her duties reference Grey River Argus newspaper 31 January 1907 page 3

#The Totara Flat School Committee have recommended the Education Board to appoint either Miss May Anderson of Moonlight or Miss Nora Kelly of Te Kinga to the position of teacher at the Granville School reference Papers past website Greymouth Evening Star newspaper 02 February 1907 page 2

#Miss Kelly of the Inchbonnie School was granted three months leave of absence through ill health reference Papers past website Gryn River Argus 12 February 1907 page 3

#The Education Board has made the following appointments Akatarawa Miss N Kelly reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 11 October 1907 page 6

#1907 – 13 – Akatarawa School – Nora E Kelly - female teacher - £78.0.0. - £10.0.0. reference from the Geni website by Carolyn surname unknown

#Following resignations have been accepted by the Wellington Education Board Miss N Kelly Akatarawa has been granted three months leave of absence reference New Zealand Times newspaper 28 February 1908 page 4

#The resignations of the following teachers have been accepted by the Education Board Miss N Kelly Akatarawa reference Papers past website Dominion newspaper 29 May 1908 page 6

#Nora Ellen Kelly married 1924 New Zealand John Graham Curragh reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1924 folio website 1924/5583

#Nora Ellen Curragh died 1982 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1982 folio website 1982/41491 born 03 October 1888

Mary Maud Josephine STEEDMAN teacher 1901-1905

0- Mary Maud Josephine STEEDMAN born 1884 New Zealand died 1954 New Zealand married 1919 New Zealand James MONAHAN born 1881 New Zealand died 1947 New Zealand

#Mary Maud Josephine Steedman born 1884 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1884 folio website 1884/9744 parents Elizabeth & James Steedman

#1901 - 8 - Akatarawa School - Maud H/M Steedman – female - £35.0.0. – Aided reference from the Geni website by Carolyn surname unknown

#1902 - 11 - Akatarawa School - Maud H/M Steedman – female - £60.0.0. reference from the Geni website by Carolyn surname unknown

#1903 – 14 – Akatarawa School - Maud H/M Steedman – female - £64.0.0. reference from the Geni website by Carolyn surname unknown

#1904 – 14 – Akatarawa School – Maud H/M Steedman - female - £76.0.0. reference from the Geni website by Carolyn surname unknown

#Mary Maud Josephine Steedman Akatarawa school teacher 1905-1906 Hutt Electoral Roll

#1905 – 14 – Akatarawa School - Maud M J Steedman – Lic - female - £80.0.0. - £10.0.0. - Note £10 indicates that the teacher is not provided with a residence reference from the Geni website by Carolyn surname unknown

#Resident of Akatarawa and the surrounding district assembled in large numbers yesterday afternoon on the occasion of the opening of the new school by Mr Wilford MHR. Prizes were presented to the children by Mrs Wilford and a handsome silver inkstand was presented to Miss Steedman the teacher for her able and conscientious work. A social gathering was held in the evening reference Paper Past website Evening Post newspaper 11 March 1905 page 4

#Mary Maud Josephine Steedman Akatarawa school teacher 1908 Hutt Electoral Roll

#Mary Maud Josephine Steadman [sic] married 1919 New Zealand James Monahan reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1919 folio website 1919/2494

#At a very pleasant afternoon tea in Brooklyn School, the school committee and staff made presentations of a silver teapot and an afternoon tea set to Miss M Steedman on the eve of her marriage. The function showed how much Miss Steedman's school work has been appreciated and the warm place she has obtained in the regard of both parents and teachers reference Papers past website newspaper 03 April 1919

#Mary Maud Josephine Monahan died 1954 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1954 folio website 1954/24551 age 70 born about 1884

#Mary Maud Josephine Monaghan had a successful education in the Catholic School in Wanganui and came straight from school to Akatarawa as teacher. She would have been 16 or 17 years old when she started teaching at Akatarawa.

Akatarawa School Pupils

<i>Time line</i>	<i>Pupils & Rolls</i>
1896	pupils
1911	25
1918	pupils

21st December 1911

The Akatarawa School picnic was held on Saturday in fine weather, an enjoyable day being spent. The sports events resulted as follows:—

Boys' race, under 16—C. Morgan, 1; F Schmfelder, 2; R. Morgan, 3.

Girls' race, over 16—Myrtle Morgan, 1; Grace Morgan, 2; Heen [Helen?].Morgan, Girls' race, under 12—May Morgan, 1 ; Clara Ferguson, 2; Doris Schmfelder, -1.

Tug-of-war (six' men aside)— Mr. J. Ham's team, 1; L. Schmfelder's team, 2. J. Ham's team won after a hard pull.

Single ladies race—Miss Morgan, 1; Miss Cederholm, 2; Miss Johnson, ;3.

Single men's race— F Whiteman, 1; J. Ham, 2.

Married ladies' race—Mrs. Schmfelder, 1; Mrs. Grant. 2; Mrs. Morgan, .:

Mrs M. Morgan was presented by Mr. Schmfelder on behalf of Messrs Nathan, Young and Hall with, a lady's. companion for merit, obtained during the last twelve months. Miss Gracie Morgan was also presented with a writing desk

(Reference Papers past website)

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1907 Pupils Akatarawa School - Teacher Miss L Ainsworth

<i>Surname</i>	<i>Full name</i>	<i>Age Y/M</i>	<i>Class</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Details</i>
Hunt	Stella Hunt	5/7		1907	Akatarawa School 22 April 1907
Morgan	Amelia Morgan	11/6		1907	Akatarawa School 22 April 1907
Morgan	Herbert Morgan	5/7		1907	Akatarawa School 22 April 1907
Morgan	May Morgan	6/9		1907	Akatarawa School 22 April 1907
Morgan	Lillian Morgan	6/0		1907	Akatarawa School 22 April 1907
Morgan	Myrtle Morgan	7/11		1907	Akatarawa School 22 April 1907
Morgan	Eileen Morgan	9/4		1907	Akatarawa School 22 April 1907
Morgan	Doris Morgan	9/6		1907	Akatarawa School 22 April 1907
Pier	Elsie Pier	7/1		1907	Akatarawa School 22 April 1907
Prier	Leonard Prier	11/7		1907	Akatarawa School 22 April 1907
Prier	Harold Prier	5/6		1907	Akatarawa School 22 April 1907
Prier	John Prier	9/6		1907	Akatarawa School 22 April 1907
Shields	Arthur Shields	9/6		1907	Akatarawa School 22 April 1907
Southee	Esther Southee	6/9		1907	Akatarawa School 22 April 1907
Spicer	Richard Spicer	10/2		1907	Akatarawa School 22 April 1907
Spicer	Doris Spicer	12/11		1907	Akatarawa School 22 April 1907
Sullivan	Ilma Sullivan	11/4		1907	Akatarawa School 22 April 1907

(Reference Archives New Zealand Wellington Office R11820820 Class Schedules and Classification Lists A-J box 202 former EB-W8 item 77 ADEX 16412 item77 - Akatarawa School 22 April 1907 Head Teacher L Ainsworth)

1913 – 1914 Pupils Akatarawa School – teacher 1913 F A Bodell & teacher 1914 Laura Balding

<i>Surname</i>	<i>Full name</i>	<i>Age Y/M</i>	<i>Class</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Details</i>
Baigent	Earl Baigent	9/9	S2/S3	1913	Akatarawa School
Baigent	Moana Baigent	8/8	S1/S2	1913	Akatarawa School
Koch	Joseph Koch	10/9	S3/S4	1913	Akatarawa School
Koch	Magnus Koch	9/2	S1/S2	1913	Akatarawa School
Koch	Ernest Koch	6/10	P2/P4	1913	Akatarawa School
Koch	Joseph Koch	11/11	S4	1914	Akatarawa School
Koch	Magnus Koch	10/3	S1	1914	Akatarawa School
Koch	Ernest Koch	7/11	P2	1914	Akatarawa School
Max	Frances Max	9/4	S1/S2	1913	Akatarawa School
Max	William Max	8/3	P1/P2	1913	Akatarawa School
Max	Frances Max	10/4	S2	1914	Akatarawa School
Max	William Max	9/3	P2	1914	Akatarawa School

Morgan	Lilian Morgan	12/8	0/0	1913	Akatarawa School
Morgan	Robert Morgan	11/9	S5/S6	1913	Akatarawa School
Morgan	Cyril Morgan	11/3	S5/S6	1913	Akatarawa School
Morgan	Harold Morgan	10/00	S3/S4	1913	Akatarawa School
Morgan	Raymond Morgan	9/7	S2/S3	1913	Akatarawa School
Morgan	Arthur Morgan	8/5	S1/S2	1913	Akatarawa School
Morgan	Victor Morgan	6/5	P1/P1	1913	Akatarawa School
Morgan	Robert Morgan	12/10	0/0	1914	Akatarawa School
Morgan	Cyril Morgan	12/3	0/0	1914	Akatarawa School
Morgan	Harold Morgan	11/1	S4	1914	Akatarawa School
Morgan	Raymond Morgan	10/8	S2	1914	Akatarawa School
Morgan	Arthur Morgan	9/6	S2	1914	Akatarawa School
Morgan	Victor Morgan	7/8	P2	1914	Akatarawa School
Radford	Mary Radford	8/2	S1	1914	Akatarawa School – delicate
Schonfelders	Louis Schonfelders	12/10	S5/S6	1913	Akatarawa School
Varnham	Eric Varnham	13/0	S4	1914	Akatarawa School
Varnham	Hector Varnham	11/0	S3	1914	Akatarawa School
Wackrow	Hector Wackrow	6/9	P1/P11	1913	Akatarawa School

(Reference Archives New Zealand Wellington Repository R21565853 Classification List Class Schedules date 1914 Wellington Education Board Residual Management Unit ABDM W3569 16412 Annual Classification Returns 1914 A-F - Akatarawa School date 06 December 1913 F A Bodell Head Teacher - A B Charters Inspector date 10 December 1913 – Roll 13 boys & 3 Girls total 16 pupils & date 01 December 1913 & 27 November 1914 Teacher Laura Balding Roll 12 Boys 2 Girls Total 14 Pupils)

1924 Pupils Akatarawa School – teacher J Campbell

Surname	Full name	Age Y/M	Class	Year	Details
Beavis	Raymond Beavis	11/3	S2	1924	Akatarawa School
Beavis	Clarence Beavis	8/0	S1	1924	Akatarawa School
Franz	Myrtle Franz	7/1	S1	1924	Akatarawa School
Jones	Leonard Jones	12/7	S4/S3	1924	Akatarawa School
Jones	Fred Jones	11/0	S1	1924	Akatarawa School
Jones	Earl Jones	7/4	S1	1924	Akatarawa School
Nation	Lloyd Nation [sic]	8/0	S1	1924	Akatarawa School
Somerville	Noel Somerville	9/0	S1	1924	Akatarawa School
Somerville	Henrid [sic] Somerville	10/6	S1	1924	Akatarawa School

Most of the children recorded above had note refereeing to frequent change of school – perhaps their fathers were sawmillers

(Reference Archives NZ Wellington R21565947 Classification List Class Schedules A –H date 1924 Wellington Education Board Residual Management Unit ABDM W3569 16412 Annual Classification Returns 1924 Akatarawa School date 28 November 1924 J Campbell head teacher inspector no details roll 11 boys 5 girls total 16 pupils)

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