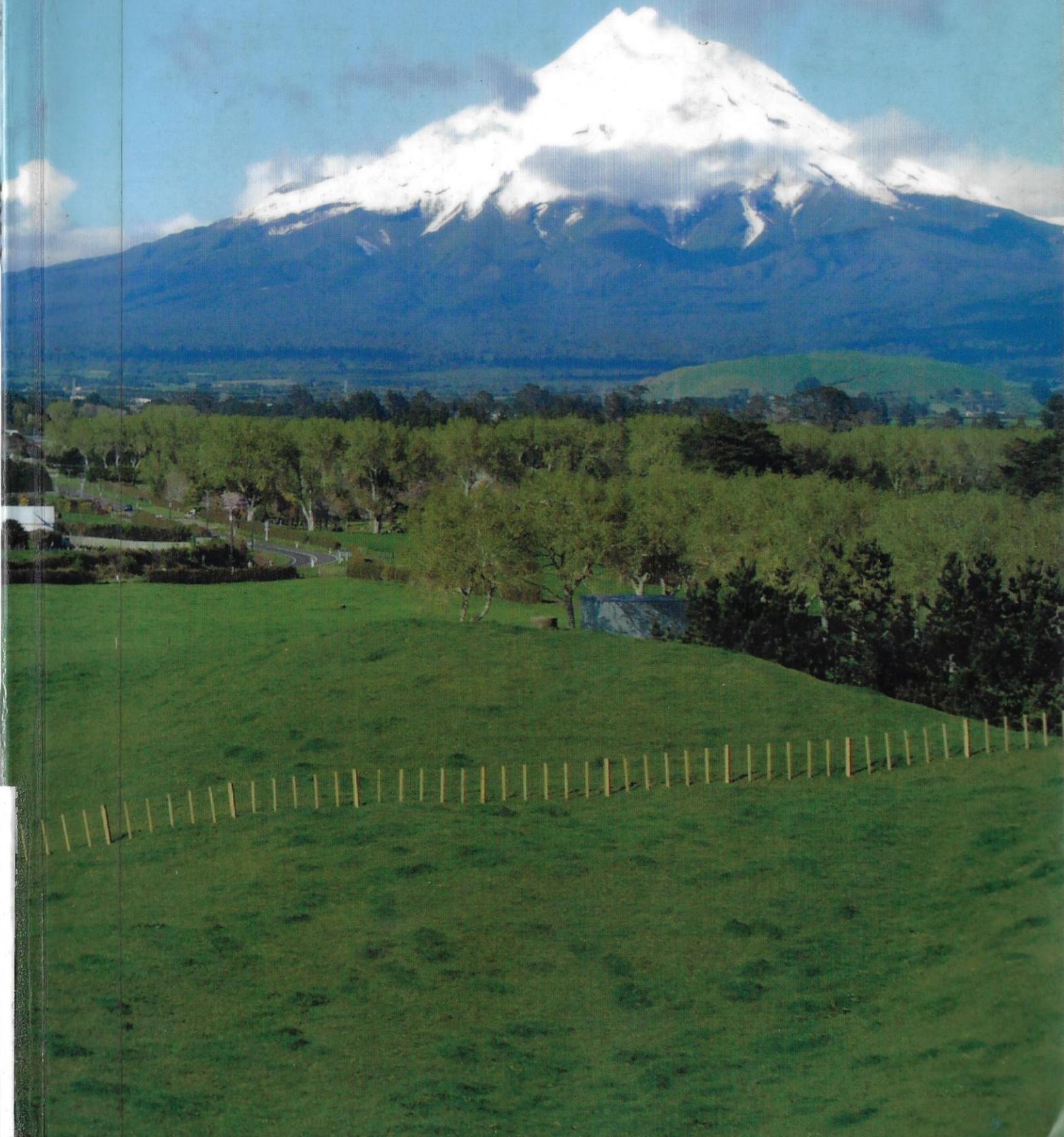


# **Egmont Village 125 Years**



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## Dedication

This book is dedicated to all the people who, over the years, have contributed to Egmont Village School and the Community as a whole. These are obviously too many to include in this book, but we appreciate that everyone's contribution has shaped the school and community into what it is today.

## FOREWORD

In November 2002, I was approached by Des Hollard from Villa Photographic - "did I want to put a book together?" The 125th Jubilee Celebration was a very low key affair for which I had gathered photos and other information from the school archives. Having an interest in history, I decided to take on the challenge.

Researching material and collating it; great, but what about the typing? My friend and co-writer Ann Holland had just taken a computer course at WITT and she offered to do all the typing. Ann also has a more comprehensive knowledge of village history, so between us we put the huge historic jigsaw together.

In order to present original material substantially unaltered, the book presents a number of items of original work in chronological order under the three main headings of Early Settlers through to the 1940s; The Egmont Village School; and Egmont Village Businesses and Post War Development. Ann and I have endeavoured to fill

in the gaps with chapters based on our research and numerous conversations with both past and present villagers.

Both of us have families and households to run and part-time jobs, so we fitted in work on the book whenever it was possible. Keeping in regular phone contact and meeting over a cup of coffee once a week (if possible) kept up the progress.

Our first proof was ready in February 2005. What an amazing feeling, we felt we were just about there. Then a whole fresh lot of information was discovered - mainly through word-of-mouth, but also with the rediscovery of Fred Thomason's marvellous historical writings.

In October 2005 we submitted our final proof. A wonderful feeling to finish this tribute to the people who have spent some, or all, of their lives, in this unique part of the world - Egmont Village.

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# Memoirs of Village Life - Early Settlers through to the 1940s



Photo W. A. Collis c. 1890 supplied by Don Jenkins.

## A Short History of Egmont Village

Article by Neville Henry  
School Principal 1992-2001.

The Egmont Village district is in the Te Atiawa tribal area, within the boundary of the Puketapu hapu.

Egmont Village is situated 5 kilometres Northwest of Inglewood, on Junction Road (State Highway 3) at the crossing of Egmont Road. The locality took its name from Egmont Road, which in turn was named as it lead to Mount Egmont. The mountain was named on 11th January 1770 by Captain James Cook, after the Earl of Egmont who was First Lord of the Admiralty. The Earl's title came from a ruined castle near Buttevant, County Cork, Ireland.

Up until 1868 much of the Egmont Village district was covered in thick, standing bush. As a refuge for settlers, should there be skirmishes with Maori (part of the Taranaki Land Wars), in 1868 a blockhouse was built adjacent to the corner of Egmont and Junction Roads. In 1874 Mr Humphries surveyed the Egmont Village block and planned the Egmont Village Township. Soon after, more settlers arrived. Many sections were taken up by soldiers from the Land Wars. Among the first settlers were the Price family, the Swan family and the Olson family. The Prices and the Olson's both came to Egmont Village on the same day in 1874. They had to cross the Waiwakaiho River at Fitzroy and journey via the Egmont Road as there was no bridge over the river at Junction Road.

At this time Edward and Mary Olson and their young family moved into the blockhouse which was on their newly acquired property. The Price family lived at first in a ponga whare.

In 1877 Egmont Village residents petitioned for a school which was subsequently opened in the blockhouse. A new school was built adjacent to it in 1879 and the blockhouse became the teacher's house. In 1904 a new teacher's house was built. It is now the Egmont Village Community Centre.

As more bush was cleared and farms became established, businesses and amenities were developed, especially in the vicinity of the intersection of Egmont and Junction Roads. These included a creamery, butchers shop, blacksmith and farrier, a general store which included a post office, a saddlery and the village hall. Up until the 1880s roads were mud tracks but were gradually metalled. In the 1920s tar sealing began. Electricity came to the district in 1927.

Some businesses closed but other small businesses developed in the Village, e.g Eureka Market Garden, Mitchell's Concrete Works, Hurlstone Earthmoving, Egmont Village Tractor Parts, Kauri Cottage, Missing Leg Backpackers Hostel, Egmont Village Fibreglassing and the Egmont Village Service Station.

Village people were generally known as independent, hard working, practical folk who knew how to entertain themselves. At various times there have been cricket and rugby teams, bowling and tennis clubs, an Operatic Society and even a theatre group.

## The Story of One of the Earliest Settler Families in Egmont Village: Edward (1843-1893) and Mary (1847-1928) Olson

### Extract from Wold to Woodlands.

Edward was born in Lincolnshire in 1843, arriving in Wellington at 15 years of age, with brother Henry. He joined the Taranaki Mounted Volunteers at the onset of the Land Wars.

In 1865 Edward married Mary, 18 year old daughter of Omata settler William Harrison. Edward, Mary and their young family moved into the blockhouse (later to be used as the first Egmont Village School Building) on the corner of their new farm in 1874. Edward enjoyed exhibiting his cattle and cheese. He won a great number of medals and certificates. Mary became known for her butter making.

The vision of the English squire must have been in Edward's mind because he made substantial plantings of oaks and other English trees. The oriental pines, interplanted with oaks are now a predominant landmark. They line the left hand side of Egmont Road, going out of the Village limits towards the mountain. A Norfolk pine of massive proportions can also be seen near the site of the original homestead. This property is presently owned by the Winnie-Magee family and the Parish family own the property where the plane and oak trees start.

Edward was fatally gored by his own bull at the Hawera Agricultural and Pastoral show in 1893, at the age of 50 years. When he went to remove the animal's rug, one knot of rope attached to the bull's ring had come undone and the bull turned

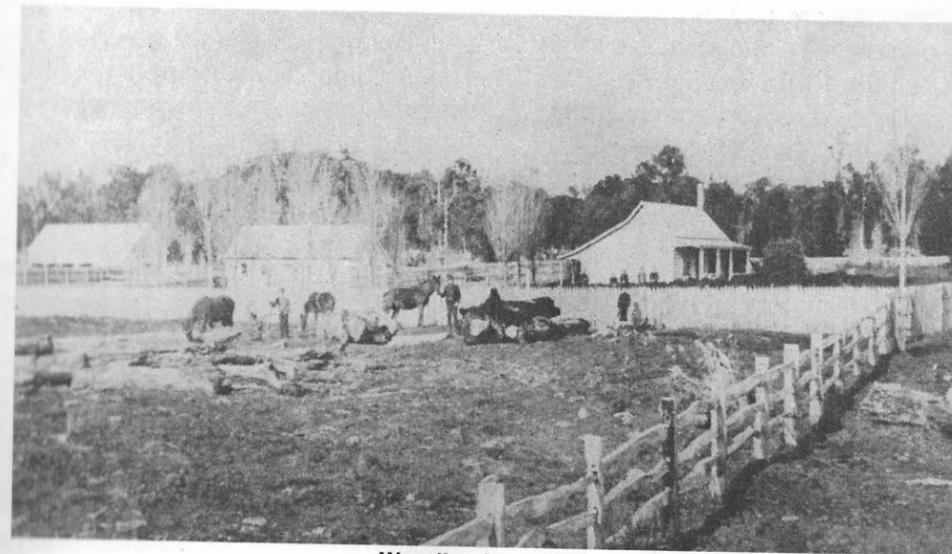
his head, piercing Edward's chest. He died shortly afterwards, but as he lay mortally wounded he said "don't shoot the bull, it wasn't his fault." Mary, widowed at 47, continued to live in the Village. Her last years were spent with her son, Harold in New Plymouth. She died in July 1928.

On September 24, 1988, descendants of Edward and Mary Olson planted an oak tree and unveiled a commemorative plaque in the Egmont Village School grounds. (This is situated just inside the Junction Road crossing entrance). The oak tree is significant because of the ones that are mentioned above, planted more than 100 years previously, by Edward Olson.

### Children of Edward and Mary Olson:

Ada (b) 21-6-1866 (d) 9-9-1924, married George Marsh. Mary (Polly) (b) 3-9-1868 (d) 27-2-1906, married William Orr. Edward (b) 3-8-1870 (d) 7-8-1930. Mabel (b) 6-2-1873 (d) 12-8-1938, married Arthur Morton. Harold (b) 9-10-1875 (d) 24-6-1936, married Lillian Andrews. William (b) 17-2-1879 (d) 27-2-1949, married Jenny Tuck. Clara (b) 16-4-1881 (d) 26-11-1927, married George Foster. Percy (b) 17-5-1883 (d) 17-10-1935. Lewis (b) 24-2-1886 (d) 22-7-1925, married Elsie Burrows.

Without going into detail of the extensive family resulting from the offspring of Edward and Mary Olson, listed below are family names of the descendants that lived in the district and attended Egmont Village School: Marsh, George, Morton, Shallard, Foster and Jones.



Woodlands c. 1885.

## Visit to a Bush Farm "Woodlands" on Egmont Road 1874-1890

### Extract from 'Wolds to Woodlands' The story of Edward and Mary Olson 1842-1988.

About a half a mile from Egmont Village, on the road leading to the mountain, there is to be seen a farm, which from its well kept appearance, at once attracts the attention of the passerby. "Whose comfortable little homestead is that?" asked Lord Onslow of Colonel Stapp, on his recent visit to the mountain.

The reply was that it was owned by Mr. E. Olson, who by his own exertions, with no capital beyond a few pounds, had in a comparatively short time cleared the bush and made the place what it now is; that whilst he attended to his own affairs he did not neglect his duties as a colonist. Such confidence had his fellow settlers in him, that he was Vice-President and Chairman of the Taranaki Agricultural Society, member of the Taranaki County Council and the Education Board, and Chairman of the Co-operative Society. At the last Metropolitan Agricultural show, held in Wellington, he carried off a first and second prize for his Ayrshire cattle.

Sixteen years ago the land beyond the Egmont Village was standing bush, whilst the country leading to it was much broken and very difficult to travel over. The land where Inglewood now stands had not been acquired by the natives, therefore settlement did not extend more than five or six miles from New Plymouth.

Mr Speck, of Waipuku, and one or two others had ventured "into the bush" as it was then called. There was only one track and that over the highest of the hills. The pioneers of those days had a very hard life of it, coming into town only when absolutely compelled to do so, for flour and other necessities, which they had to carry to their houses on packhorses. With little knowledge of farming, and none of bush life, in 1814, Mr E. Olson purchased a level section of sixty acres. Mr Olson, his brother, and a chum of theirs started from New Plymouth, with their axes on their shoulders, to cut a road through the bush to enable them to get to their land. It requires a stout heart, strong arms and considerable amount of perseverance to continue at the work of clearing the bush for any length of time. After a day's labour there is very little to show for the exertion undergone.

The land selected by Mr E. Olson, as we stated, was level, but heavily timbered, there being an average of seven pines to the acre. There was no road to get cut timber from a mill to build his house, so Mr Olson and his brother had to saw it. Mr Olson must have worked hard, for in 1879 - five years after he dropped his first tree - he took the prize of ten pounds offered by Mr. W. Carter, of Inglewood, for the "best bush farm in the district". The judges were Messrs. H. Newland and A. Davidson, these gentlemen described the farm as it then appeared, as follows:-

Mr E. Olson's farm, Junction Road contains 120 acres, enclosed by a ring fence; has about a mile of four-railed and paling fence. Eighty acres are in grass, and about forty logged and picked up and divided into paddocks; two gardens and orchard cleared and fenced, and one acre planted with ornamental and forest trees. The buildings consisted of a five roomed house - 24 x 20 feet. Dairy and cheese room 36 x 12 feet. Cowshed and calf shed and a loft for hay, iron roof, 36 x 12 feet. Three pig stys, fowl house, and potato house. The buildings are extensive and convenient, considering the short time he had been on the place. The garden is well kept. The plantation is of useful shelter trees, is extensive and looks well. The fences are good and substantial; the pastures of mixed grasses good and the cocksfoot is a fair crop. He had to thank his brother for much that had been done to the farm. He thought it well to mention that in bush farming two men should work together to make a successful and profitable undertaking, for where one worked alone it took such a time before any result was viable. He attributed the gaining of the prize that day to the principle of doing a thing well. If they could not put up a good building at once, they waited until they could do it. It was acting on that principle since he had taken to farming that he attributed winning the prize for the best bush farm in the district.

During the eleven years which have elapsed since the prize was awarded, Mr Olson has not been idle. He has added land to his farm which now consists of 355 acres; it is for the most part cleared of the bush and has 250 acres in grass. He has added to his residence, the house, now covering a block of land 41 x 36 feet. He has increased the size of his out houses and made his place quite a model farm. Mr Olson's brother also has 200 acres

alongside Woodlands, which is also cleared and down in grass. We took occasion the other day to visit Woodlands and received a most cordial welcome from Mr and Mrs E. Olson. We were kindly shown over their homestead. Mr Olson freely gave us every information we asked for, reflecting his success as a farmer.

After showing us over his commodious dwelling-house, Mr Olson took us through his garden, in which he planted several of the shrubs from the mountain. We went to his cheese-house and dairy. This is a building 36 x 20 feet and is sheltered from the summer's sun by a row of poplars. It is divided into three rooms, the wall of one of them being covered with prize cards - the prizes Mr Olson and his wife have taken since they commenced farming.

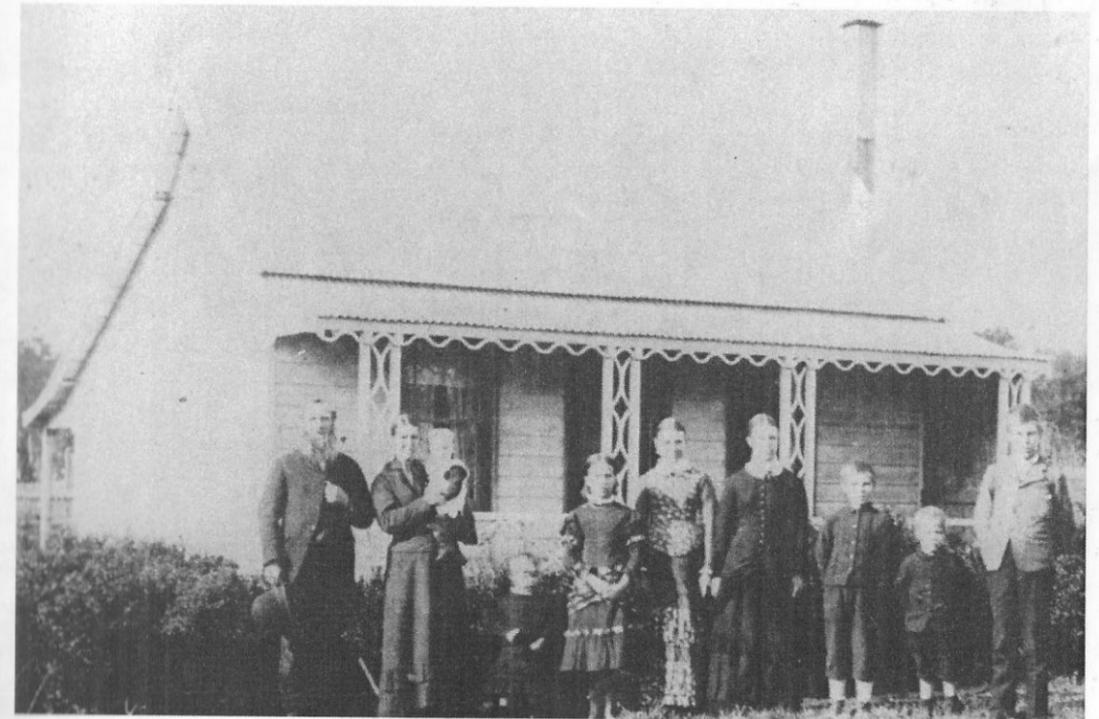
Mr Olson informed us that he makes on an average six tons of cheese a year, which was all done during seven months, the other five months devoted to butter making. He makes a little bacon, but intends erecting a smoke house and going more largely into that business. There is a cooling room, which is floored with concrete, with a concrete tank for keeping the milk in hot weather to an even temperature. From the dairy we went across a yard to the cow yard and milking shed, which are the most complete we hear, of any in the district.

The yard is about forty feet square and paved with large stones, a hundred tons of which it took

to complete the work. The milking shed is 48 x 12 feet, and the cows after having been milked are turned into a large paddock. Mr. Olson then took us to see his plantation, which forms a semicircle of nearly half a mile around his house. He has planted two rows of gum trees, two of poplars, one row of English trees consisting of the oak, oriental plane, sycamore, ash, larch, elm, etc.; and then two rows of pine trees. These are now of a good size, and although the fire last year made a gap in the plantation, in a few years the effect of the fire will not be noticeable.

We went next to see Mr Olson's herd of cattle. He told us that in 1874 he commenced with one cow. He afterwards, in 1878, bought a cross bred bull "Coloniel Baker" and several short horn heifers at the Waiwakaiho sale yards. Not feeling satisfied with the result of this breed, he directed his attention to Ayrshires. Mr Olson has about a hundred head of cattle, of which thirty are pure Ayrshire, six being imported, and the rest have one, two and three strains of Ayrshire in them.

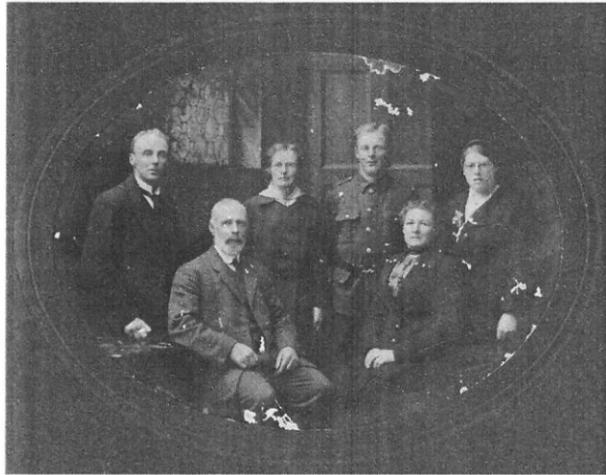
He sold one of the yearling bulls lately for 10 pound, but for the one that took the first prize in Wellington he wants 25 pound. The paddocks are in very luxuriant grass, and would bear being more heavily stocked. Our account of this bush farm has extended to a greater length than we expected, so we must therefore conclude by wishing Mr and Mrs Olson many years of health to enjoy the fruit of the past sixteen years labour.



Edward, Mary with Percy, Clara, Mabel, Mary, Ada, Harold, William, Ernest.

## The Marsh Family

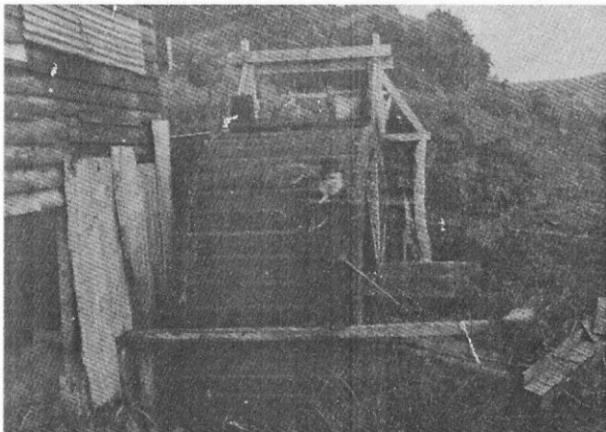
Article information from the Marsh Family Book by M. Henderson.



Ronald George Marsh (1886-1956), Mabel Constance (May) Marsh (1888-1942) m George, Gordon Harry Marsh (1892-1979), Emily Mary Henderson (1900-1986) nee Marsh, George Marsh (1858-1937), Ada Marsh (1866-1924) nee Olson.

George and Ada were both born in New Plymouth, George in 1858 and Ada on 21-6-1866. Ada was the eldest child of Edward and Mary Olson and born while her father was actively engaged as a member of the Taranaki Mounted Volunteers. Ada lived in New Plymouth for 8 years before moving to Egmont Village with her parents, helping them to pioneer their farm and spent a lot of her time milking her father's herd of Ayreshire cows. She also helped her mother with the growing family.

In 1870, after the cessation of the Maori Wars, George returned with his family to the farm on Marsh's Hill, where he spent his boyhood and early manhood. After his marriage to Ada in 1884, they farmed on Upland Road, later buying a small



Waterwheel to drive the milking machines for a three cow plant c. 1910. Mr George Marsh. Reference Te Moa by R.W. Brown.

adjoining block that fronted onto Egmont Road. It was here they built their homestead using part of their former home. George had an arched concrete bridge built to join the two properties—quite a feat in those days and in 2005 it still stands. His brother Manley farmed the adjoining property. George milked shorthorn cows, probably much to the chagrin of his brother-in-law. At that time, the work was hard and the conditions primitive.

George, along with his keen interest in farming and the manufacture of its products, had a genuine desire for scenic and forestry preservation. His assistance was readily given to the scenic board in control of the Meeting of the Waters reserve with the late Mr Henry King. He was a member of the Ancient Order of Foresters.

Chew Chong - the great Taranaki pioneer who built the first butter factory was a great friend of George. George being one of the farmers who supplied fungus from the bush on his farm to Chew, benefited from this lucrative trade which was exported to China.

George was an accomplished and talented musician, having his own Orchestra which played for dances in the district. He was the band master of the Inglewood Brass Band for many years,



Back: Nora McRae (1903-1976) nee Marsh, Manley Marsh (1864-1940), Arthur Morton, Marjory Morton nee Marsh with baby Jean Jones, Mary Henderson nee Marsh, Gordon Harry Marsh (1892-1979)  
Front: Emily Marsh (1831-1918) nee Batten, Alice Marsh (?-1941) nee Wells, George Marsh (1858-1937), Ada Marsh (1866-1924) nee Olson, Mabel Morton, Mary Morton  
Arthur (Boy) Morton, Albert Edward (Ted) Marsh (1906-1987).

being one of the founding members. He also taught the piano and violin, playing at concerts and was much in demand as an accompanist for singers. This demand meant that Ada was the one who spent more time in the milking shed.

George served as the chairman on the Egmont Village School Committee. From 1907-1933, George was a director of the Mangorei Co-op Dairy Company and was chairman from 1925-1933.

Shirley Gibson (nee Marsh), George's oldest living grandchild, remembers him living a full and busy life as a farmer on Upland Road.

Shirley knew him for only 10 years and to her he was always an 'old' man. When he retired from active farm work George and Ada settled in New Plymouth. George travelled to Egmont Village regularly in his Model T Ford, bringing doughnuts for afternoon tea as he knew they were favourites. Shirley and sister Valerie watched in fascination as he poured the tea from his cup into the saucer and shakily raised it to his mouth. Ada died on 9-9-1924 and George on 9-8-1937.

Pictured below (photo supplied by Mrs S. Gibson) is the original homestead of George and Ada Marsh. Gordon Marsh then lived here with his wife



Gordon Marsh on homestead verandah c. 1900.

Shirley, and children, Valerie and Bill. The house still exists on Egmont Road today, being owned and lived in by Stephanie McSweeney and family.



**This article was written by Elizabeth Jane (Daisy) Price, Dick Sinclair's mother. It is now a very valuable document as it is the only record we have of the first days of the Egmont Village School. Daisy was a first day pupil. Article taken from Egmont Village School Booklet.**

"I began my school days in the old blockhouse, so called because it was to be used as a kind of refuge in case the Maoris were troublesome. The settlers near it would have used it if needed. It was just a shell of a barn and I remember seeing the black beetles up in the boarding of the roof.

The School Mistress in those days was called Miss Drake. A very capable teacher who did not stay long as she became the Head Teacher of the Inglewood School but I must not forget to mention Mr John Hill who was really the first teacher. Mr W. Crompton was the first inspector of the school. It did not seem very long before a small school was erected. It even had a school bell on top of it and this was rung by pulling a rope which impressed us all very much. Mr Hill was replaced by Mr W. Irvine Grayling known to many as Dr Grayling. He was a clever science master and a gifted Greek Scholar. He was also a soldier who took part in the Battle of Waireka against the Maori.

He and Mrs Grayling and their family remained in Egmont Village for many years and were much respected by all the old pioneer settlers. Their daughter married Henry Waite and they became two of the earliest residents of Tarata.

I remember on one occasion Mr Grayling assisted by his daughter had to take school in the bush, a beautiful patch being close by, as alterations were being made to the school building, but the trouble collecting all the children after the dinner hour was a problem; school in the bush being more or less a great joke. I remember on one occasion the School Master's son was up a tree a great height from the ground and others went fishing in a stream in the bush (Mangaoraka) and it was well on in the afternoon before all the students could be rounded up. I am sure that Mr Grayling was very pleased to get back to the old school routine. We all loved the bush, the beautiful trees and the bird life. We led a very simple life, sharing each others joys and problems and the little concerts we used to put on at the school were quite an event.

Transport in the pioneer days consisted of riding horseback or in a bullock dray and a few traps were used. As time went by the main road to New Plymouth was metalled and twice a week an enterprising old gentleman drove a coach from Inglewood, he called it the 'Red Rover'. He brought out 'The Weekly Budget', and then we knew of another world beside Egmont Village.

A new inspector was appointed, Mr William Murray, and he seemed to expect much more than Mr Crompton. New methods in education were introduced and we felt it was an awful business, at least I did, not being very fond of school at any time. Mr Grayling also decided at this time to retire and we all missed him and his family very much; he retired to New Plymouth.

Our next teacher was a Miss Wrigley and very strict. Attending school became harder still, impositions and the cane were used often and we all felt very sorry for ourselves. The old happy times were gone never to return. A system of cramming was introduced and we did as much homework in the evening as we did during the day at school, I had to milk several cows by hand twice a day as well. However there came a day when the teacher presented me with a certificate of having passed the 6th Standard and I left school and felt quite grown up. Still the years rolled on, time and tide wait for no man. My Grandchildren attend Egmont Village School now and like it very much."

**This article covers the years 1877-1887 and was written by Daisy Price before her death some years ago. The grandchildren mentioned are Philip, Jean and Kath Sinclair.**

**The dear soul would undoubtedly have been very proud if she had been spared long enough to see her great grandchildren Rodney, Kay and Neville Sinclair, complete their primary education at Egmont Village School. Great great grand children Rachelle and Lisa Sinclair make five generations of children attending Egmont Village School. Lisa was attending Egmont Village School at the time of the 125th Jubilee celebrations.**

**This article was supplied by the Sinclair Family.**

Richard Price was born in County Kildare in 1840. His wife, Mary (Kidd) met Richard at Akaroa, South Island, and after their marriage they heard the fertile soil in Taranaki was good for farming. Richard bought a block of land in between Kaipi Road and Egmont Road in 1874. He landed in New Plymouth by surfboat with a bull, dog and himself, then walked to his section of dense standing bush. Giant trees were felled to make space for a ponga whare. During this time he lived under the roots of a huge rimu tree. Richard survived by collecting fungus, carrying it to New Plymouth on his horse and bartering it for tea, sugar and flour with Chew Chong, who later became a famous Taranaki identity.

Mary left Oamaru for New Plymouth with their two year old daughter Elizabeth Jane (Daisy) by ship and then by horse to Egmont Village where the ponga whare under the great trees awaited them.

By 1877 Richard had built a small hut near a spring where water was handy. Their home was later extended to accommodate seven children: Daisy, Carrie, Frank, May, Elsie, David and Amy, who all went to Egmont Village School.

Herbert Sinclair was born on August 16th, 1870 in Fulham in the County of Middlesex. On 12th June 1898 Herbert Sinclair married Daisy Price. In 1902 Herbert bought a farm on Kaipi Road off Edward Sutton Regall and here they spent their farming life with their four children: Marion (Marnie), Archibold (Archie), Norah and Richard (Dick). Herbert built their home on the farm which was given the English name Hynford. It still stands today although some renovations have been made over the years. Their children were all educated at Egmont Village School. The Taranaki Hunt Club first started using Hynford and surrounding farms in the early 1920's. The Taranaki Hunt Club is still enjoying the use of this farm and the surrounding properties for their annual hunt.

On 4th August 1932 Dick Sinclair married Christina Ina Wilson and took over the farming of Hynford. Dick and Ina had three children: Phillip, Jean and Kathleen.

Happy days of farming continued with more Sinclairs attending the Egmont Village School. Egmont Village pet day is a very important date



Haymaking

on the school calendar. Winning the Mona Mona Cup for the best calf is always the most sought after prize. To win the Cup meant success for the farmer as well as for the pupil. Philip had to rely on his sisters to see the Sinclair name go on the cup. The best he could do was rear a calf with a first prize tail.

On December 13th 1949 Sid Holland became Prime Minister of New Zealand. The National Party had won the election and with the telephones on Kaipi Road and at Egmont Village Garage just connected, seven party line members had a free-for-all on the phones. The evening finished with a celebration at the Sinclairs.

The local tennis courts and bowling green were all used by this family, taking a very active part both as players and administrators. During the years that Philip was working away from the farm, Jean had the pleasure of giving Dick a hand on Hynford. On the marriage of Philip to Ngaire Kay on 25th October 1958, Dick and Ina retired to New Plymouth. Once again Hynford was in good hands.



c. 1930. In the early days euchre was a great pastime for the farmers in Egmont Village. The game was played in all sorts of places, especially by these four gentlemen (l to r): Cyril Hurlstone, Dick Sinclair, Ray Bishop, Fred Chard.

Article as recorded in the Egmont Village Newsflash dated July/August 1993.

Mr Frederick Earp was born in Worcestershire, England, in 1844 and his early occupation was a blacksmith in a smelting works. He subsequently went to British Kaffraria in South Africa, where he remained for five years before migrating to New Zealand and settling in Taranaki.

He took up land as a military settler and did blockhouse duty. It is of interest that the first school at Egmont Village was opened in 1877 in a blockhouse, as the threat of Maori had somewhat lessened at this time and the sanctuary of blockhouses was not in great demand.

In 1872 he took up his holding on the Lower Egmont Road, at this time covered in beautiful native bush. Mr Earp, together with a Mr Bosworth, were the first residents of Egmont Village. Later, Frederick Earp took charge of the first immigrants to the area and working for the Government, instructed them in bush work, etc. At this time he supervised the clearing of the site that was to become Inglewood. For many years he was spoken of as the Father of Inglewood. Subsequently, he was Works Overseer for the Government during the construction of cart tracks that later became roads.

Frederick Earp married Mary Anne Willing of the Egmont Village District and they raised four daughters. The third daughter, Ella, began school in the winter of 1898. The young four and a half year old was confronted with a long five km walk up Egmont Road - often muddy because it was not metalled.

The head teacher at that time was a Mrs Dewhirst and Ella, because of her age, was not recognised as a pupil. When the children lined up outside the school for roll call, she did not have her name called. When they marched in line into school, Ella had to wait until last. Although she had a slate pencil, the slate was not ruled and Mrs Dewhirst was not going to rule it until Ella was five. The day she was five she presented the slate to Mrs Dewhirst and after it was ruled was admitted to Miss M. Potts Infant Room, then with great delight began regular school work. (A slate was made from a thin fine grained sheet of natural grey rock and framed with wood). Ella learned at an early age that one did not 'spit' on the slate and rub unwanted writings off with her hands. She had to

use water from a bottle and rub with a cloth. Education at this time was similar to the system referred to as the three R's - Reading, Writing and Arithmetic. The times table was recited by the whole class and it became second nature to memorise the multiplication of 2x up to 12x. The alphabet was also recited daily. Ella remembers the boxes of silver and copper coloured imitation cardboard coins that were used to familiarise the pupils of their value.

An alternative to school work was the teaching of needlework and knitting. Ella did not remember what the boys did during this time but presumed they were employed in cleaning up around the school grounds or in the garden. Another teaching aid remembered was the 'copy book' where writing was displayed for pupils to imitate.

The cane was something to be feared and it was for this reason that Ella vividly remembers the good behaviour of the children. An amusing incident was recalled when Mrs Dewhirst called one Harry Bocock out for punishment, only to realise that her cane was missing. She became very angry, thinking that someone had removed it from her desk and it was some time before she realised that it was under her arm!

In 1908 Ella left Egmont Village School and attended New Plymouth Girls' High School for two years. In 1918 she married John Hinz and farmed next door to her old home. They had a family of four boys - Paul, John, Trevor and Clyde.

Frederick Earp's farm of 222 acres on the Egmont Road will be remembered by the naming of Earp's Hill, a hill that formed part of the property's Egmont Road frontage.

**This extract is from a letter written by Fred Earp to his sister Jane, in Kidderminster, England, dated 1st May 1898:**

... and to make matters worse we had a grand fire, the greatest fire ever seen in this country, doing great damage to farmers that settled on bushland. This last summer has been a very dry one, the driest I have seen since I have been in this country, though I have seen a longer time of dry weather in Africa.

In November last, the smouldering fires in the clearings began to travel across the country before a strong wind from the north, burning the



Price Family: Back: Bert Sinclair, David, May, Frank.  
Middle: Daisy, Richard, Grandma, Carrie.  
Front: Amy, Elsie.



Sinclair Family: Back: Archie, Marion, Richard.  
Front: Daisy, Norah, Bert.



Dick and Ina Sinclair, Philip, Jean, Kathleen.

Philip and Ngaire's three children were: Rodney, Neville and Kay. During Philip's time the farm was enlarged with the buying of Archie Sinclair and Roy Sole's farms. The Sinclairs took an active part on the school committee and other district events. Philip and Ngaire built a new house on the farm for their retirement. Neville married Angela Van Wynbergen on 20th April 1885 and they have two girls, Rachelle and Lisa. Half of Hynford and the Sole property has been taken over by Neville and Angela. Farming on the other half of the property is in the capable hands of Graham and Jo Laursen.

grassland and the fences. Luckily it came onto rain before the fires had travelled far. The fires, though stopped from travelling, were not put out, smouldering and ready to spread again by the first strong wind and on the 3rd March, a strong south easterly came. For several days before the air was full of smoke, like a fog, but on the Sunday the smoke got so dense that you could not see the sun. About 3pm I got one glimpse of the sun. I then saw heavy black clouds travelling at a great rate and knew for certain that the country to windward of our farm was burning, and it would soon be down on us sometime during the night.

I must begin to prepare to meet it; so I went for the cows so as to get the milking done early, but the smoke was so thick I could not see them. It was also very painful to the eyes. The cows had got frightened and run home. While we were milking, one of my neighbours came to see if he could see any flames to windward, for up to this time we had seen nothing but smoke. While he was speaking to me we saw a dull, red glow to windward, this was another neighbour's seven roomed house, haystack and dairy in flames.

As this time we did not know how far the fire was from us, shortly after we could hear the crackling of fire and my neighbour said, "My God, look, my land is all in flames." The fire was travelling towards us at great speed and at a height of fifty or sixty feet. Leaving the rest of the cows un milked, I said to my wife, "Come Mary, quick, we have no time to lose, the fire will be down on us directly." I had previously planned how to save our house and barn and Mary helped me nail sheets of 8' x 2' iron to the walls. A hill between us and the fire gave us about ten to fifteen minutes as we worked for life.

Then the fire arrived with the strong wind increasing, the flames had flattened out and covered about sixty feet. The smoke from the green trees was suffocating and very painful to the eyes. In the intense heat and smoke our task seemed hopeless as we only have five buckets of water and what milk we had in the dairy. Our well, like all wells in the district, was dry and we had to go 400 yards for water and because of the fire, could not go to the river. The hayricks and carthouse caught fire, then an old house, later the cowhouse and stockyard was in flames.

Mary and I worked all night to save our house, nearly blind, getting too tired to fight any more, we noticed that the worst of the fire had travelled past. Our baby was in bed sleeping and if the

house had caught we would have rushed into the house and carried her to a ploughed clearing. With the air full of smoke and falling sparks, I collapsed and Mary found me exhausted laying on the ground and not able to speak. Somehow she got me into the house as she was afraid I would be burned to death. It is of no use me trying to tell you of our feelings and the pain of this ever to be remembered night.

Mary could see a little the next day but it was thirty hours before I could open my eyes. When I could see, I found the fire had destroyed the orchard, roasted fruit was hanging on the trees. The destruction of the orchard was my greatest loss and I felt it the most, there being years of labour gone and it will take years to replace it. I also found all the fences down, wire destroyed by the heat, posts burned to the ground, all my crops destroyed. We are buying potatoes to eat, this being the only vegetable we have except some watercress that we got out of the small river. Our cattle were all over the country, some of them badly burned and so frightened we could not milk them and no place to drive them into.

The night of the fire, although we had saved the house by some miracle, was heart-rending. The bellowing of distressed cattle, some of them burned to death. Almost all our grass was destroyed so we had to sell a lot of our cattle and what we have in milk we have to buy food for. It will be several months yet before the fences will be made good again. I had sown 35 pounds worth of grass seed and nearly all of it got killed with the dry weather after coming up. Everyone is in the same fix, my next door neighbour sold 43 two year old cattle for the small sum of 28 pounds the lot. It will be twelve months now before the land will be in grass again and two years before it is like it was, as we cannot plough the land until the timber that fell during the fire is removed.

After the great bushfire, friends of ours picked up some of those trout, dead in the river (Mangaoraka) four pounds in weight, the fire had made the water so hot that it had killed eels and trout.

**On August 11th 1928, Frederick Earp died in Auckland. It is recorded that "he was a man outstanding among the pioneers of this district, regarded as one of the finest types of settlers who laid the foundations of Taranaki's farming industry. He was a tireless worker, a most trustworthy and honest man, whose passing is mourned."**

The monthly entertainment took place in the school on July 24th. The weather being fine, a large gathering was the result, in spite of the bad roads.

The following items were gone through without a hitch. Overture, Mr G. Marsh (violin) and Miss M. Olson (piano); song, Mr S. Hill; song, Mr Beadle; song, Mr J. Houlahan; song, Mr F. Martin; reading, Mr Hill; song, Mr Houlahan; violin solo, Mr Henry Olson; song, Mr Beadle; duet, Miss M. Olson (piano) and Mr G. Marsh (violin); reading, Mr S. Hill; song, Mr H. Taylor; song (Dutch), Mr Peters; song, Mr J. Houlahan; song, Mr A. Turner.

Mr G. Marsh and Mr Beadle rendered the accompaniments in their usual masterly style. Encores were frequent and were responded to by the vocalists. A dance followed the entertainment, which was well patronised, the music being supplied by Messrs G. Marsh, J. Taylor and Beadle.

The long talk of a hall is on the eve of becoming a fact. I hear that the committee intend to call for tenders in a day or two, voluntary labour being offered for fencing the site and for supplying piles for the building.

In another month the creamery will open again, but farmers will find it tough work getting along the roads with their milk carts, unless the weather improves greatly. The question of roads is an all absorbing subject just now. Most the districts are getting in for loan money under the Government

Loan to Local Bodies, which means, in most cases, heavy rates. If cattle and dairy produce should come down as low as it was two or three years ago, settlers will find that road making is quite equal to bushfelling and fencing as regards to layout, if not more expensive. Just fancy!

I saw today one of our Inglewood storekeepers coming to Egmont Village with pack-horses to deliver goods to his customers. He says that the Junction Road is so bad that wheel traffic is almost impossible.

Mr W. Wilson had one of his bullocks nearly drowned in one of the mud holes on the Junction Road between here and Inglewood. One of the settlers of the Moa Block, who lately came to grief on the Junction Road, is now liable for a heavy doctor's bill, besides loss of business. He is advised by a friend to sue the Taranaki County Council for damages, making the following reply. "What is the use of going for the Council, they are worse off than I am. I shall be able to get round again but they (the Council) never will."

Another case of a cow having three calves, belonging to L. Meier, Lepper Road and all are doing well.

I was told a man passed through our district the other day with a large assortment of revolvers, "second hand, but almost new" which meant he was offering at a very low price. He said that he got the lot cheap at New Plymouth as the citizens had no more use for them.



Egmont Village Hall - built in 1893.

## The Thomason Family

James Ingram Thomason attended Egmont Road School - renamed Hillsborough. Difficult times necessitated him leaving school in Std 2 to assist in earning money to buy food for his five sisters and two brothers. He later became a contractor with his heavy dray and 10 bullock team.

In 1911 he married Bertha Chard, whose family resided on Upland Road.

The farm in 1913 was a mass of partially burned logs and stumps covered by the dreaded 'blackberry', introduced to New Zealand by the English settlers for the purpose of shelter hedges and luscious fruit. They also brought the blackbird to spread the seed. In its new environment the blackberry grew 20 ft long dippers in a single year. At this time there was only enough grass for six milking cows and the removal of the blackberry became an urgent priority.

With the use of a two horse team, stumping jacks, plough and disc harrows, the land was cleared but blackberry persisted, growing on the grassland. In February each year, this had to be cut by scythe and horse mower. In inaccessible creek banks, pine trees were planted to smother this obnoxious weed.

Opposite Dixon's Store was the Egmont Village Butter Factory. Here, the surrounding farmers took their milk in 20 gallon cans, conveyed by horse-drawn carts. The milk was separated and the skim milk taken back to farms for pig food. Home separation caused the closure of the Egmont Village factory. Cows were milked by hand and a separator operated manually until 1927 when electric power came to the district.



Thomason Road and State Highway Junction.

What a revolution, electrically driven milking machines, separators, electric lights, stoves and the wonders of a wireless (radio). The home separated cream was collected at the gate and transported to the Mangorei Butter Factory. The Great Depression was now at its lowest ebb - butterfat payout reached an all-time low of 6d (5 cents). A baconer pig (180lbs) was worth only 2 pounds, 5 shillings (\$4.25).

In 1940 the farm was sold and Jim had a house built on the divided portion of the farm. He and Bertha lived here until his tragic death in 1944. Bertha was farewelled from Egmont Village and was paid the compliment "The Mother of Egmont Village had left." She lived another 40 years. At the 100th Jubilee celebrations of Egmont Village School, Bertha Thomason (nee Chard) was the eldest ex-pupil. The four Thomason children - Alfred, Mary, Frederick and Esma - had all attended Egmont Village School.

Frederick Cowan Thomason was the top road and track amateur cyclist in Taranaki. He joined the NZ Police Force and served in Wellington and the Fijian Police Force. He returned to Egmont Village, bought the family home and operated the Egmont Village school bus for 25 years. He lived with his wife, Margaret, at Egmont Village on part of the old farm. They had two children, Stuart and Heather.

Fred was a great historian, his articles are an integral part of this book. The Kent Road - Waiwakaiho realignment project facilitated the naming of a portion of the old state highway as Thomason Road. This was approved in October 2003, and is a fitting memorial to this amazing man.

## Mr Stan Longstaff - Egmont Village 1913

Interview with Mr Stan Longstaff from 1983, 'The Village Press' School Publication by students.

Mr Stan Longstaff came to Egmont Village in August, 1913. He was 8 years old at the time. At the end of World War 1 he was a volunteer messenger boy to tell the local people that peace had been declared.

Egmont Village was set up to serve the local farming community. The farmers carted their own milk to the Creamery. The factory had one manager and one assistant. Farmers were paid on the sample they took and paid out on the 20th of the month, the same as now. They were paid 7 pence per pound of butter fat. After the milk was separated, each farmer took skim milk home to feed the calves and pigs. The farmers brought the milk in from 7.30 to 9.00 am. The cans were mainly 20 gallons, and 2 - 7 cans were carted by each farmer. The largest suppliers were the Chards, Marshes and Mortons.

The Creamery was located opposite the present store, by the Araheke Stream. This stream had a tunnel dug from the Waiwakaiho River to increase its flow. This was on the Morton's property on Upper Egmont Road. The Creamery was the biggest branch of the Mangorei factory. This main factory had the cream carted by teams of horses from all its branches. Kaimiro and Albert Road carted their milk to the main road. As the Egmont Village Creamery Manager came past with his cream, he loaded this milk onto his cart which was pulled by a team of three heavy horses, on his way to the Mangorei Factory.

There were no sealed roads. In 1913 there was one car in Egmont Village owned by Mr Arthur Morton who lived in a house at Eureka Gardens. A BSA motorbike was owned by Jack Morton. The 1920s saw the change to motor vehicles. Until the 1920s most of the milking was done by hand. Three of the earliest machines were driven by water-wheels. Later machines used kerosine motors.

Other services the district provided were the Store, Butcher, Blacksmith and Saddlery. The Blacksmith's building used to be on the site where the store petrol bowsers now stand. The Blacksmith would come from Inglewood when needed. Horses were shod and carts fixed. The Saddler was on the opposite side of the road, a part division of the butcher's shop. Mr Burrows owned and operated the butcher's shop and the store. He also had a small dairy farm behind the store. The farm went from Egmont Road along Junction Road to the Waiwakaiho River and back up to Olson Street. The butcher's shop catered for the district meat supply with a delivery twice a week throughout the district, delivering just about as far as Kaimiro. The creamery was sited where the garage paint shop is. That building used to be the engineers shop which came after they pulled down the creamery. The creamery went out of use when motors started carting whole milk.

Electricity was supplied to the Village around 1924. Mr Longstaff can remember the gang of nine men and one horse that put up the line between New Plymouth and Inglewood. A tripod trestle was put under the pole then a higher tripod until the horse could be used to pull the pole straight.



Egmont Village Creamery. Ref Te Moa by R.W. Brown.

## The Bowens of Runnymede

Article by Fred Thomason 'Egmont Village Newsflash' April 1993.

John Henry Bowen was born at Egham, Surrey, England in 1878 and emigrated to New Zealand at an early age. He worked as a baker at Stratford and later as proprietor of a fish shop in Inglewood before realising his ambition as a dairy farmer. His dream was reality when he purchased the "Runnymede Farm" at Egmont Village in 1919. A wide picket gate on Junction Road, approximately 100m towards New Plymouth from the Albert Road junction was the entrance to the farm. Two wheel tracks across a green field led to an imposing two storey house that overlooked the beautiful farm of some 92 acres.

The name of "Jack" Bowen's property may be related to his old home near Runnymede Field where the historic Magna Carta was signed in 1215. The farm was bounded on the east by the Thomason farm, on the west by the Wasley property. The New Plymouth Borough Council bought this property and planted radiata pine at the time Lake Mangamahoe was formed. On the north boundary flowed the Waiwakaiho River, it's clear waters harbouring magnificent rainbow and brown trout.

The New Plymouth Borough Council, by arrangement with Jack Bowen, formed a road that serviced the tunnel that was being formed to carry the waters of the Waiwakaiho through to the Mangorei Power Station and onto the borough water supply. This road is still used to service the intake screens.

Jack Bowen was small of stature but together with his wife Alice Maud (nee Best) from Lyell on the West Coast in the South Island, displayed a remarkable strength, tenacity and courage in farming during the 1920s. Low butter fat payouts (although for a short period a boom was experienced) of 2/6 (12 cents) were paid. There was always the threat of blackberry, gorse and ragwort to combat and before the days of weed killers, was a never-ending job.

At the time Alice and Jack moved onto their farm they had seven children, later increasing to ten. Some of the children attended Egmont Village School, later working in the district and becoming very well known. The Bowen farm, finally cleared, became the home of the beautiful and well performing Runnymede Pedigree Jersey Stud.

Horses were an integral part of farming and were used with the family gig for outings, for hay mowers, hay rakes, harrows and carts.

An amusing story was related to me by the late Tilly Dodunski. Her husband Andrew, owned the Mona Mona Pedigree Jersey stud and was conveying his milk to the Egmont Village Creamery when he noticed Jack Bowen approaching with his cart-load of milk from the opposite direction. As there was often a queue of milk-laden carts awaiting their turn to unload, Andrew decided to beat Jack by cutting across in front of him. Unfortunately Andrew's cart capsized and milk from the 20 gallon cans spilled on the roadway. As Andrew did not suffer an injury, I could imagine a fleeting smile on Jack's face as he pulled into the factory.

An interesting exploration was carried out on the Bowen's river boundary. Test bores were made with the intention of building a high dam that would retain billions of litres of water from the often flooded Waiwakaiho. The profit from this venture, if carried out, would have been astronomical and kept the Mangorei Power Station, already established, generating full time. The dam venture did not proceed because the bores did not establish a satisfactory result. At this time the Mangamahoe Dam was constructed and one wonders how the foundations could be so different from the suggested Waiwakaiho Dam.

The Bowen family grew up in an environment of a natural paradise, shared by their near neighbours, the Thomasons. The stoney creek separating the two farms was live with eels, fresh water kura (crawlers) and cocka bullies, a beautiful multi-coloured small fish. In those far off days when we had long, hot summer days, the river with its life-giving crystal clear water, its emerald green moss and myriads of aquatic life was also used for swimming. The Bowen's Pool at the end of the Intake Road was always well patronised. A large orchard below the big house, with its excellent crop of apples, pears and plums was always a most popular place to visit.

The Bowen family worked as a happy family unit, some of the older members worked on the farm until their late teens before moving away.

A pine forest now covers the old Runnymede Farm, a gap in the hedge where the picket gate once stood is a lonely reminder of those happy days.

## The O'Byrne Family

The O'Byrne family originated in a small town called La Trove, Tasmania. It was here that Richard O'Byrne was born in 1863. Little is known about his life in Tasmania except he was a professional boxer before immigrating to the South Island of New Zealand. This is where he met his wife Mary-Ann O'Rourke from Gore.

The O'Byrnes came to Oakura where Richard opened a boxing gymnasium. They moved to the Inglewood district where Richard was involved in bridge building. From Inglewood they moved to a 200 acre dairy sheep farm on the Kaipoi Road, where they worked under terrific hardship, hand pumping water, hand washing clothes, not even knowing about electric power.

It was on the farm that Mary-Ann raised seven sons and five daughters, who all attended Egmont Village school with an excellent conduct record.

The sons went on to have an unparalleled sporting history mainly on the Rugby fields of New Zealand.

Trevor O'Byrne whose father was Ernie O'Byrne recalls his Dad taking the family to school by horse. He would drop the milk cans off at the factory. He remembers getting a message from Mr Lovell, who owned the Egmont Village Store, to go tell his Dad that he had twin daughters. They didn't have a telephone at home. An Egmont Village pupil Ian Barnes remembers the O'Byrnes pet pig - it went everywhere with the children.

At the time of the 81st Jubilee the O'Byrne family was the largest family that had attended Egmont Village School. They made a great contribution to the district.



Taken c. 1920s. Back (l to r): Ada, Muriel, Steve, John, Walter, Evelyn, Ernie. Front (l to r): Lily, Richard (Father), Ron, Bert, Mary-Ann (Mother), Eileen, Alf.

**Article by Jean Jones (b) 24-7-1913 (daughter of Mabel Olson and Robert Morton).**

When I was quite young I remember standing with my sister Mary in the drawing room at Egmont Village at what is now Eureka Gardens and seeing what we thought were huge birds flying over the northern side of 'Woodlands' farm. They were sheets of iron from the roof of Nan's home on Egmont Road during a cyclone. At that time Nan lived in a house just south of the school house and had a housekeeper Mrs Fitzgerald who made luscious bread. She always put it out on a stool in the sun to rise and one day the pet lamb got loose and had a fine time devouring the rising dough. Unfortunately I can't remember whether he rose or slept off the affects of his greed.

One of my earliest memories goes back to the influenza epidemic of 1918 when our home was the depot for medicine for what I think must have been all of Egmont Village. I can still see the chiffonier in the dining room with the rows and rows of bottles of medicine. Maybe this was because our phone was the only one in the village besides the one at the Post Office which was located in a small corner of the store kept by Mr Burrows. Before that I think it was owned by Uncle

**Article by Maurice Henderson (b) 1927. Son of Emily Marsh (Mother Ada Olson) and Henry Henderson.**

In discussion with my mother (Emily) Mary Henderson (nee Marsh) about the early 1900s, her memories as a small child, among other things, were the constant fears of bush fires and the pall of smoke filled skies, fields with burnt trees and stumps.

Her father farmed on Egmont Road and milked shorthorn cows. Her mother Ada Marsh (nee Olson) and her older sister May, did a considerable amount of milking, all by hand. May had 10 cows to milk before and after school. In later years my mother was expected to milk also and she remembered the times dawdling home from school, so as to do as little milking as possible, while her brother Gordon shook his fist at her for not hurrying to help him milk. My mother thought that being the youngest in the family she was spoilt particularly by her father.

George Foster who was married to Mum's younger sister Clara.

Being so much younger than the rest of the family I can clearly remember saying, "Mum, what can I do?" However quite often on Saturdays I set sail with the dolls pram and played with Gwen Olson. The excitement of having a ride on Bob the horse was great. One of the thrills at the time was go to Inglewood in Uncle Willie's gig. When I was quite small I remember the crowds we had on Sunday afternoons as Dad had invited his eight bowlers all through the summer and there were always plenty of tennis players alongside. Twenty-plus people for tea were common place and I can still hear Uncle Willie saying "no-one makes scones like Mabel does." My mum of course.

As I reached the tennis playing age I enjoyed the Sundays but Marjory, Mary and I did not enjoy the Saturdays when we had to mow, roll and mark the court. We would have been pleased to see some of the young men on Saturdays as well as Sundays, but of course they were all working on farms and there was no such thing as a 40 hour week then. One bonus was that they all went home to milk but came back in the evenings and what a wonderful sing-song we had around the piano - we all loved it.

She was mildly critical of her father and his great love of music, which took him away from home leaving the work to her mother. I think my mother must have had music lessons in Inglewood because she was a very proficient piano player. She played for the silent movies in Inglewood and at the dances and indeed in later years for many functions.

She spoke many times of the hard work the women of those days had preparing hot dinners for haymakers and guests, at any time, with very primitive facilities.

Mum spoke often of early travel. The visit to a wedding in Auckland by coastal boat. The early travel to Inglewood to picnics and dances by gig. She remembered the awful old cars that Dad and she had owned, in particular the Chev that had developed shimmys in Devon Street, New Plymouth one day. I gather it was fairly violent and the only way to stop it was to put the front wheels against the kerb in the gutter.

**Article by Fred Thomason 'Egmont Village Newsflash' August 1995.**

On March 25th 1995, The Daily News recorded the death of Joseph Sydney Bridger, known as Syd throughout his life. This was due to a dislike for the name Joseph which he inherited from his grandfather, Joseph Swan.

Joseph Swan was a soldier, fighter and pioneer colonist. In 1861, after 22 years and 9 months of soldiering, he was allowed to resign on a reduced pension.

Surviving a ship wreck on the Boulder Bank, Nelson where he spend two days and two nights without water before being rescued by a police boat, he took up his soldiers grant, in 1872, living on the Upper Egmont Road. He finally settled on a farm 200m down from the Village where he lived the rest of his life, a sturdy and respected farmer.

This land was later farmed by his daughter, Elizabeth Jane and her husband Frederick William Reginald Bridger, an English immigrant. Joseph

Sydney Bridger was their son. He resided in Egmont Village on the family farm until the beginning of the Second World War.

Fred Thomason tells of their special friendship. Fishing for trout from the Mangaoraka Stream, climbing Mt Egmont and tramping the Egmont National Park. They were both members of the Egmont Village Senior County Cricket Team. In 1935 they both worked on the new Waiwakaiho River bridge. Below is a quote from Syd's friend, John Waite's eulogy, given at Syd's funeral at the Mangamahoe Chapel.

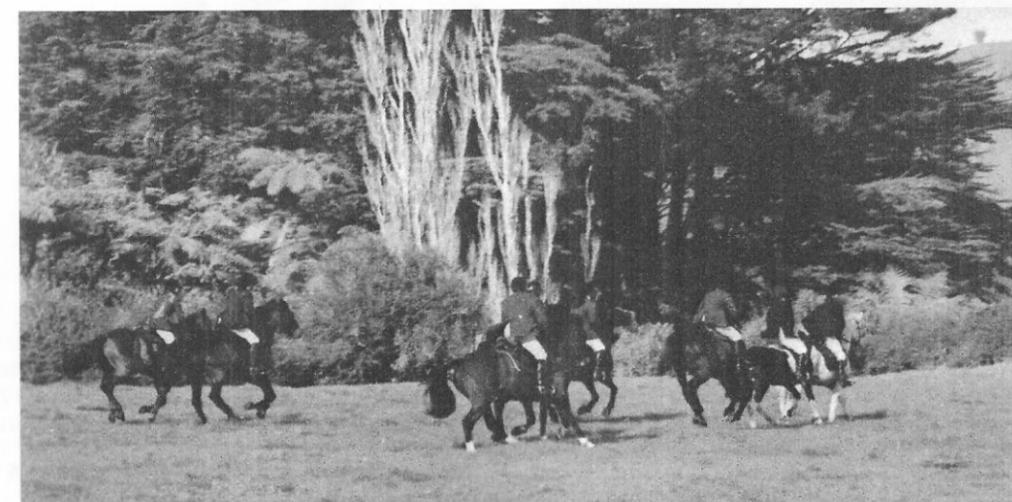
"Syd and Emily were married in 1947 and raised four sons - Murray, Keith, Robin and Graeme, while living at Norfolk Road. He continued to work at the Makatawa Factory and around the district until 1952 when he joined the Inglewood County Council as a bridge building foreman. Syd will always be remembered in the back country of Tarata and surrounding districts where evidence of his work is everywhere, from tunnels, culverts and bridges, not built by modern methods but by pick, shovel and crowbar."

## The Adamson Family

John and Susanna moved to Egmont Village in 1927 where they had four children - Esther, Ian, Loma, Alethia. Ian took over the family farm and he milked a Pedigree Jersey herd. He married Phyliss and they had six children - Errol, Delwyn, Julie, Leonard, Daryl and Kathryn. Errol left school at sixteen years of age to work on the family farm. He married Viv and they had five children - Kevin, Stephen, Craig, Richard and Jenny. All three generations attended Egmont Village School.

In 1976 Errol bought the adjoining farm and then purchased another two blocks on Egmont Road. He runs this farming operation today with help from his son Craig. Part of this land has been subdivided to son Kevin and his family, and they have built a new home on it.

In 1945 the Taranaki Hunt Club came across Adamson land for their Annual Hunt of the Monday of Queens Birthday weekend. Today, Egmont Village farms are still used for the Annual Hunt.



**As recorded in conversation with Ian who now resides in New Plymouth. Ian attended the 125th Jubilee Celebrations.**

Ian Barnes family came to New Plymouth on one of the first ships called the Essex. In 1932 George Barnes (Ian's father), brought Ian and his mother to Egmont Village. He taught as head teacher for five years. They lived in the School house, which is now used as the Egmont Village Community Centre. Ian has fond memories of his time in Egmont Village. There were no swimming baths, the children went to a swimming hole on the Mangoraka Stream.

Children walked barefoot or rode bikes to school. The bridge by Eureka Gardens (on the Mangaoraka Stream) was one way. One morning when walking to school, children found a car in the river. The car had flipped during the night, killing the occupants who were all members of a band.

The Drydens brought their cows down Egmont Road to their cowshed which was situated where Kauri Cottage is now, to be milked. A favourite pastime for Ian and his friends was looking for bird nests in the Boxthorn hedges of Dryden's property. They even tried cooking the eggs to see what they would taste like. Murphy's had their homestead next to the school. Ian remembers their pigs wandering through the school grounds and across Junction Road. In his memories, there were no accidents because of their wanderings.

Ian played in the school rugby team against schools - Kaimiro, Dudley, Waitoriki and Norfolk. Ian scored the only try of the game when Egmont Village won the trophy pictured below.



Back (l to r): Cedric Marsh, John Murphy, Nelson Upson, Stan Lister, Jim Beard, Trevor Hinz. Front (to r): Ian Barnes (scored only and winning try from scrum), Ian Adamson, Colin Dodunski, Alan Meuli, Val Dodunski.

During the 125th Jubilee Celebrations, Ian told an interesting story about school life at Egmont Village. Mr George Barnes put an abrupt end to some boy's laughter. They thought putting the girl's basketball down the long drop toilet was a great joke, until they were told to retrieve it. Yuk!!!

Woodwork classes were held in Inglewood. Ian remembers the great penny pies they got as a treat from Nelson's bakery. They would bring them home with them on the bus. (1 penny = less than half a cent!).

Ian mentions how a toll gate was on the North Egmont Park entry. He and another village resident, Allen Smith, recalled that once in the 1930s snow fell as low as the village. This heavy fall caused the roof of the Kaimiro Hall to collapse.

At Egmont Village school there were three holes where the children played marbles. The best marbles were from the soft drink bottles. Children made their own fish hooks out of wire. Cricket and hockey bats were made out of the branches, whittled away with a boy's best friend - his pen knife. Balls were hand made. Aeroplanes were powered by rubber bands.

Across from the school master's house that Ian and his family lived in, was an area that was used by the headmaster/mistress for gardening, grazing etc. Ian's father wasn't interested in the land so Ian set himself up with an agricultural enterprise - growing carrots to supply local farmers. This land was later sold by the Educational Board.



Egmont Village School was also the winners of the Agricultural shield for the whole of New Zealand. This was judged at the school. Ian is pictured holding the Shield.

Written by Don who now resides in New Plymouth.



The Morton Family, 1910 from left Mable (nee Olson), Arthur (jnr), Jack, Marjory (sitting), Mary, Arthur.

I was educated at Egmont Village Primary School, in my time a two-teacher school of about 50 pupils. The "Little Room", Primer 1 to Standard 2, and the "Big Room", Standard 3-6. Two teachers I remember were Miss Olson who taught me in the little room and then Mrs Balsom in the big room. In the little room as it was called, we did not have exercise books; instead we all had allotted blackboard space and a slate to learn to write on. Every morning we lined up outside weather permitting, the flag was raised, the National Anthem sung, and our shoes and hands were inspected. Mrs Balsom lived up Mangorei Road and used to drive to School in a little Ford Ten. Miss Olson (Molly) lived with her father up Egmont Road on the right above Olson Street, where Heardons later lived. We were all confused after one holiday because we had to call her Mrs Wilson instead of Miss Olson, she had married!!!

The boys played soccer and the girls basketball in the winter and tennis, cricket and rounders in the summer. As there was no swimming pool at the school we used to swim in the Mangaoraka Stream at the back of Meuli's farm (Olsons old farm). Later we were taken up to the Kaimiro school baths on the back of Roy Hurlstone's truck. (Roy Hurlstone was the local carrier, and the school committee paid the transport costs).

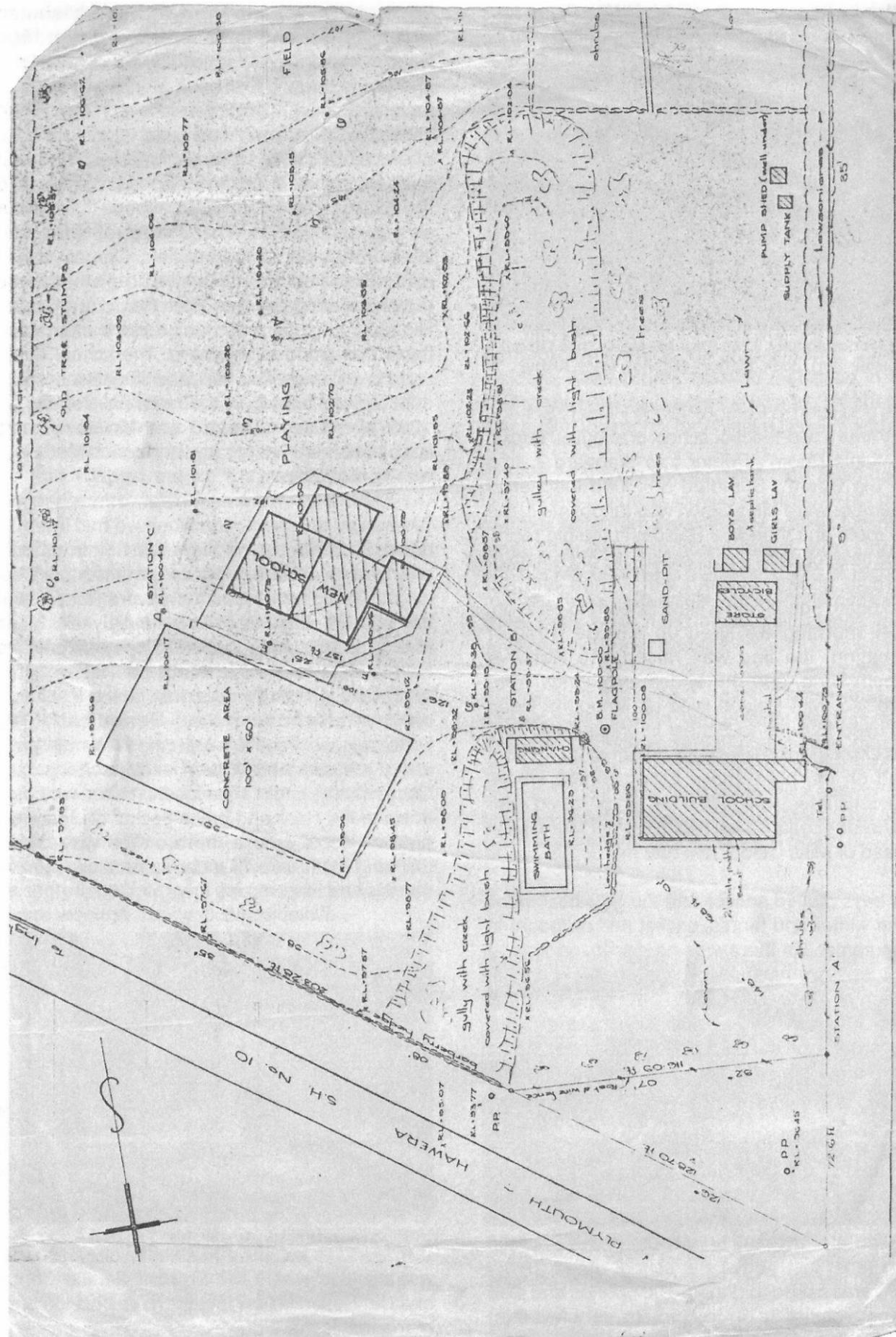
The first swimming pool was built about 1943, in the head of the gully, just to the east of the old school. It seemed a good idea at the time but the ground was uneven and the baths settled and cracked and eventually new baths were built in the 1960s, just above the school gates. Every family was asked to donate 100 pounds and also to work voluntarily on the project, very few men declined to work on it when asked to.

We were all encouraged to have a school vegetable plot and to have school calves. Mrs Balsom had one problem - if she got angry at you she would throw a text book at you. We used to have bottles of milk delivered every day to the school, in the summer they used to go sour quite often before they were brought inside. Yuk! And then we also had cases of apples delivered to the school; "an apple a day keeps the doctor away," was the story. There were some big pine trees along side the football field. One day it was either Cedric or Lesley Marsh who climbed to the top of one. Another time Stan Beard and Trevor Hinz had a fist fight up behind the shelter shed, there was blood everywhere. The school nurse used to call every so often, and she always spent a lot of time looking at the head hair for nits. In 1943 Mrs Balsom retired and Mr Heyes was appointed headmaster, a very staunch Methodist with very set ideas.

We walked to school, and when we had learnt to ride a bicycle, we were allowed to ride to school - only on a very wet day did we get taken to school by car. Up Egmont Road there were Russell and Lorna Meuli, my sister Barbara and myself, Janet, Marian and Peter Morton, and Shirley, Valerie and Bill Marsh. One of my favourite past times on the way home was throwing stones at the insulators on the telephone poles. Periodically Ted Ladbrook, the Post & Telephone fault man gave us a lecture about our expensive game. Occasionally, one of the oldest children would go down to the store and buy a packet of cigarettes and we would smoke them on the way home, throwing them away if a car came along. I have not smoked since those days.



Don Morton's family homestead (pictured above) was situated where the Egmont Canine Centre and Cat Resort is now located. Don built the brick home that is there now.



By Alan Messenger, Chairperson of our School Committee - Egmont Village Times School Publication 1984.

When I started school in 1942, World War 2 still had a big bearing on our lives, even at school. The committee of the day had dug trenches under the oak trees by the drill ground. We were formed into groups, led by a senior pupil and practiced leaving the classrooms and hopping into the trenches. Those of us that lived some distance from school had to have some way of getting home cross country and keeping off the road should the enemy arrive. Thankfully they never did!

Our school had two teachers, Mrs Balsom - Principal - taught the Standards and Mrs Molly Wilson the Primers. My brothers, sister and I walked two miles to school at first. Later on we rode bikes and I rode a pony called Jack. Others that rode to school were Geoff White, the Eichsteadts, the Northcots (Helliers) and the O'Byrne family - Trevor, Kevin and the identical twins Marie and June (Majors), came in a horse and trap. The horses spent the day in the horse paddock where the Millennium Garden is now.

The baths were built while I was at school. Before that children had to walk to the Mangaoraka stream in Mr Meuli's farm which is now subdivided into many small blocks. Sometimes they were taken up to the Kaimiro baths on the back of the Dodunski's truck. We had a very strong tennis club in the district in those days and the two courts were in excellent order and well used by the children during the week. There was a very thick hedge between the courts and the school and I remember failing to hear the bell one morning and arriving down at the school at twenty past nine. There was also a well kept bowling green but both these facilities fell into disrepair over the years.

The small staffroom was added onto the school while I was in Std 6 (Year 8). It was built by a Mr Priest and he asked if I would help him one Saturday morning. My job was to punch in all the nails around the outside of the building and putty

up the holes. For this I was paid 2/6 (12.5c) an hour. This was quite good pay as when I left high school I started working for 1/6 (7.5c) an hour.

Marbles was often played and the bare ground by the hedge, on the drill ground, was covered in holes. Some of the big boys played for keeps (if they won they kept the other fellow's marbles) so some of the better players could be seen walking around with pockets bulging. There were no trailers and very few trucks; most of the calves on calf day were led to school. I remember having a calf my first year. My sister Margaret and I leading them over to the school and after judging leading them home again. Imagine leading a calf along the main road today!

The English trees in front of the school marked on the plan were pushed out and cut up and burnt. Mr Longstaff, his bulldozer and working bees did that. (Refer to the plan on the previous page).

The pine tree stumps marked were in fact very large trees, felled during my time at school. All this was done by hand with crosscut saws, cutting the logs into 4ft lengths, and then splitting up with mallet, wedges and log splitting guns. The wood was then stacked to dry in cord lots, (a cord being 4ft high, 4ft wide by 8ft long). It was sold later or used on the school fires.

The Kauri tree above the adventure playground was about 6ft high when I was at school. Other things that are the same would be the sandpit, the oak trees, the old school house, (now the Community Centre), and the daffodils.

Of the families that went to school with my brothers, sister and I, the following still have children there. Adamsons, Bakers, Beards, Bishops, Dodunskis, Hurlstones and Sinclairs.

Free milk was delivered to the school each day. At playtime all children who wanted some took a bottle, some had two. Cases of apples were delivered from time to time and these were handed out, one per child.

# Egmont Village School



1904

On March 5th 1877 an application was received by the Education Board from a number of residents in Egmont Village and its vicinity for the establishment of a school in their district. They pointed out the Egmont Blockhouse was available for school purposes and that Mr Cattley, a qualified teacher, was willing to undertake the duties of teacher providing the Board granted a subsidy.

A blockhouse was built in Egmont Village in 1868 when there was still fear of further trouble with the Maori, though in actual fact, all open warfare in the area was well over by this time. On September 3rd 1877, the Education Board agreed to set up a school in the blockhouse. Mr R. J. Cattley was appointed teacher with a subsidy of 50 pounds per annum. During this period of time more settlers lived outside the New Plymouth township than within, and Taranaki was one of the most densely settled areas in New Zealand.

Mr Cattley did not stay long. Mr William Collis was appointed on October 1st 1877. On June 10th 1878, Mr J. Hill was appointed subsidised teacher. At this time parents had to contribute something towards education; 26 shillings per annum (\$1.30), paid quarterly.

November 17th 1879, a resolution was carried to the effect that "a school house for the accommodation of 40 children be erected at Egmont Village, that it be provided with necessary furniture and that the present school house be converted to a teacher's residence."

In 1880 the number of children attending school in Taranaki increased to 1,159. Schools were the sole responsibility of parents. 44 teachers were teaching in a total of 31 schools. Absenteeism was a major problem at Egmont Village School, as it was country-wide. This was in part caused by the need for children to work at home. Weather combined with sheer distance and lack of transport playing another major part. Strict discipline and corporal punishment practised in the classrooms may also have been contributing factors!

**Interesting Prices** - The cost for the new school and for converting the blockhouse into a residence

is recorded as 358 pounds. 20 dual desks, 14 pounds. 14/6 a chain for fencing school site (later an extra shilling a chain was paid for heart of Matai posts to replace red pine).

The blockhouse was demolished. Further additions were made to the school in 1919. While these were being done the children were taught in the hall, the rent being 2 pounds a week.

Come the turn of the century, the 1900s saw the majority of children receiving free schooling. In 1914 the role of the Education Board changed with it becoming the local agent to implement departmental policy. The School Committee now had less responsibility and was asked only to maintain buildings and playgrounds.

A fire which appeared to have occurred during the 1908 Christmas vacation destroyed records from 1877-1909. This meant the records of pupils who attended the school on the first day in the Blockhouse were destroyed. Some of the biggest school rolls were in the early days, eg. in 1918, there were 69 children. It was necessary to place three children to a seat. In 1937 the roll stood at 67. In 1958 the roll was 71.

The Taranaki Education Board achieved much over the years until 1930 when it was recognised as one of the better-served districts, whereas in earlier days it had been educationally, very much below par when compared to other areas.

In 1936 a well was dug (sited where present day swimming baths are). A pump and tank were installed to supply the school with drinking water and water for the septic tank system. Ian Barnes, pupil at this time remembers this well - Mr Bridger blew a hole in the ground; he went down by ladder to set another charge. He miscalculated! The bottom blew off the ladder but he escaped without damage.

In February 1944 an appeal for the replacement of the old school was referred to an architect. In 1958, 14 years later, the new school was almost completed. This was when the 81st Jubilee was celebrated.

By Fred Thomason 'Egmont Village Newflash' June 1977.

When I started school at Egmont Village in 1923 we were fortunate in having two fine, highly qualified Teachers in Mr Fred Butler and Miss Florence Roberts. When Mr Butler moved to Te Tiko in 1929, we felt we had lost a friend who would be irreplaceable and we waited with some misgivings for the arrival of our new Head Teacher, who was Mr Harper.

Mr Harper and his ex-teacher wife Maude eventually arrived with their family of two young ladies, Ruth and Thora, two boys Innes (Jim) and Frank and young Nancy. Nancy and Frank became pupils of the school and "Jim", previously a pupil of Wanganui Collegiate attended the New Plymouth Boys School. Ruth and Thora, attractive and single were sought after by the young village men and Thora subsequently married Dick Baxter, who later became General Manager of MacEwans Machinery, New Plymouth.

Our first impression of Mr Harper was very good. He was impeccably dressed, tall and had the appearance of a successful Head Teacher. He had transferred from the Hawkes Bay and we did not realize at this meeting the terrific impact this man would have on our school. I was in Form 1 and had always responded well to leadership and it was soon realized by the Pupils of the "big room" that we not only had a very good Head Teacher, but a man with a mission and so it proved to be. In 1930, under the guidance of this quiet, totally dedicated man, our school reached heights unparalleled in its history. We had massive vegetable plots at school, kept meticulously weed free by enthusiastic children. Home garden plots were also encouraged, to be later judged, my plot of mangolds (vegetable) related to 80 tons per acre. Possibly an added incentive for growing vegetables at this time was lack of food and the total lack of money during these bleak days of the Depression.

During the late 1920s and early 1930s, the village had a strong seven-a-side rugby team and played in the Schnieder Shield Rugby Competition against surrounding districts. The Village team in colours of black and white were a formidable combination, made strong by four O'Byrne brothers. The Schneider Shield games were played on a Sunday. The ground was the Thomason's front paddock, later segregated by

the 1935 main highway deviation. I became the local grounds man, the grass mowers were our herd of Jersey Cows.

The North Taranaki Girls and Boys Club was very active at this time and inter-school competition in calf rearing and crop growing was very keen under the enthusiastic leadership of our very fine Headmaster. Egmont Village ran the other schools "ragged" winning numerous trophies and certificates, among them the prized Trimble Shield for the North Taranaki Schools. The winning of this shield led to further recognition of the high profile of the school culminating in the award of the most sought after trophy of all, the Henry Lane Shield. (A National award for both overall enthusiasm and academic achievement in any school throughout New Zealand).

Mr Harper transferred to Kiore in 1932 when Mr G. Barnes took over as Headmaster. He retired to Oakura at 83 years of age, this inspirational "friend of the people" died at New Plymouth's Barrett Hospital.

**BOYS AND GIRLS CLUBS EGMONT VILLAGE SCHOOL COMPETITIONS AND TROPHIES WON 1930**  
**HENRY LANE SHIELD** for the whole of New Zealand.  
**MARGARET CUP** for championship calf (won by Connie Stapleton).  
**MONA MONA CUP** for best calf, dairy type (won by Fred Thomason).  
**TRIMBLE SHIELD** for North Taranaki.  
**WASHER CUP** for champion Freisian calf (won by Jean Tebbutt).  
**TRIMBLE CUP** for swedes (won by Connie Stapleton).



Back (l to r): Edgar Salisbury, Alf O'Byrne, Alf Dryden.  
 3rd (l to r): Mr Harper, Jean Tebbutt, Margaret Bridger, Fred Thomason, Violet Dryden, Lily Riley, Mr W. Olson.  
 2nd (l to r): Dulcie Guilford, Esma Thomason, Ivy Gyde, Connie Stapleton.  
 Front (l to r): Betty Olson, Frank Harper, Betty Bridger (holding the Henry Lane Shield), Ian Morton, Lily O'Byrne.

An estimated 600 people were present on Saturday May 17th for the roll call. At 7.00pm, 324 ex pupils, wives and husbands attended the Jubilee Banquet at Mangorei Memorial Hall. Two of the eldest ex pupils, who had been taught in the blockhouse, combined to cut the Jubilee Cake.

Sunday May 18th, 200 people attended an impressive combined church service held in the Egmont Village Hall.

Monday May 19th a sports day allowed present and immediate past pupils to have fun, this was held in the school grounds. The climax was Monday evening when an estimated 320 people attended the Jubilee Ball at Mangorei Memorial Hall. The evening concluded at 2.00am with the singing of Auld Lang Syne.



Back (l to r): Roy Milham, Milton Bishop, Paul Hinz, Harold Olson, Fred Thomason, Ian Adamson, Jack Jones, Philip Sinclair, Dick Sinclair, Roy Sole.

Front (l to r): Mavis Milham, Jean Hinz, Jean Olson, Phyllis Adamson, Jean Jones, Ina Sinclair, Janice Sole.

From the 81st Jubilee Publication thought to have been written by Rita Atkinson.

Several old pupils have given me their impressions of the school as it was in their time. In the early days bracken fern and scrub pressed close to the school and there was no real playground. The children played hide and seek in and around this. I heard one tale to the affect that on one occasion at least, the big boys went into the scrub to a point about where the school house is now and one of their number taught them to smoke.

One pupil related how she had come along a bush track to cross the Mangoraka stream on a rata log to get to school. Later a fire almost destroyed the log after which a flood washed it away, so she had to go to Inglewood School from then on.

"We came to school along bush tracks that seldom dried out. I had between three and four miles to come," said another ex-pupil. "We used to walk or, in a few instances, ride horseback. I remember my family coming to Egmont Village. My father drove us in a bullock dray."

The same man told us about an early paper chase. The teacher gave the "hares" some old exercise books and sent them off, as he thought, to fill in the lunch hour harmlessly. Away went the "hares", laying paper trails, a little later followed by the "hounds". School was soon forgotten. They trotted along the bush tracks, crossed the Waiwakaiho and finally came out somewhere about where the Mangorei School now stands. The teacher did not get his pupils back to school until almost 5.00pm.

At about the same period it was usual for the teacher to send out a child to fetch a cane from the bush. To make sure it was a good one the teacher first tried it out on the one who cut it. One child decided it was hardly fair so he nicked the supplejack at each notch so it would break when used. It didn't save him, he was promptly sent back to get another.

One of the early teachers, so I was told, had a habit of questioning the pupils outside the school as well as in to make sure they remembered what

they had been taught. "We used to dodge into the bush if we saw him coming", said my informant with a grin.

Another ex pupil told me where the hall now stands was once a "convincing ground." When I appeared puzzled he went on to explain that any quarrels that sprang up between the boys at school were settled down the road. "The winner convinced the loser that he was right," he explained.

He also remembered a man bringing a dancing bear to the corner by the school. The school children paid a penny to see it.

At one time there was a sports ground where the school house now stands. There was a circular course where bicycle races, athletic sports, horse races and foot races were held. "The whole district turned out. Bookies were in attendance and there was a band playing. It was a big day," I was told. "Children's sports were held on the school property across the Egmont Road."

Walking long distances meant nothing to early pupils or, if it comes to that, to their teachers. I have been told that Mr Grayling used to walk from Egmont Village to New Plymouth for a game of chess.

Mrs Gow (who taught at the Village when she was Miss McDonald) also told me something of her experiences. She was 16 when she came to the village and often used to get very homesick. She would have liked to bring her pony so she could ride backwards and forwards but she could not get grazing for it. Nevertheless, every Friday she walked seven miles home and, on Sunday, seven miles back. "The roads were rough and muddy and not at all like they are now, but I wouldn't have missed my weekend at home for anything so off I went rain, hail or shine," she said.

During Mr Grayling's time those older people who had not had the opportunity of going to school were able to attend night school if they so wished. This was arranged between the adults and the teacher, from what I can discover, and those attending would pay their own fees.

### Oldest living pupil at 81st Jubilee Celebrations. Article from the Taranaki Herald 17 May 1958.

Mr Swan flew down from Waiheke Island to attend the schools three-day Jubilee Celebrations.

His father was a roadman at Egmont Village, then called "The Ten Acres" because of the ten acres set aside for a blockhouse in the Maori War Days. The countryside had some big holdings but there were only small clearings for pastures.

His father bought part of the O'Reilly estate, near the village and took up farming. Soon after, the Maori became troublesome and many people left

the village to live in more closely settled places like New Plymouth and Inglewood.

Mr Swan recalled "my father refused to leave. He didn't have a rifle but he had a slasher, and he used to say that if the Maori's came too close he would fix them with the slasher."

The old school where Mr Swan senior studied the three R's under the first teacher Mr Cattley is nearing the end of its historic life. His son Mr Swan wandered around the old school for the first time since he was a pupil there in the 1920s "Its changed a bit, but I can still remember most of it," he said.



1931-1940 81st Jubilee

Back (l to r): Don Taylor, Cedric Marsh, Jack Murphy, Alfred Tippett, Clyde Hinz, Ian Adamson, Milton Bishop.  
3rd row (l to r): Ivan Walsh, Lesley Marsh, Ian Barnes, David Marsh, Don Morton, Val Dodunski, Des Dodunski, Philip Sinclair, Barry Hurlstone.

2nd row (l to r): Margaret Messenger, Thelma Hatcher, Mavis Dryden, Gladys Guilford, Shirley Marsh, Barbara Morton, Valerie Marsh, \_\_\_\_\_, Nita Robinson, Lorna Benny, Cathy Nickson, Noreen Nickson, Shirley Roberts.

Front (l to r): Janet Morton, Doreen Longstaff, Elaine Hurlstone, Patsy Shallard, Kathleen Longstaff, Maxine Gush, Marion Morton, Maisie Oakley.

In perfect weather, Thursday 7th April, the teachers and pupils arrived at the school in period costume. In the afternoon, residents of the district paraded from the hall to the school in costumes depicting 100 years of progress. Included in the parade were horse riders, ladies riding side saddle, pack horses and a vintage truck, bus and fire engine.

The school committee with the help from the Centennial Committee had earlier planted the Centennial garden in the north-west corner of the school grounds, commemorating 100 years of education in the district.

After the parade, the Centennial Chairperson Ian Adamson unveiled a suitably inscribed plaque on a large boulder in this garden. (This is still in its original place). Afternoon tea and special treats for the children concluded an afternoon that was a fitting prelude to the celebrations due to commence on the weekend.

On Saturday 9th April, time was spent meeting old friends, inspecting the display of work by present day pupils, viewing old photos and museum articles, followed by afternoon tea. Saturday evening's social at the Inglewood Rugby Gymnasium was attended by 350 people. Dancing was the main feature with other entertainment by the Savage Club.

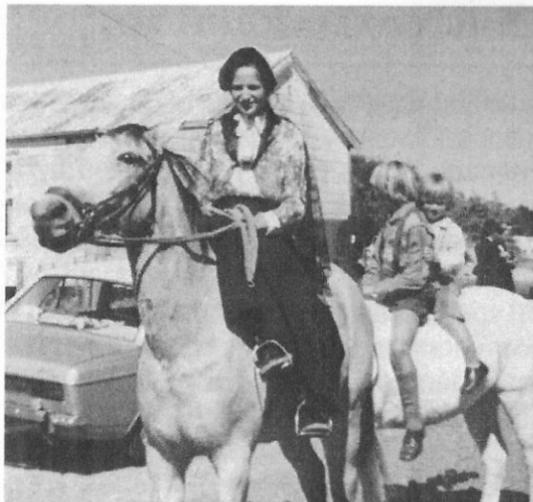
Roll call on Sunday was held in the Inglewood High School Assembly Hall due to heavy rain. The first decade of the century was called by Mrs. Pope, who taught at the school as a 15 year old pupil teacher in 1905. The centennial cake, kindly donated by Nelson's Caterers was cut by the oldest man and woman ex-pupils present, Mrs. Bertha Thomason (nee Chard) and Mr. James Taylor. Afternoon tea was served. On Sunday night 316 guests attended the Grand Banquet at the Inglewood Rugby gymnasium. This concluded the weekend.



Jean Pierce seated on a horse held by Joanne Marsh.



Mr Ian Jones and his students dressed in period costume.



Old hall in background.



Article from the Taranaki Herald dated 11 April 1977.

An eye injury didn't spoil the pleasure of the Egmont Village School Centennial for Mr Gordon H. Marsh (left) pictured with Mr W. James Taylor. Mr Marsh (85) Egmont Village, and Mr Taylor (86) Normanby, were among the oldest ex-pupils at the Easter weekend celebrations, which ended with a banquet last night. The successful get-together attracted more than 600 people.



Back (l to r): Wayne Milham, Colin Dodunski, Ian Jones (Headmaster), Bill Marsh, Clyno Baker, Don Marsh, \_\_\_\_\_,

Front (l to r): Jean Hinz, Joyce Baker, Gladys Marsh, Mavis Milham, Ian Adamson, Lynn Dodunski, Kathryn Adamson, Margaret Dodunski, Helen Baker.



Back (l to r): Ivan Walshaw, Ian Messenger, Jeff White, Ross Ferguson, Alf Tebutt, Don Taylor, Philip Sinclair, Don Morton, Jim Attrill, Don Marsh, David Marsh.

3rd row (l to r): Des Dodunski, Milton Bishop, Allan Fergusson, Ian Adamson, Keith Fergusson, Bill George, Trevor Hinz, Cedric Marsh, Jack Murphy.

2nd row (l to r): Maisie Oakley, Dawn White, Deidre White, Maryanne Morton, Elsie Tebutt, Joan Salisbury, Patsy Shallard.

Front (l to r): Elaine Hurlstone, Janet Morton, Valerie Marsh, Pam Hurlstone, Loma Adamson, Lorna Benny, Maxine Gush, Marjory Kilpatrick, Margaret Messenger, Shirley Marsh, Phylis Roberts, Shirley Roberts.



Back (l to r): Trevor O'Byrne, David Olsen, Alan Messenger, Tony Gilford, Lynlee Drinkwater, Morris Beard, Bill Hurlstone, Bill Messenger, Jim Ward.

Middle (l to r): David Sole, Bill Olsen, Bill Marsh, Eileen Longstaff, Margaret Shallard, Gwenda Sole, Clyno Baker, Peter Morton, Kevin O'Byrne.

Front (l to r): Jocelyn Jones, Ann Gilford, Lola Fay, Theresa Dodunski, Carol Hinz, Margaret Jones, Doreen Longstaff, Maree Leadbetter, Mary Leadbetter, Kathleen O'Regan, Mary Olsen, Jean Sinclair.

# 125th Jubilee Celebrations of 2002

The 125th Jubilee Celebrations were incorporated with the annual School Country Fair Day, on the 19th November 2002. Members of the staff, Board of Trustees, Home and School Committee and some school children, dressed in period costume.

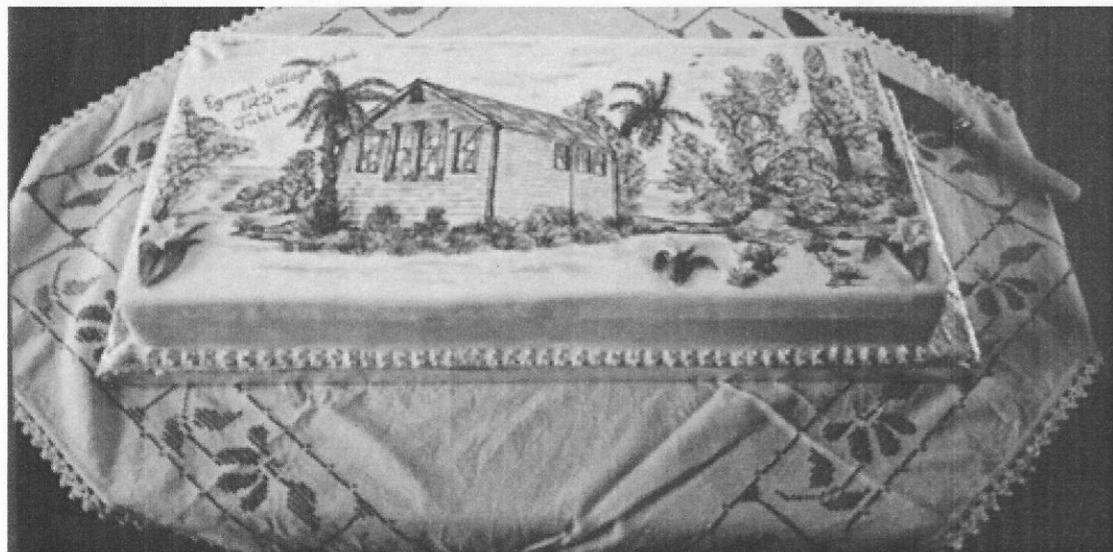
A Jubilee display of photographs and memorabilia were set up in the school hall, alongside craft exhibits by the current school children. Geoff Horton, Board of Trustees Chairman officially opened the celebrations. Three generations of the Messenger family planted a Kowhai Tree.



Derek, Alan and Harry Messenger.



Three generations of the Sinclair Family attended - cutting the Jubilee Cake are Philip and Lisa.



The Jubilee Cake was baked by Maureen Wakeman and iced by Linda Chamberlain.



Older Generation Photo.

Back (l to r): Trevor Hinz, Des Dodunski, Phyllis Gray (Roberts), Ken Roberts, Beverly Harvey (Roberts), Kath Warren (Sinclair), Phillip Sinclair, Jean Gaustad (Sinclair), Alan Messenger, Colin Dodunski, Don Morton. Front (l to r): Gladys Stanley (Gyde), Jack Hinz, Ivy Upson (Gyde), Roy Lovell, Edgar Salisbury, Imelda Dodunski, Marie O'Byrne (Roberts), Graham Roberts.



Younger Generation Photo.

Back (l to r): Mark Duynhoven, Stuart Andrews, Sarah Ohlson, Daniel Niederberger, Michael Horton, Thomas Busby, Jackie Meredith.  
Centre (l to r): Abe Naus, Victor Verveer, Carolyn Mace, Jennifer Mace, Laura Duynhoven, Suzanne Duynhoven (nee Dodunski), Adam Goble.  
Front (l to r): Rachelle Sinclair, David Hendry, Stephanie Dirksen, Maree Messenger.

## Memoirs of Roy Lovell - Oldest Ex Pupil present at 125th Jubilee of Egmont Village School

Roy's Dad was a bookmaker/barber in New Plymouth. Roy was sent out to King Road to stay with relatives. They were the Blanchard family, the children being Ray and Bessie. Roy's stay was to try and help with his chest complaints. King Road was a dirt road and the children would go by horse to school. Ray Blanchard would lead the horse, while Roy and Bessie would be under oil skins to keep dry. Sometimes the white star bus (Wanganui to New Plymouth), would give them a ride from the main road to school. If they took the horse all the way they would put it in the school paddock.

One Christmas, the family went to Inglewood by horse and gig. Roy was wrapped up in blankets, down where everyone's feet were. This was to keep him warm, because of his chest problems. The horse stumbled and everyone but Roy tipped out. Luckily the horse didn't bolt for home or else Roy would have been first there. Roy's father had a car, which was rare in those days, a Ford Studebaker. He had to attach chains on this car to get out to visit Roy. When the Blanchard family went to New Plymouth, they would take a horse and gig.

Roy's memories of his stay at King Road are of using candles for lighting and being scared of the boogeyman upon going up to the bedroom. The cow's milk was separated in the living room of the house. Roy now lives in New Plymouth.



Roy Lovell (1922 - oldest ex pupil).  
Laura Robb (2002 - youngest current pupil).



Alan and Maree Messenger. Photo taken at 125th Jubilee Celebrations.



Deidre Betteridge (White), Rita Underwood (White), Imelda Bennett (Dodunski), Valerie Wejkin (Marsh).  
Photo taken at 125th Jubilee Celebrations.

## The Dodunski Family

The Dodunski family lived on the Junction Road where Susanne and Jim Duynhoven live at present. Father Andrew Dodunski and mother Tilly Hinz. Andrew originated from Upper Durham Road-Block 156. Andrew had a brother Leo and worked with him on the home farm before moving to Egmont Village. One day they chose a novel way of drying their dynamite (used for blasting logs). They put it in the oven. The door slammed shut while it was drying and the oven blew up. Leo was blown out the kitchen door and Andrew seriously hurt but recovered to live to a ripe old age.

Andrew and Tilly had six children - Imelda, Colin, Val, Des, Mervyn and Theresa. Imelda, the oldest started school in 1929. Tragically the family was to lose Mervyn to Polio.

Imelda was to suffer serious facial injuries one day while walking home with Colin and friends, Joyce and Derek Marsh. This was in the days when the handles of car doors stuck out. A car containing teachers from Kaimata didn't see the children crossing the bridge (one way on the Mangaoraka Stream). After a series of court proceedings this incident helped towards car handles being redesigned.

All Des, Val and Colin's children attended Egmont Village School. Val lived in the first house outside the 70 km zone down Egmont Road, on the right hand side. This property is now owned by Ross and Suzie Bolton.

Des stayed on the family farm, moving to the front house when Jim and Susanne Duynhoven took the farm over. Colin brought the original Price farm sixty years ago. His son Ron now lives there, Colin and wife Lynn moved into a new home over the road, where they presently reside. The house Ron lives in is the original Price house, first built in 1877, the main house being built in 1887. At the time of the 125th Jubilee Celebrations Des's grandchildren still attended the school, Anna, Kirsty and Scott Duynhoven.



Dodunski Family: Des, Imelda (Bennett) and Colin.  
Photo taken at 125th Jubilee Celebrations.

## The Roberts Family



Ken, Marie (O'Byrne), Beverley (Harvey), Graham, Phyllis (Gray).  
Photo taken at 125th Jubilee Celebrations.

The Roberts Family were brought up on a farm on the Lower Egmont Road. Their father George drew the land in a returned serviceman's ballot. Marie Roberts (O'Byrne) remembers walking to school. Mrs Fred Salisbury would sometimes give them a ride in her new horse and gig. Their father did have a car but when he couldn't afford to run

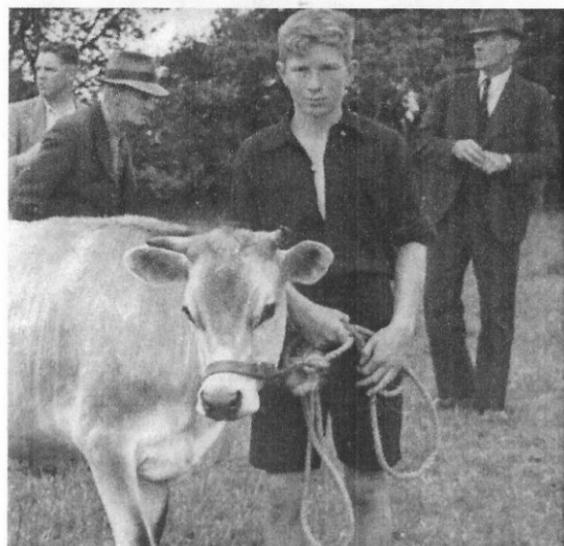
it, rode a pushbike. As high school children they used to pushbike to school. George Roberts was part of the Home and School Committee responsible for getting the school baths built. Ken remembers well the day he caused a power outage to the school and the entire village, by kicking a rugby ball into a transformer.

## Mona Mona Cup

Andrew Dodunski had a Gold Medalist cow called Mona Mona Glen Nasper. He presented a cup in her name for the Best Calf (Dairy Type). This cup was the first and only school calf cup for the 20 years from 1930 to 1950. Later it was presented for the Champion Calf.



Fred Thomason, 1930.



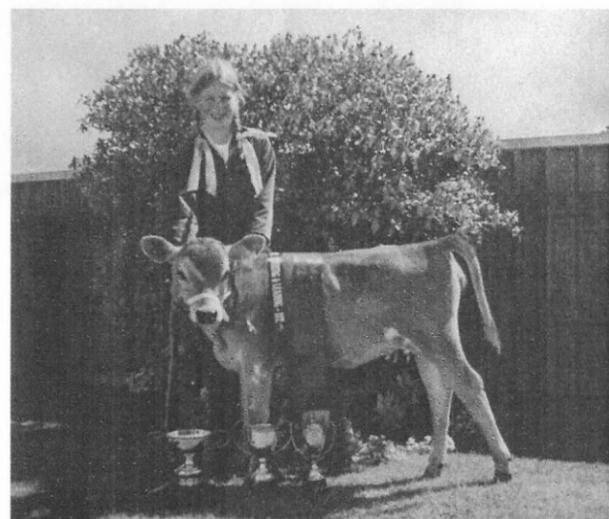
Desmond Dodunski, 1942.



Gayle Dodunski, 1970.

1930 - Fred Thomason, 1931 - A. Dryden, 1932 - L. O'Byrne, 1933 - Gladys Gyde, 1934 - Alan Meuli, 1935 - Derek Marsh, 1936 - Mavis Dryden, 1937 - Mavis Dryden, 1938 - Marie Roberts, 1939 - Maise Oakley, 1940 - Russell Meuli, 1941 - V. Dodunski, 1942 - Desmond Dodunski, 1943 - Desmond Dodunski, 1944 - Mervin Dodunski, 1945 - Amy Smith, 1946 - Jean Sinclair, 1947 - Aloha Fay, 1948 - Aloha Fay, 1949 - Teresa Dodunski, 1950 - Valerie Chard, 1951 - William Olson, 1952 - Kathleen Sinclair, 1953 - Teresa Dodunski, 1954 - Audrey Gyde, 1955 - Alister Drinkwater, 1956 - Carol Hurlstone, 1957 - Wayne Milham, 1958 - Sheryll Milham, 1959 - June O'Byrne, 1960 - Ron Dodunski, 1961 - Alan Lovell, 1962 - Kevin Dodunski, 1963 - Neil Clark, 1964 - Delwyn Adamson, 1965 - Noelene Austin, 1966 - Julie Adamson, 1967 - Anne Parkes, 1968 - Patricia Thomson, 1969 - Leonard Adamson, 1970 - Gayle Dodunski, 1971 - Jan Luckin, 1972 - David Luckin, 1973 - Rodney Sinclair, 1974 - Anthea Marsh, 1975 - Neville Sinclair, 1976 - Karla Dodunski, 1977 - Karla Dodunski, 1978 - Sarah Canwell, 1979 - Damon Milham, 1980 - Judith Major, 1981 - Brendon Reardon, 1982 - Clive Dodunski, 1983 - Jason Chilcott, 1984 - Rachel Jordon, 1985 - Kaye Sinclair, 1986 - Michael Kerr, 1987 - Sharon Macks, 1988 - Phillipa Jordon, 1989 - Craig Adamson, 1990 - Rachelle Grey, 1991 - Imogene Peters, 1992 - Rachelle Grey, 1993 - Jacqui Meredith, 1994 - Rachelle Sinclair, 1995 - Rachelle Sinclair, 1996 - Kathryn Lacey, 1997 - Kathryn Lacey, 1998 - Anna Duynhoven, 1999 - Laura Duynhoven, 2000 - Rachelle Sinclair, 2001 - Lisa Sinclair, 2002 - Kirsty Duynhoven.

Descendants of Andrew Dodunski have won the cup 15 times.



Kirsty Duynhoven, 2002.

## School Photographs



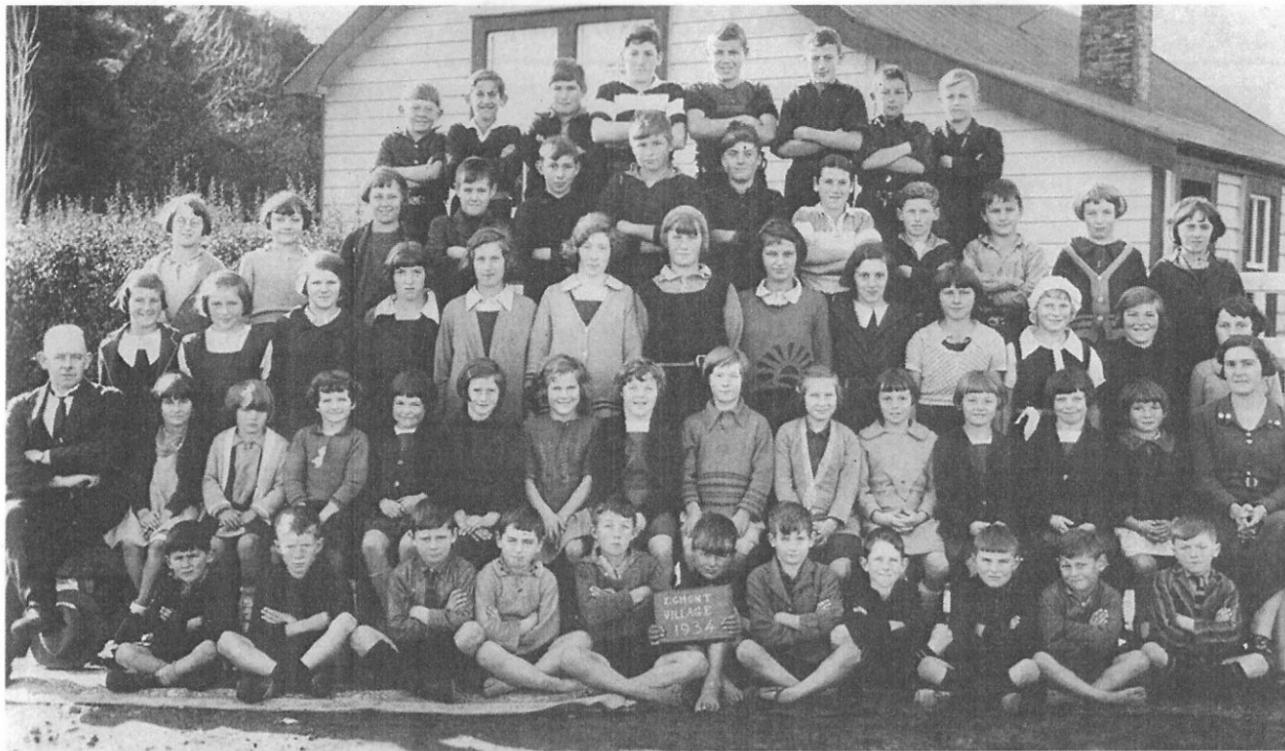
1895

Back (l to r): John Reeves, Leonard Pearn, Mathew Martin, Doug Gyde, Athur Kidd, Lewis Olson, Willie Orr, Alice Martin, Elvie Kidd, Ethyl Orr, Bertha Chard, Elsie Gibson, Miss Potts.  
 4th row (l to r): Lexis Forest, Ruth Reeves, Jane Earp, Frank Dewhurst, Bertie Pearn, Grace Foxcroft, Nellie Heal, May Marsh, Norman James, Eva Orr.  
 3rd row: (l to r): Harold Marsh, Norman Wren, Angeline Frost, \_\_\_\_\_, Kathleen Earp, Cyril James, Bella Willing, Edward (Otto) Dewhurst, Clara Chard, Bertie Pearn.  
 2nd row (l to r): Tom Willing, George Chard, Dick Foxcroft, Ella Earp, Ben Schumacher, Tooley Dewhurst, Gordon Marsh, \_\_\_\_\_, Willie Reeves, Ivy Heal, Dorothy Forester.  
 Front (l to r): Percy Willing, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, Harold Wren, Doris Kidd, Albert Frost, Elsie Heal, Albert Chard, Stuart Kidd.



1931

Back (l to r): Alf O'Byrne, Harold Benny, Mavis Bailey, Margaret Bridger, Rhoda Burrows, Violet Dryden, Jean Tebbut, Betty Bridger, Iris Salisbury.  
 4th Row (l to r): Dorothy McGee, Dena Hurlstone, Esma Thomason, Tui Keenan, Ivy Gyde, Connie Stapleton, Dulcie Guilford, Nyla Hurlstone, Doris Tebbut.  
 3rd Row (l to r): Paul Hinz, Stan Dryden, Les Lucas, Albert Salisbury, Ian Morton, Glen Dryden, Ron O'Byrne, Jack Hinz, Gladys Gyde, Doris Bailey, Peggy Weatherspoon, Joyce Salisbury, Imelda Dodunski.  
 2nd Row (l to r): Maxine Gush, Esther Adamson, Ted Hunwick, Ian Adamson, Newton Hurlstone, Allan Meuli, Ray Hunwick, Nancy Harper, Cletis Chard, Mavis Dryden, Elsie Tebbut, Olive Dryden, Shirley Marsh, Doris Chard.  
 Front (l to r): Edgar Salisbury, Alf Dryden, Brownie Harper, Matt Dodunski, Derek Marsh, Colin Dodunski, Bert O'Byrne, Betty Olson, Lily O'Byrne, Irene Hinz.



1934

Back (l to r): Ian Adamson, Matty Dodunski, Jack Hinz, Ron O'Byrne, Stan Dryden, Glen Dryden, Derek Marsh, Ross Ferguson.  
 4th row (l to r): Marie Roberts, Mavis Dryden, Esta Adamson, Ian Ferguson, Albert Salisbury, Paul Hinz, Lesley Lucas, Bert O'Byrne, Colin Dodunski, Newt Hurlstone, Elsie Tebbett, Cletis Chard.  
 3rd row (l to r): Mr Barnes, Gladys Gyde, Joyce Salisbury, \_\_\_\_\_, Lilly O'Byrne, Iris Salisbury, Dorothy Tebbett, Dorothy McGee, Nyla Hurlstone, Doris Chard, Doris Bailey, Imelda Dodunski, Irene Hinz, Olive Dryden.  
 2nd row (l to r): Sylvia Beard, Eunice Ferguson, Barbara Morton, Alethia Adamson, Mavis Salisbury, Emily Lister, Shirley Marsh, Phyllis Beard, Joan Salisbury, Maisie Oakley, Loma Adamson, Valerie Marsh, Muriel Lister, \_\_\_\_\_, Miss Tippet  
 Front (l to r): Cedric Marsh, Alan Meuli, Vernon Swan, Jack Murphy, Rockey Tippet, Storky Beard, Graham Roberts, Ian Barnes, Trevor Hinz, Val Dodunski, Ivan Chard.



1937

Back (l to r): Stan Beard, Ian Adamson, Colin Dodunski, Stan Lister, Nelson Upson, Jim Beard, Alan Meuli, Jack Murphy.  
 3rd row (l to r): Marie Roberts, Mavis Salisbury, Thelma Hatcher, Esther Adamson, Irene Hinz, Mavis Dryden, Lesley Jury, Joan Salisbury.  
 2nd row (l to r): Nola Smith, Alethia Adamson, Phyllis Beard, Cletis Chard, Norma Jury, Shirley Marsh, Loma Adamson, Maisie Oakley, Valerie Marsh.  
 Front (l to r): Graeme Roberts, Ian Barnes, Bill Smith, Trevor Hinz, Cedric Marsh.



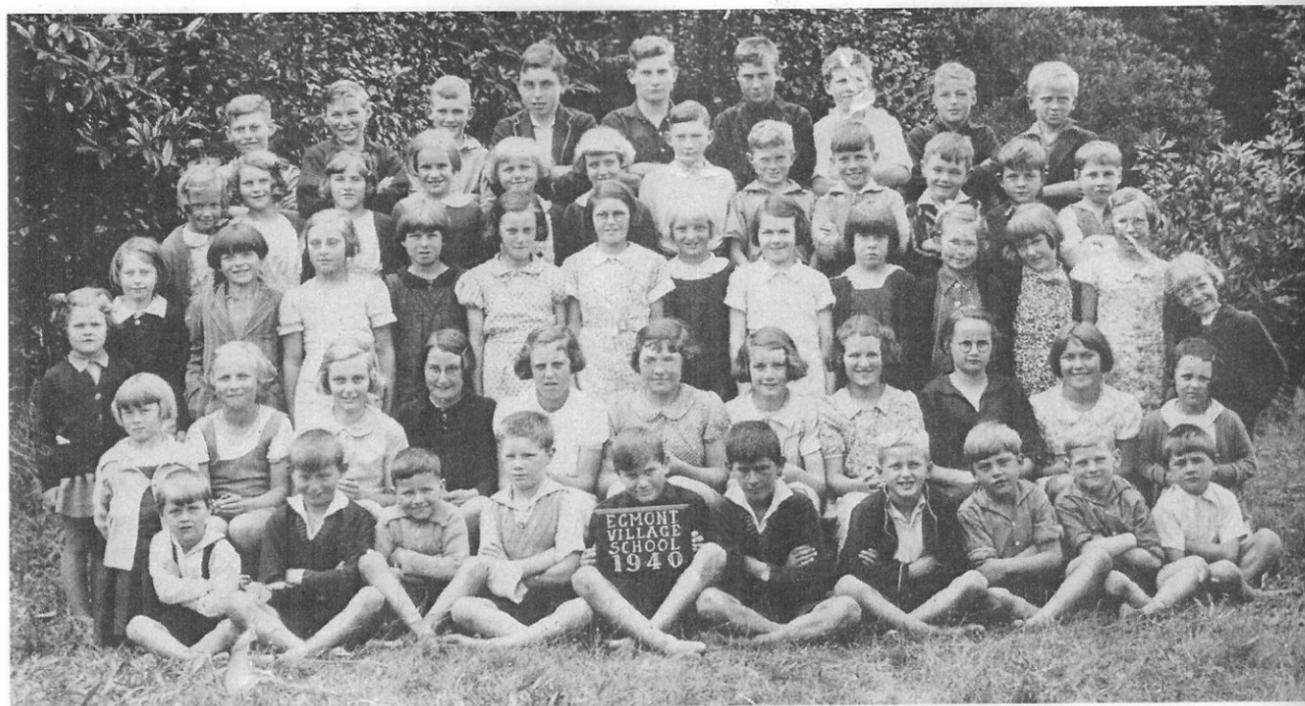
Basketball Team 1934

Back (l to r): Doris Chard, Nyla Hurlstone, Dorothy McGee, Elsie Tebbitt, Iris Salisbury, Joyce Beard.  
 Front (l to r): Doris Bailey, Gladys Gyde, Lilly O'Byrne, Joyce Salisbury, Imelda Dodunski.



Egmont Village Rugby Club Winners Schneider Shield 1936

Back (l to r): N. Bowen, C. Marsh, W. Reeve, H. Patterson, R. Truman, L. Wosley.  
 Middle (l to r): E. Salisbury, A. O'Byrne, J. Taylor, J. O'Byrne, S. O'Byrne, J. Ashman,  
 Front (l to r): C. Kopie, L. Sutton, J. Drinkwater (Captain), T. Pyne, N. Drinkwater.



1940

Back (l to r): Val Dodunski, Trevor Hinz, Ian Messenger, Jack Murphy, Graham Roberts, Stan Beard, Bill Smith, Clyde Hinz, Robert Nickson.  
 4th Row (l to r): Marian Morton, Beverley Roberts, Shirley Roberts, Patsy Shallard, Noreen Nickson, Jean Savage, Russell Meuli, Des Dodunski, Lennie Lambert, Bill George, Bob Longstaff, Allan Smith.  
 3rd Row (l to r): Janice Hurlstone, Amy Smith, Sylvia Beard, Lorna Meuli, Joyce Beard, Valerie Richards, Nola Smith, Catherine Nickson, Ivy Smith, Kathleen Longstaff, Pam Hurlstone, Margaret Messenger, Janet Morton, Elsie Lambert.  
 2nd Row (l to r): Doreen Longstaff, Betty Nickson, Gladys Guilford, Lorna Benny, Valerie Marsh, Alethia Adamson, Elsie Smith, Barbara Morton, Rosie Smith, Phyllis Roberts, Josie Atrill.  
 Front (l to r): David Marsh, Leslie Marsh, Don Morton, Trevor Smith, Ken Roberts, Cedric Marsh, Barry Hurlstone, Milton Bishop, Merv Dodunski, Don Marsh.



1944

Back (l to r): John Shallard, Peter Morton, Alan Messenger, Geoff White, Bill Messenger, Bill Marsh, Don Zimmerman, Bruce Atrill, Brian Henderson.  
 Middle (l to r): Gwenda Sole, Loma Hurlstone, Margaret Jones, Tui Atrill, Margaret Zimmerman, Margaret Shallard, Jean Sinclair, Alola Fay, Elaine Longstaff.  
 Front (l to r): Roger Hurlstone, Sidney Lovell, Gary Milham, Owen Longstaff, Maurice Beard.



1947

Back (l to r): David Marsh, Don Zimmerman, Mervyn Dodunski, George Smith, Alan Smith, Milton Bishop, Bill Messenger, Philip Sinclair, Geoff White, Bob Olsen, Alan Messenger.  
 4th row (l to r): Bob Shute, Margaret Meuli, Jean Sinclair, Margaret Shallard, Audrey Bowen, Betty Baldwin, Doreen Longstaff, Elaine Hurlstone, Margaret Jones, Noeline Wheeler, Ann Gilford, Bill Marsh.  
 3rd row (l to r): Gwenda Sole, Desma Baker, Joy Bishop, Alola Fay, Loma Hurlstone, Mary Olson, Eileen Longstaff, Teresa Dodunski, Jocelyn Jones, Kathleen Sinclair, Valerie Chard, Emily Ward.  
 2nd row (l to r): Maurice Beard, Trevor O'Byrne, Brian Henderson, David Wheeler, John Shallard, Peter Morton, Gary Milham, Sydney Lovell, Roger Hurlstone, Owen Longstaff.  
 Front (l to r): David Meuli, David Zimmerman, Frank Messenger, Bill Olson, David Olson, Kevin O'Byrne, Dedrie Sole, Clyno Baker.



1950

Back (l to r): Clyno Baker, Jim Ward, Owen Longstaff, Brian Henderson, Trevor O'Byrne, Gary Milham, Alan Messenger, Frank Messenger, John Shallard, Roger Hurlstone, David Olson, Kevin O'Byrne, Lynlee Drinkwater, Bill Olson.  
 Middle (l to r): Rodney Milham, David Sole, Beverley Ward, Dedrie Sole, Gwenda Sole, Lola Fay, Pat Berg, Eileen Longstaff, Ann Gilford, Valerie Chard, Vivienne Bowen, Tony Gilford, Bill Hurlstone.  
 Front (l to r): Gayle Holden, Carol Hinz, Kathleen O'Regan, Teresa Dodunski, Emily Ward, Kathleen Sinclair, Margaret Jones, Maree Leadbetter, Desma Baker, Jocelyn Jones, Mary Leadbetter, \_\_\_\_\_, Janelle Baker.



1954

Back (l to r): Jim Ward, Alister Drinkwater, Tony Guilford, Bill Olson, Barry Knox, David Zimmerman, Frank Messenger, David Olson, Lynlee Drinkwater, Kevin O'Byrne, Rodney Milham, Neville Roberts, Spencer Drinkwater.  
 Middle (l to r): Christopher Morton, Robert Baker, Bill Hurlstone, Winnie Longstaff, Deidre Sole, Kathleen O'Reagan, Emily Ward, Carol Hinz, Audrey Gyde, Donald Hinz, David Sole, John Bowen.  
 Front (l to r): Lynette Holden, Christine Sole, Sheryl Milham, Carol Hurlstone, Vivienne Bowen, Marie O'Byrne, Gayle Holden, Ngari Gyde, June O'Byrne, Peggy Holden, \_\_\_\_\_, Erin Bishop, \_\_\_\_\_ Gyde, Janice Hinz, Shirley Bowen.



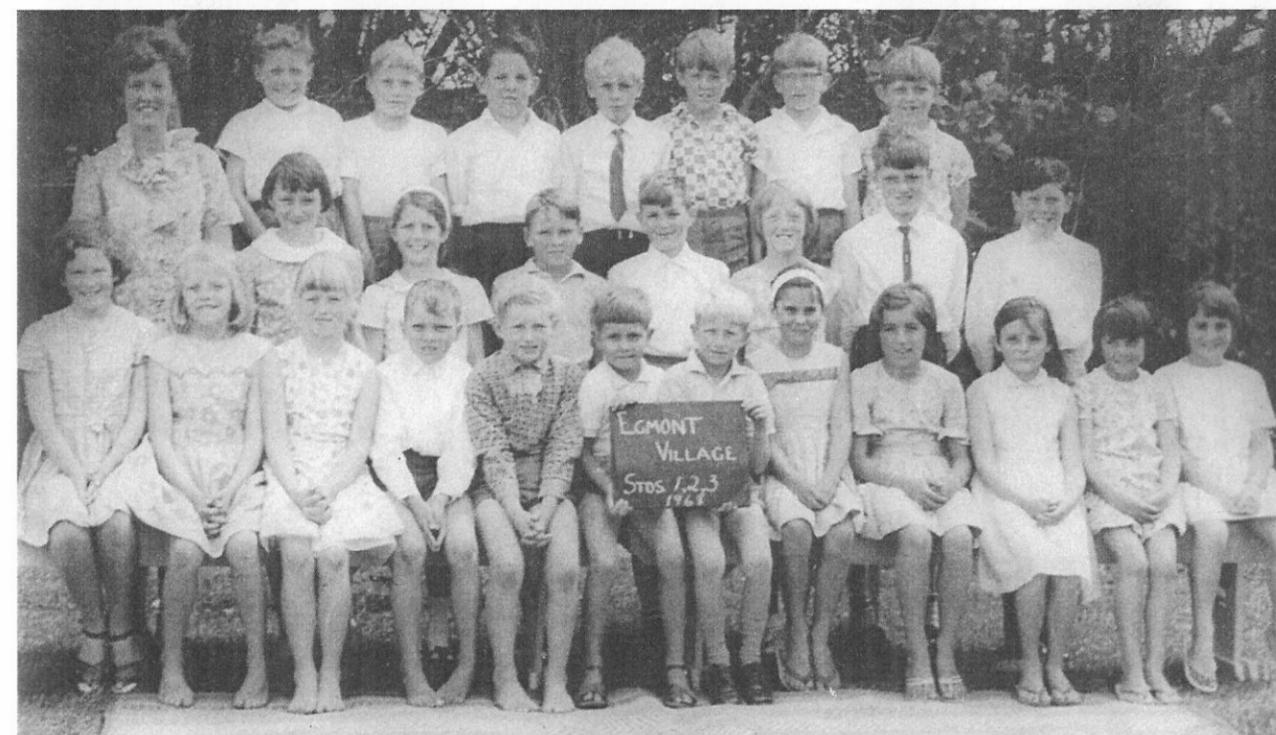
1957

Back (l to r): Claire Hook, Marie Benny, Gayle Holden \_\_\_\_\_, Donald Gyde, Donald Hinz, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, Jeanelle Baker, \_\_\_\_\_, Audrey Gyde, Winifred Longstaff, Peggy Holden, Christopher Morton, Len Hoare.  
 3rd row (l to r): Allan Lovell, Stephen Andrews, Sylvia Stanton, Ngari Gyde, Sheryl Milham, Carol Hurlstone, Marie O'Byrne, June O'Byrne, Robert Baker, Alister Drinkwater, Colin Jury, \_\_\_\_\_, Murray Gyde, Marion Simmons, Wayne Milham, Nancy Holden, Errol Adamson.  
 2nd row (l to r): John Holden, Lynette Austin, Delwyn Adamson, Nancy Holden, Christine Sole, Christopher Morton, David Sole, Richard Andrews, Spencer Drinkwater, Stuart Baker, Shirley Jury, Carol Dodunski, Eris Bishop, Margaret Austin, \_\_\_\_\_, Bruce Irving, Valda Baker, Betty Ewing, Ron Dodunski.  
 Front (l to r): Kevin Dodunski, Rodney Ewing, Douglas Austin, Graham Austin, John Drinkwater, Leonie Sole, Jenny Dixon, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, Kelvin Baker, Murray Hoare, Peter Kelly, Murray Austin, Jeffrey Bishop, Gregory Simmons.



1962 - Ngamotu Beach Outing (note baches in background, now demolished)

Standing at back (l to r): Bruce Ewing, Ian Adamson, Morris Eichstaedt, Brian Thomson, Noelene Thomson, Lynlee Drinkwater, Milton Bishop, Trevor O'Byrne, Paul Hinz.  
 Standing next row (l to r): Trevor Hinz, Jean Eichstaedt, Mr Hurlstone, Clive Hinz, Don Morton, Colin Dodunski, Joe Drinkwater, Roy Gyde, Eric Austin, Lee Andrews, Alan Messenger, Des Baker, Jean Andrews, Jean Hinz, Olwen Ewing.  
 Ladies kneeling (l to r): \_\_\_\_\_, Mrs Simmons, Fay Hinz, Gloria Hinz, Joyce Baker, Barbara Bishop, Lyn Dodunski, Phyllis Adamson, Sheila Drinkwater, Enid Morton, Julia Clark, Rene Jury, Mrs Gyde, Teresa Dodunski, Betty Dixon.  
 Children back row (l to r): Rowan Julian, \_\_\_\_\_, Kathryn Adamson (baby), Errol Adamson, Ron Dodunski, Steven Andrews, Rodney Ewing.  
 Children next row (l to r): \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, Beverley Jury, Noleen Austin, Delwyn Adamson, Betty Ewing, Jenny Dixon, Shirley Jury, Doug Austin, Kevin Dodunski, Margaret Austin.  
 Children next row (l to r): \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, Kelvin Baker, Warren Julian, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, Valda Baker, Julie Adamson, Noleen Austin, Gayleen Hinz, Roy Hinz, Gavin Dodunski, Stuart Baker, \_\_\_\_\_ Thomason, \_\_\_\_\_.  
 Children front row (l to r): Darryl Adamson, Marlene Baker, Colleen Jury, \_\_\_\_\_, Jane Lovell, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, Jane Ewing, Jillian Hinz, Susan Simmons, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.



1968

Back (l to r): Donald Bolton, Ross Bolton, Gary Marsh, Tony Ewing, Lenny Adamson, Peter Banks, Darrel Adamson.  
 Middle (l to r): Miss Dallison, Helen Gower, Fiona Parkes, Neil Banks, Mark Jordon, Donna Julian, Geoffrey Parkes, Kelvin Bishop.  
 Front (l to r): Susanne Dodunski, Margaret Reardon, Juliet Reardon, Gary Dickson, Steven Holland, Richard Morton, Rodney Sinclair, Karen Luckin, Joy Peters, Teresa Lupi, Christine Morton, Denise Marsh.



1968 - Std 4, F1, F2

Back (l to r): Hugo Lupi, Warren Julian, Gavin Dodunski, Ian Gower, Jeffrey Bishop, Bryan Kerr, Mr Bruce Kerr.  
 Middle (l to r): Gayle Dodunski, Patricia Thompson, Dianne Morton, Lynette Kerr, Helen Parkes, Daniel Reardon, Robert Holland, Marlene Baker.  
 Front (l to r): Gillian Hinz, Maree Peters, Ann Parkes, Jane Lovell, Susan Reardon, Lorraine Banks, Marilyn Holland, Gloria Holland.



Franz Joseph Glacier - 1968

Back (l to r): Ann Parkes, Lynette Kerr, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, Gavin Dodunski, Bryan Kerr, Hugo Lupi, Dianne Morton, Ann Gower, Geoffrey Parkes, Warren Julian, Jeffrey Bishop, \_\_\_\_\_, Gillian Hinz, Gayle Dodunski, Marlene Baker, Jane Lovell.  
 Middle (l to r): Kelvin Bishop, Donald Bolton, Gary Marsh, \_\_\_\_\_, Ian Jury, Mr Bolton, Helen Parkes, Mrs Morton, Mrs Bishop, Mrs Peters, Mrs Kerr, Mr Kerr (Principal), Bus Driver, Susanne Dodunski, Helen Gower, Ian Gower.  
 Front (l to r): Christine Morton, Nicholas Kerr, Denise Marsh, Kerr's Dog.



1969

Back (l to r): Mr Kerr, Lorraine Banks, Gayle Dodunski, Patricia Thompson, Gillian Banks, Susanne Dodunski, Geoffrey Parkes, Daniel Reardon, Ian Jury.  
 Middle (l to r): Dianne Morton, Ann Parkes, Maree Peters, Marlene Baker, Jeffrey Bishop, Vinka \_\_\_\_, Helen Parkes, Lynette Kerr, Gloria Holland.  
 Front (l to r): Karen Luckin, Peter Banks, Donald Bolton, Gary Marsh, Lenny Adamson, Mark Jordon, Shane Gelling, Kelvin Bishop.

## Operetta "The Legend of the Snowmen" - 1969



(l to r): Dianne Morton, Karen Luckin, Gloria Holland, Susanne Dodunski, Gayle, Marilyn Holland, Lynette Kerr, Maree Peters.

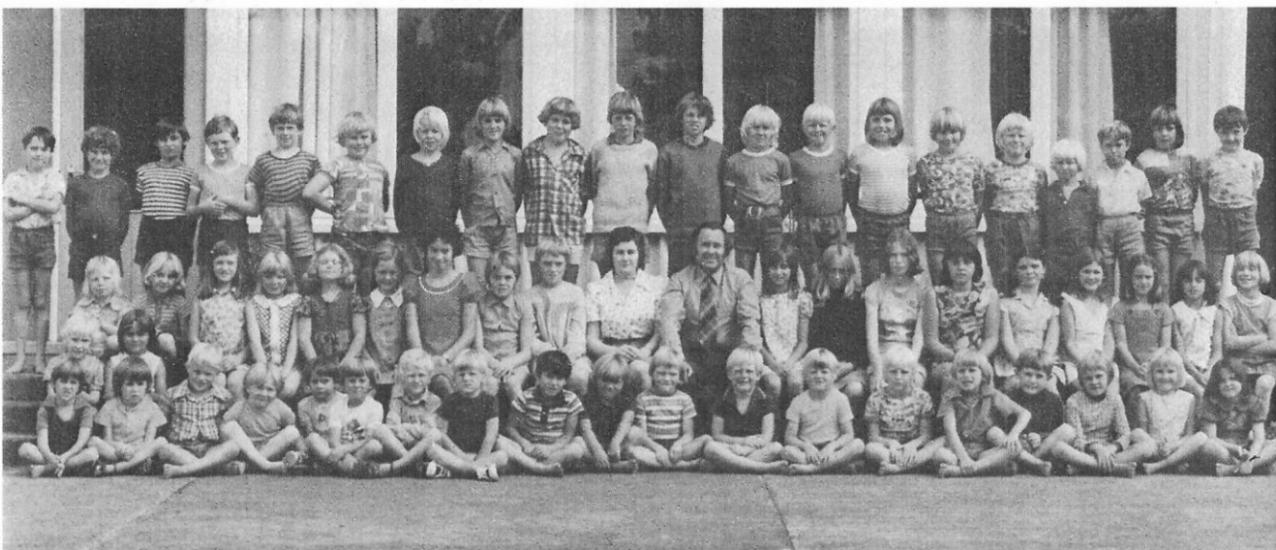
## Farewell Dinner - 1971

With the Christmas holidays drawing nearer, the Home and School Association out at Egmont Village put on a dinner for all Form Two pupils who are leaving the school next year to attend

their respective secondary schools. The Year 12 pupils' parents were also invited to the dinner at the school and everyone obviously enjoyed this occasion. This is an annual tradition for the school.



Back (l to r): Kelvin Bishop, Ian Jury, Geoffrey Parkes, Mark Jordon, Susanne Dodunski, Shane Gelling.  
Front (l to r): Lenny Adamson, Gary Marsh, Donald Bolton, Karen Luckin, Peter Banks, Raewyn Keat.



1977

Back (l to r): Adrian Foster, Cedric Beard, Andrew Parker, Christopher Ker, Tim Beard, Wayne Dixon, Brendon Reardon, Mitchell Rowe, Paul Marsh, John Reardon, Clifford Reardon, Craig Pierce, Dean Uncles, Gary Murtagh, Murray Pierce, Dean Hurlstone, Paul Taylor, Ross Foster, Glenn Murtagh, Derek Messenger.  
3rd row (l to r): Alice Reardon, Lois Beard, Giselle Rowe, Joanne Marsh, Emma Henderson, Rosemary Bolton, Jill Bolton, Jane Reardon, Dianne Reardon, Miss Rogers (Infant Teacher), Mr I. Jones (Principal), Tracy Laurenson, Beryl Nightingale, Karla Dodunski, Leonie Parker, Judith Major, Angela Barnes, Megan Pierce, Megan Laurenson, Mavis Beard.  
2nd row: (l to r): Kim Barron, Kirsty Laurenson.  
Front (l to r): Brent Pierce, Rex Hurlstone, Warick Milham, Richard Pierce, Alan Nightingale, Julian Hutson, Graham Hutson, Douglas Henderson, Lionel Parker, Kerry Rowe, Paul Baron, Stephen Ker, Richard Henderson, Craig Hurlstone, Raymond Quince, Ryan Barnes, Nigel Dixon, Maree Messenger, Vicky Foster.

## Gwen James - Some Reminiscences of Seven Years at Egmont Village School

By Gwen James as recorded in "The News" School Publication 1986.

I have enjoyed very happy times teaching here. The school has grown twice the size in numbers since I became a permanent third teacher in 1979. Our room was an old pre-fab where Room 3 now is and that first year I taught Stds 1, 2 and 3. I remember the camp which we had at Everett Park and our beautiful walk in the very black night to see the glow worm cave. Do you remember going in a long line joined one hand forward and one back all the way and Kerry walking behind Mrs Reardon, or was it vice versa, and how everyone became very quiet and still, going through the cool bush without any light of a torch? And then the magical beauty of the glow worms shining so high above us? Remember the little tent that did not take kindly to the high jumps that weren't high enough and the loveliness of hearing the soft whirr of a Morepork's wings and seeing him flying down to find his supper of huhu beetles by the light at the end of the toilet block?

When we returned our old pre-fab was to be removed so we moved over to the old school house which had great gaping holes in the floor where walls had been taken out. Primitive it was but we didn't fall through the gap and we enjoyed being together there. The next year I taught J1 and 2 and moved to the lovely room which has been my school home for the past eight years. One of the most spacious rooms I've taught in with its superb view of our mountain and taking the other direction to the sea glimpsed through the hills. Now with its fabulous characterful curtains admired by all who see them.

I remember coming very early to see the new relocatable (Room 3) being transported onto the site and then the old Whangamomona School (Room 4) - the one no-one, except the positive thinkers, were sure we'd get. So now we are four rooms on the way to five? And with the new community room and library to be built the school has indeed changed its face over the last decade. The oaks and the daffodils remain to give their beauty all year round, especially in the spring. Perhaps after the holidays a place may be found to plant out some of the oaks and kowhais that our room has grown from seed this year.

I remember how we used to play padder-tennis against those big boys, Mitchell Rowe and co. and how I never managed to come out on top. Our much bigger than normal school baths looking so sparkling blue and well cared for. The children learning to really enjoy the water, seeing the joy of awareness dawning on little faces as they realized that when they relax softly on the water it really does hold one up! I remember one swimming sports and Glenn Murtagh really coming into his own and displaying a prowess at swimming to the surprised delight of his mother.

Mick and I always remember the Form 2 dinners as a very special part of Egmont Village School. Quite unique, a wonderful tradition and example of the co-operation which plays a big part in the life of the school. The School Committee undertake projects for the school - the gala and calf days. Who will forget the plays which we performed - Peter Rabbit, Winnie the Pooh and Poppy Seed Cakes, the actors and singers. Mopsy's giggles as she discovered the currant buns were for real. Winnie the Pooh being confronted with three balloons and the Queen Bee succeeding after trying valiantly to burst the balloons. The animals lying about laughing, after heaving Pooh Bear out - what green goose would not be intimidated by Aunt Katushka!

It has been a joy to see those who started with me in J1 go through to Form 2 (Year 8) and to realize that apart from those who have come from other schools, I have taught all the children in the school! It will be my pleasure to see their on-going development as students and citizens.

Thanks to all of you in the district. You have become part of the texture and colour of the woven pattern of my life.

**Goodbye and God bless each one.**

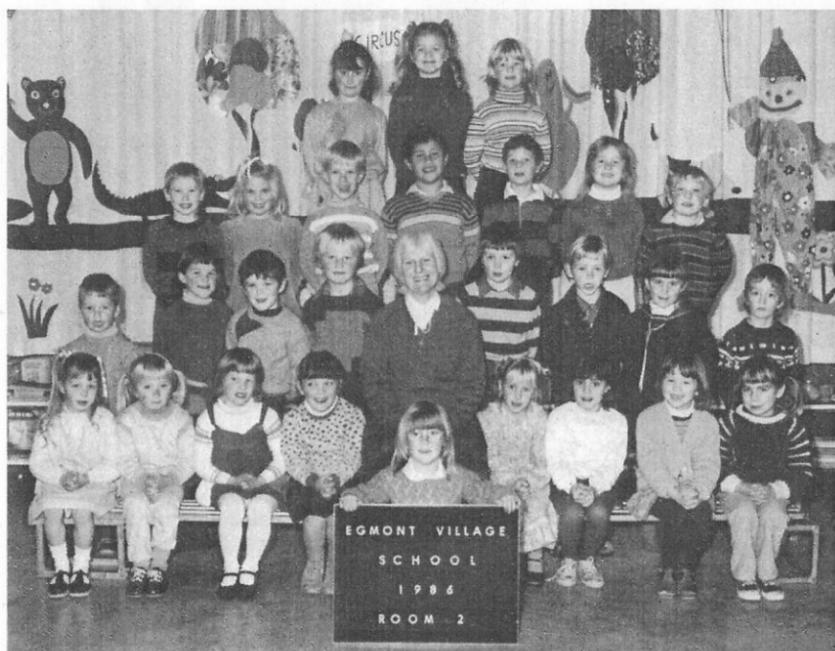
Gwen is present in both school photographs on page 52.

## School Photographs



1982

Back row (l to r): Rex Hurlstone, Darryl Macks, Daniel VanWynbergen, Stephen Ker, Nigel Dixon, Wayne Hotton, Chris Ker, Glenn Kirk, Paul Barron, Graham Hutson, Jason Chilcott, Brent Pierce.  
 4th row (l to r): Mrs Peacock, Mr Patten, Rachel Jordan, Joy Messenger, Tracey Julian, Kay Sinclair, Janica Chilcott, Kim Barron, Alice Reardon, Tania Smith, Lois Beard, Nicole Beaumont, Maree Messenger, Wendy Hurlstone, Michelle Jordan, Sharon Macks, Novaleen Muir, Miss Berridge, Gwen James  
 3rd row (l to r): Stephen Adamson, Craig Morgan, Mark Hurlstone, Jackie Faulkner, Kevin Adamson, Alvin Faulkner, Richard Pierce, Chris Westbury, Adam Beaumont, Clive Dodunski, Craig Hurlstone, Nigel Dodunski, Julian Hutson, Rex Hurlstone, Kerry Rowe, Brent Dixon, Stephen Muir, Nadiel Coulson.  
 2nd row (l to r): Maree Laursen, Mellissa Julian, Tui Faulkner, Jasmine Smith, Kristy Barron, Jeanette Jordan, Ivy Beard, Susan Hutson, Kirsten Old, Hayley Barron, Vicki Murtagh, Vanessa Warrington, Kylie Hellier, Rachel Warrington, Treena Muir, Lauren Dixon, Phillippa Jordan.  
 Front row (l to r): Rodney Selby, Russell Kirk, Craig Morgan, Lester Chilcott, Gregory Hurlstone, Russell Kirk, Adam Barron, Trevor Hellier, Mark Messenger, Tony Baker, Simon Vissers, Craig Adamson.



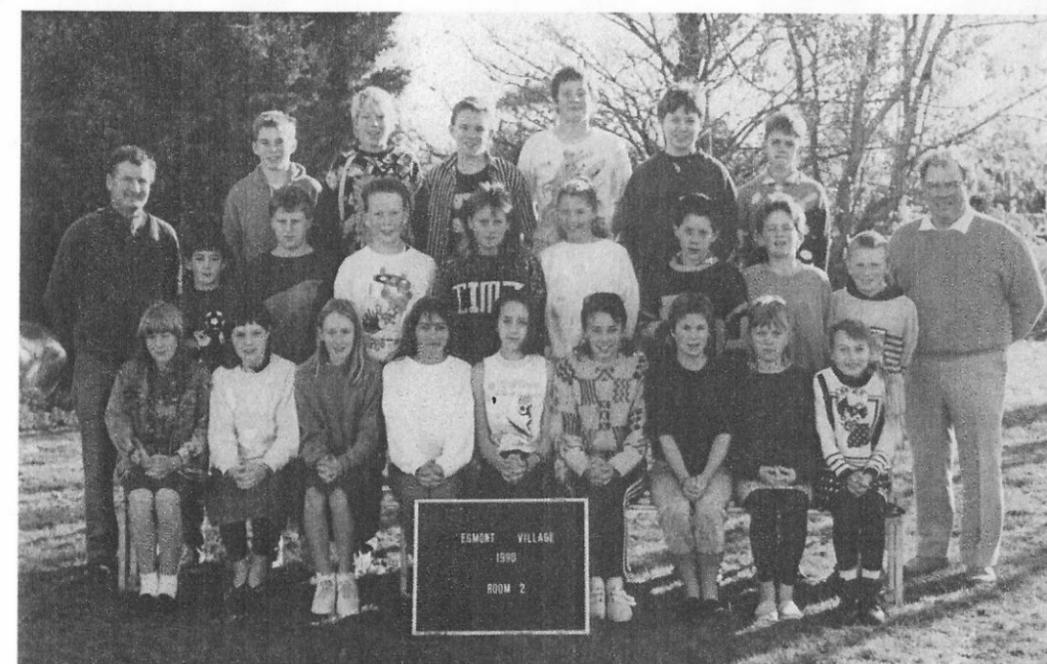
1986 Room 2

Back row (l to r): Lorna Naus, Emma Brown, Melissa Peters.  
 3rd row (l to r): Joe Hitchcock, Jacky Meredith, Matthew Andrews, Lionel Miller, Nicholas Bishop, Shalleyanne Arnold, Matthew Vale.  
 2nd row (l to r): Allan Laursen, Shannan Coulson, Duane Old, Ryan Kirk, Michael Saying, James Wakeman, Rennee Taylor, Nigel Woodger.  
 Front row (l to r): Emma Baker, Kelly Chamberlain, Shelley Baker, Jenny Laursen, Annaliese Vissers, Evelyn Nicholson, Nadia Mills, Jenny Adamson, Rachelle Grey.  
 Teacher: Gwen James.



1989 Room 2

Back row (l to r): Lester Chilcott, Craig Morgan, Trevor Hellier, Philip Kelsen.  
 3rd row (l to r): Stephen Beard, Sheldon Kirk, Danny Mason, Tony Baker, Craig Adamson, Philip Baker, Mr Basil Patten.  
 2nd row (l to r): Brad Arnold, Michelle Green, Lauren Dixon, Phillippa Jordan, Treena Muir, Kathrina Miller, Simon Vissers.  
 Front row (l to r): Vanessa Jones, Rebeka Meredith, Rodney Selby, Philippa Pritchard, Ben Coulson, Maree Laursen, Kirsty Mills.



1990 Room 2

Back row (l to r): Tony Selby, Stephen Beard, Ben Coulson, Danny Mason, Philip Baker, Ben Smith.  
 Middle row (l to r): Mr Eric Fraser, David Siciliano, Joe Booth, Brad Arnold, Reyna Langman, Philippa Pritchard, Chris Kemp, Philip Kelsen, Richard Adamson, Mr Basil Patten.  
 Front row (l to r): Michelle Baker, Kirsty Mills, Carla Molloy, Emma Scott, Imogene Peters, Natasha Naus, Rebeka Meredith, Nikki Green, Vanessa Jones.  
 Absent: Lisa Vale.



**1991 Room 1**

Back row (l to r): Mrs A Peacock, Mitchell Wright, Ngaire Mills, Clare Kelsen, Kushla Rosser, Gareth Littley, Stuart Andrews.

Middle row (l to r): Darren Smith, Carey Jones, Daniel Siciliano, Paul Duynhoven, Brendon Wakeman, Nathan Moore, Benjamin Parkes.

Front row (l to r): Carolyn Mace, Kasey Rosser, Kathryn Lacey, Amanda Hosking, Lauren Koch, Tarryn Marsh, Kate Naus.

Absent: Michelle Dodunski, Thomas Busby.



**1991 Room 2**

Back row (l to r): Duane Old, Carla Molloy, Reyna Langman, Immy Peters, Emma Scott, David Siciliano, Mr NJ Henry.

Middle row (l to r): Richard Adamson, Ryan Kirk, Ben Smith, Joe Booth, Tony Selby, Damien Done, Matthew Andrews.

Front row (l to r): Annaliese Vissers, Shannan Coulson, Michelle Baker, Niki Green, Heeni-Lizia Smith, Natasha Naus, Lorna Naus, Shallyanne Arnold, Lisa Vale.



**1991 Room 3**

Back row (l to r): Jamie Booth, Carl Marriner, James Wakeman, Mathew Done.

3rd row (l to r): Mr T Morgan, Jacky Meredith, Maria Sutherland, Francine Molloy, Jenny Laursen, Nadia Mills.

2nd row: (l to r): Alec Kelsen, Matthew Vale, Nigel Woodger, Luke Hosking, Alexander Scott, Hayden Jones.

Front row (l to r): Kirsty Smith, Nikki Meredith, Emma Baker, Rachalle Grey, Jennifer Adamson, Shelly Baker, Sarah Clince, Bronwyn Coulson, Kelly Chamberlain.

Absent: Lionel Miller, Arama Rata.



**1991 Room 4**

Back row (l to r): Miss A Avery, Aimee Naus, Chayse Langman, Stacey Hosking, David Andrews, Edward Scott, Thomas Wakeman, Jennifer Mace.

Middle row (l to r): Daniel Field, Allan Laursen, Sarah Kemp, Te Aroha Smith, Paula Selby, Alastair Smith, Nathaniel Vissers.

Front row (l to r): Russell Marsh, Michael Clince, Alan Woodger, Shane Naus, Malcolm Marriner, Steve Clarry, Joel Chamberlain.

Absent: Kristel Dodunski.



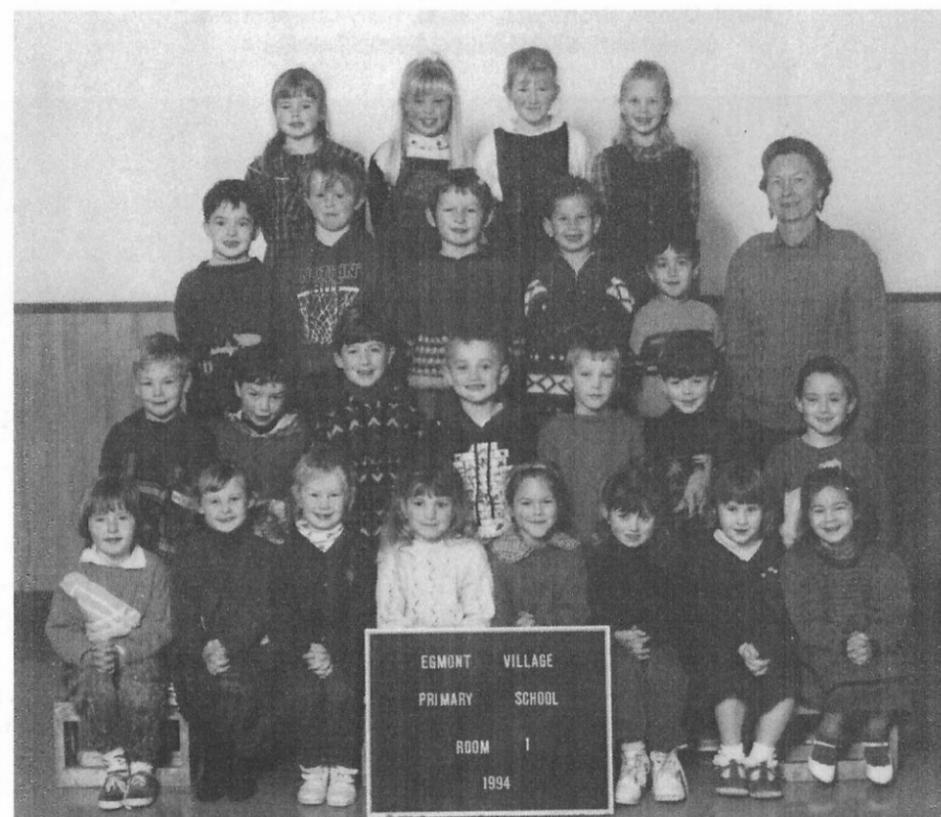
**1992 Room 1**

Back row (l to r): Darren Smith, Thomas Busby, Benajmin Parkes, Mrs A. Peacock.  
 Middle row (l to r): Kate Littley, Katie Moore, Emma Brockie, Kasey Rosser, Bridget Dodunski, Chloe Fox, Carolyn Mace.  
 Front row (l to r): Nikki Clarry, Liesa Smith, Mark Duynhoven, Stuart Andrews, Zachary Wilson, Hannah Law, Rachelle Sinclair.  
 Absent: Monique Jones, Janelle George.



**1995 Room 1**

Back row (l to r): Mrs H Wall, John Bedford, Harry Parkes, Jonathon Barlow, Aaron Law, Samuel Lay, Marc Littley, Sam McSweeney, Luke Ahkuoi.  
 Middle row (l to r): Samuel Jackson, Wade Naus, Melissa Bailey, Laura Duynhoven, Kandice Rosser, Jai Kretschmar, Brent How.  
 Front row (l to r): Jessica Barlow, Kathryn Bailey, Jessie Holland, Anna Duynhoven, Lisa Sinclair, Katie Ohlson, Nicole Mace, Sarah Smith.



**1994 Room 1**

Back row (l to r): Leisa Smith, Monique Jones, Kate Littley, Rachelle Sinclair.  
 3rd row (l to r): Logan Naus, Leighton Wright, Simon Busby, Victor Verveer, Abraham Naus, Mrs A Peacock.  
 2nd row (l to r): Harry Parkes, Dion Burgess, Aaron Law, Bryan Dodunski, Kane Baeyertz, Samuel Lay, Joshua Naus.  
 Front row (l to r): Jessie Holland, Chanae Loveridge, Laura Dynhoven, Carla Siciliano, Nikki Clarry, Katrina Brewer, Sarah Ohlson, Kandice Rosser.  
 Absent: Alisha Pepperell.



**1997 Room 1**

Back row (l to r): Sam Jackson, Lenna McSweeney, Shanan Laurence, Kathryn Bailey, Timothy Apps.  
 Middle row (l to r): Matt Denman, Kelly McKercher, John Bedford, David Summerfield, Jason Hannah, Cameron Lacey, Kirsty Duynhoven, Christopher Ohlson.  
 Front row (l to r): Rachel Dodunski, Rebecca Lay, Hannah Dombroski, Rachel Holland, Lisa Sinclair, Nicole Goble, Sarah Garside.  
 Teacher: Alison Christie.



**1999 Room 1**

**Back row (l to r):** Chiron Green, Jessica Lay, Kirsty Duynhoven, Kayla Walters.

**3rd row (l to r):** Callum McKercher, Luke Bedford, Luke Woodd, Wessley St George, Jimmy Millar, Dylan Moratti, Christopher Ohlson.

**2nd row: (l to r):** Vincent Milne, Jesse Steer, William Bennett, Luther Brown, Adam Mace, Karl Hannah, Johnny Campbell, Dylan Coull, Stefan Maechler, Tyler Jackson.

**Front row (l to r):** Sarah Niederberger, Sommer Steer, Stefan Steer, Jessica Benton, Cameron Shotter, Amy Robson, Scott Duynhoven, Janny Verveer, Loren Dombroski.

**Absent:** Mea Walters. **Teacher:** Hilary Wall.



**2001 Room 1**

**Back row (l to r):** Ashley King, Josh McSweeney, Mikayla George, Trevor Holland, Dahne Messenger, Tayla Cave.

**Front row (l to r):** Brooke Moratti, Kris Campbell, Sharnee Corbett, Ashleigh Shotter, Demi Bocock, Andrew Niederberger, Briar Parker.

**Teacher:** Hilary Wall.



Back row (l to r): Wendy Niederberger, Linda Langman, Cheryl McKercher, Hillary Wall, Jackie Walker, Raewyn Rutherford, Tim Morgan, Tracey Priest.

4th row (l to r): Jason Hannah, Luther Brown, Glen Dirksen, Adam Mace, John Bedford, Kirsty Bensley, Mea Walters, Kirsty Duynhoven, Amber Parish, Chazz Vercoe, John Webby, Luke Bedford, Jimmy Millar, Chiron Green-Coates, Loren Parker, Kelly McKercher, Tessie Hendry, Lisa Sinclair, Latasha Hedley, Trevor Holland, Jerrard Oorthuis, Estella Winnie-McGee.

3rd row (l to r): Cameron Hooper, Hamish Loft, Mathew Horton, Sam Jackson, Wessley St George, Lenna McSweeney, Anna Duynhoven, Codee Burkitt, Aaron Law, Karl Hannah, Reuben Brown, Sam McSweeney, Jessie Holland, Rachel Holland, Katie Olson, Jenna Niederberger, Hannah Dombroski, Nicole Mace, Tayla Cave, Dahne Messenger.

2nd row: (l to r): Bryton Oorthuis, Scott Duynhoven, Angus Loft, Cameron Shotter, Callum Rutherford, Elijah Webby, Aleisha Hannah, Kayla Walters, Kate Robb, Zara Vercoe, Sangster Vercoe, David Cole, Christopher Ohlson, Johnny Campbell, James Parish, Stefan Steer, Caleb Cole, Mikayla George, Juliette Hendry, Jessica Cole, Janny Verveer, Sarah Niederberger, Loren Dombroski, James Bocock, Demi Bocock, Briar Parker, Zandra Vercoe, Bailey Burkitt.

Front row (l to r): Letisha Pentalow, Sarah Bensley, Ashley King, Damian Brooke, Jack Bennett, Tyler Jackson, Lizzy Drummond, Jesse Steer, Callum McKercher, Dylan Moratti, Keegan Jones, Vincent Milne, Harry Messenger, Brooke Moratti, Josh McSweeney, Ashleigh Shotter, Chris Campbell, Laura Robb, Andrew Niederberger.

## School Attendance

### First Day Pupils

GYDE Alfred  
OLSON Mabel  
O'RIELLY George  
STAGPOOLE Patrick  
SWAN George

OLSON Edward  
OLSON Mary  
O'RIELLY James  
STAGPOOLE Bart

### Pre - 1877

BADDELEY Rochford  
BURKETT Henry  
GYDE William  
JAMES Luis  
NEWELL Hannah

BOND William  
GYDE Frederick  
JAMES Harry  
KIDD Frank  
WILLIAMS Morgan

### 1879

HAVERBIER Annie  
PAYNTER May  
OHLSON Masey  
SYME Jessie  
WILLIAMS Emily

HAVERBIER Ellen  
PRICE Jane  
SWAN Mary  
WILLIAMS Amelia

### 1880

BELL Fanny  
CANDISH Mary  
DULLER Eliza  
EARL Ada  
GALLOP Charles  
GRAYLING Dora  
GRAYLING Harry  
GYDE Edward  
GYDE George  
HALLINAN Patrick  
O'RIELLY Lilly  
RICHARDS Alfred  
RICHARDS William  
SWAN John  
SYME James  
SYME Thomas  
TURNER Ellen  
TURNER F.L.  
WILLIAMS Amelia  
WILLIAMS Thomas

CANDISH F.M.  
CANDISH Miriam  
DULLER Harold  
EVANS Margaret  
GRAYLING Claudia  
GRAYLING Ellen  
GRAYLING William  
GYDE Ellen  
HALLINAN Michael  
HAVERBIER Hermond  
PAYNTER Mary  
RICHARDS Emily  
STANLEY Kate  
SYME Amelia  
SYME Robert  
SYME William  
TURNER Emily  
TURNER Harriett  
WILLIAMS Morgan

### 1881

BELL Lucy  
BURKETT Jane  
DOHERTY Mary  
MARSH M.A.  
OLSON Ada  
PAYNTER Ella  
PETERS Kate  
REEVES Edith

BELL Sarah  
DOHERTY Ellen  
EVANS Evan  
MARTIN N.B.  
PAYNTER Beatrice  
PAYNTER Maud  
PRICE Caroline  
TURNER H.A.

### 1882

DOHERTY Edward  
DOHERTY Patrick  
MAGEE John  
OLSON Harold  
REEVE Ernest  
REEVES Alfred  
SWAN John  
SYME Alfred

DOHERTY James  
MAGEE James  
MATHEWS Thomas  
OLSON William  
REEVE Harold  
ROBERTS Oliver  
SWAN Joseph

### 1883

ANSFORD Chas  
CANDISH John  
CHARD Milly  
CUNNINGHAM George  
CUNNINGHAM William  
PAYNTER Arthur  
PETERS Walter

CANDISH Harry  
CHARD Edward  
CUDD George  
CUNNINGHAM Leonard  
GYDE Edward  
PAYNTER Ernest

### 1885

HALLINAN Angelina  
HOWELL Maude  
PETERS Noble  
PRICE Frank  
STANDISH Fred  
SYME Adolphus

HUNTER Grace  
MURPHY Maryann  
PETERS Walter  
RICHARDS Henry  
SWAN Maria

### 1887

BADDELEY Jessie  
BURKETT George  
HOWELL Walter  
MARTENSON Andrew  
OLSON Clara  
PRICE Daisy  
SWAN Eliza

BISHOP Daniel  
DULLER Edwin  
MARSH Ethel  
MARTIN Hannah  
PAYNTER Sydney  
PRICE May

### 1888

DOHERTY Alice  
GYDE Alice  
KNOTT William  
MARSH Percy  
MURPHY Thomas  
ROBERTS Mary  
TAPP Rachael

GYDE Ada  
HOWELL John  
MARSH Herbert  
MARTIN Zelandia  
PRICE Elsie  
TAPP Hilda  
TURNER Alfred

### 1889

AUTON Annie  
AUTON Joseph  
GIBSON Iris  
OLSON Percy  
RICHARDS Henry

AUTON Elizabeth  
DULLER Arthur  
McDONALD William  
PRICE David

### 1890

BURKETT Ernest  
FOXCROFT Arnold  
GIBSON Elsie  
HILL Ella

FOXCROFT Annie  
FOXCROFT Willie  
HILL Ada  
RICHARD James

### 1891

FORESTER Mary  
GIBSON Nellie  
PRICE Amy  
SCHICKER Edward  
TURNER Lena  
WALKER Blanche

FOXCROFT Evelina  
HALLINAN Thomas  
RICHARDS Elenia  
SCHICKER Josephina  
TURNER Minnie

### 1892

BOCOCK Ernest  
BOCOCK George  
BOCOCK Thomas  
LAIRD William  
PEARNS Leonard  
REEVE Ruth  
TURNER May  
YEATES Frank

BOCOCK Fanny  
BOCOCK James  
CHARD Annie  
OLSON Lewis  
PEARNS Roy  
ROBERTS Ethel  
YEATES Frances  
YEATES Reginald

### 1893

BISHOP Daisy  
BISHOP Olive  
CHARD Bertha  
GIBSON William  
MARSH Ronald  
MILES Ella  
PETERS Oscar  
SHRODOSKI Veronica  
TURNER Alfred

BISHOP Ethel  
BOCOCK Ivy  
FOXCROFT Grace  
MARSH Mathew  
MARTIN Matthew  
PETERS George  
SHRODOSKI Josephina  
SORENSEN Christian

### 1894

DOHERTY Frank  
GYDE Douglas  
HILL Beatrice  
MARSH Harold  
PETERS Harold  
RICHARDS Ernest

GIBSON Mabel  
HANNIGAN Agnes  
JORDAN Bertie  
MARTIN Annie  
REEVE Alfred

### 1895

EARP Alice  
JORDAN Harry  
KIDD Elvie  
ORR Bertie  
ORR Ernest  
ORR William  
PATERSON James  
TAPP Willie  
WALKER Jennie

EARP Kathleen  
KIDD Arthur  
MARSH Mabel  
ORR Clara  
ORR Mary  
MARSH Allan  
PATERSON John  
THOMASON Jim

### 1896

DEWHIRST Edward  
GIBSON Hilda  
JAMES Clarice  
KIDD Phyllis  
MARTIN Alice  
PETERS Annie  
SHRODOSKI Annie  
TURNER Mary

DEWHIRST Frank  
HEAL Nellie  
JAMES Norman  
MARSH Lewis  
ORR Evelyn  
PETERS Iris  
TURNER Elsie

### 1897

CHARD Clara  
FORESTER Dorothy  
KIDD Robert  
SIMMONDS Leonard  
TURNER Archer  
WILLING Tom

FORESTER Alexia  
HEAL Ivy  
PEARNS Bertie  
TAYLOR James  
WILLING Isobella  
WREN Norman

### 1898

BLIGHT Herbert  
DEWHIRST Irene  
JAMES Cyril  
LIMMER N.  
ROBINSON Charlie

CHARD George  
EARP Ella  
KIDD Stewart  
REEVE Willie  
SCHUMACHER Ben

### 1899

FROST Angelina  
FOXCROFT Arthur  
KIDD Doris  
PEERS Wilfred  
WILLING Percy

FROST Bertha  
GOUGH Edgar  
MARSH Gordon  
WHITE Elsie

### 1900

CARMAN Bertram  
CARMAN Harold  
FROST Albert  
HEAL Elsie  
HINE Gertrude  
HINE Vern  
SATTLER Bertha

CARMAN Ethel  
CHARD Albert  
FROST Ethel  
HINE Dora  
HINE Sydney  
MARSH Reggie  
WREN Harold

### 1901

BARKER Cyril  
GYDE Frank

BURKITT Ada

### 1902

BARKER Ivy  
CANDISH Horace  
CARMAN Esther  
KIDD Richard  
RIGALL Clarence  
WILLING Nita

CANDISH Ernest  
CANDISH Valentine  
HOUSTON May  
PEARNS Oliver  
ROBINSON Arthur

**1903**  
EARP Ivy  
JURY Len  
LILLY Clarence  
MORTON Jack  
RONALDSON Roy  
RONALDSON William  
SWAN Victor  
WILLS Lawrence

**1904**  
BARKER Mary  
BETTRIDGE William  
DUFFEL Ida  
HOPKINSON Percy  
MARTIN Ida  
RIGALL Marjery  
SMITH Maud  
SALISBURY Frank  
WILLIAMS Albert  
WILLING Doris

**1905**  
CANDISH Mardel  
FRASER Myra  
MARTIN Ada  
ORR Arthur  
ORR Harry  
ORR Norman  
RICHARDS Arthur

**1906**  
BARKER Gladys  
CANTELL Eileen  
CURD Reggie  
JORDAN Arthur  
JORDAN Willie  
LILLEY Lucy  
MARTIN George  
SALISBURY Florence  
SWAN Maud  
WHITE George  
WHITE Thomas

**1907**  
ALLDRIDGE Ruby  
BURKITT Alfred  
BURKITT Gladys  
HEAL Henry  
LEWIS Ernest  
NORTHCOTE May  
OLSON Winifred  
WARD Bertie  
YEATES Thomas

JURY Hazel  
JURY Ruby  
MARTIN Fanny  
RONALDSON James  
RONALDSON Tom  
SWAN Eunice  
WILLING Reggie

BETTRIDGE Alfred  
COLDRICK Fred  
FRASER Myra  
LILLY Clem  
MARTIN Rosie  
SMITH Agnes  
SALISBURY Ethel  
SALISBURY Fred  
WILLIAMS Susan  
WILLS Sylvia

FOSTER Hilda  
MARSH Mary  
MORTON Marjory  
ORR Edith  
ORR Ivy  
ORR Percy  
SATTLER Rosa

BARKER Mary  
CHARD Fred  
HEAL Olive  
JORDAN Myrtle  
LAW Milly  
MAGEE Jessie  
MARTIN Gladys  
SWAN George  
WHITE Arthur  
WHITE Robert  
WILLING Alma

BENNET Harold  
BURKITT Frank  
FOSTER Ernest  
KIDD Maurice  
McBETH Raymond  
NORTHCOTE Phyllis  
SINCLAIR Marion  
YEATES Harry

**1908**  
BARKER Maud  
CORNEY Lucy  
GOLDSMITH Stanley  
HAYES Allan  
HEAL Alma  
HEAL May  
MAGEE W.M.  
MORTON Mary  
RICHARDS Arthur  
RUSSEL William  
SIGNAL Norman  
WHITE Jack

**1909**  
BURROWS Daisy  
BURROWS Ruby  
CARR Mary  
CORNEY F. Arthur  
HARVEY Mitilda  
MORTON Arthur  
OAKLEY Winnie  
SWAN Arthur

**1910**  
BERRY Benjamin  
BERRY Gladys  
BERRY Violet  
BILTON Record  
BURROWS Hilda  
CHARD Ida  
GAYLARD Dolly  
GAYLARD Iris  
O'BYRNE Walter  
OLSON Madge  
RUSSELL Ethel  
SINCLAIR Richard  
THORPE Harold  
YEATES Vera

**1911**  
BURROWS Rita  
MAGEE Dolly  
O'BYRNE William  
WINTER Mona

**1912**  
BUTCHER Duncan  
CHONG Mervyn  
HUTHNANCE John  
KIDD Ray  
McKOY Ivy  
O'SHANGHNESSY Mary

CORNEY Clarice  
FOSTER D'arcy  
GOLDSMITH Violet  
HAYES Reginald  
HEAL Ivy  
JORDAN Roy  
MARSH Norah  
MURRAY Annie  
RUSSEL Ivy  
SIGNAL Ida  
SIGNAL Robert  
WINTER Walter

BURROWS Leslie  
CARR Helen  
CHEYNE Ada  
HARVEY Mary  
MARTIN Cora  
OAKLEY Walter  
SINCLAIR Norah

BERRY Frank  
BERRY Margaret  
BILTON Claude  
BURROWS Elizabeth  
CARTER Runa  
HEAL Daisy  
GAYLARD Grace  
MAGEE Irene  
OLSON Ada  
RUDD Ethel  
SCOTT Jessie  
THORPE George  
WILLING William

CORNEY Joyce  
MARTIN Aileen  
OLSON Edward

CARTER Constance  
GYDE Elsie  
JORDAN Bessie  
MARSH Albert  
O'BYRNE Stephen  
SCOTT Alice

SCOTT Margaret  
WILLING Mabel  
WILSON Charles

**1913**  
BAXTER Margaret  
BRETT Leila  
CANE Cumberland  
CANE Janet  
CANE Maisie  
CAUGHLAN Mahuri  
CHEYNE Elizabeth  
FLAY Violet  
GYDE Eric  
LONGSTAFF Arthur  
LONGSTAFF Grace  
OLSON Dorothy  
TRYE Claire  
TRYE Kathleen  
TRYE Mary  
TRYE Phillip

**1914**  
BAXTER Richard  
CARR Dorothy  
CORBETT Alexandra  
CULPITT Newton  
HEFFORD John  
LONGSTAFF Ken  
MAGEE Lawrence  
MARTIN Edith  
OLSON Harold  
POTTER Fred  
SEYMOUR Norman  
YEATES Laura

**1915**  
BERRY Phyllis  
BINT Edna  
CHAPMAN Annie  
CHAPMAN Elsie  
CHAPMAN John  
DIGGS Eric  
HENDERSON Eric  
KEENAN Kenneth  
MARSH Archie  
OLSON Howard  
PENHALL Florence  
POTTER Sydney  
ROBINSON Mildred  
STREET Nesta  
WILLING Marjory

TAYLOR Noble  
WILLING Pearl

BIELBY Elsie  
BURROWS Robert  
CANE Dulcie  
CANE John  
CAUGHLAN Elizabeth  
CHEYNE Catherine  
DAVIS Joseph  
GILBERT Florence  
LAIRD Edgar  
LONGSTAFF Elsie  
LONGSTAFF Hazel  
OLSON Stanley  
TRYE Coral  
TRYE Lance  
TRYE Nolan  
WILLIAMS Annie

BLACKBOURN Louis  
CARR Marguerite  
CORBETT Minnie  
DAVIS Nellie  
LAIRD Frank  
MAGEE Alfred  
MARSH Robert  
MORECRAFT Cyril  
PARTRIDGE Hazel  
POTTER William  
WINTER Irene

BINT Charles  
BURROWS Leila  
CHAPMAN Cissie  
CHAPMAN Herbert  
CORNEY Phyllis  
GEORGE Vernon  
KEENAN Gladys  
KEENAN Lindsay  
OLSON Eileen  
PENHALL Archibald  
PENHALL Grace  
ROBINSON Eva  
STREET Frederick  
TRYE Desmond  
YEATES Caroline

**1916**  
BAXTER Alan  
CAMPBELL Minnie  
DAVIS Ernest  
McBETH Sybil  
PENHALL Alice  
ROBINSON Edna  
WINTER Arthur

**1917**  
ALDERTON Frank  
DAISEY Jack  
GEORGE Harry  
GLOVER Gwynneth  
KEENAN Joyce  
MARSH Connie  
McBETH Enid  
NORRIS Edward  
NORRIS John  
O'BYRNE Muriel  
PIPER William  
STUCK Annie

**1918**  
CLARIDGE Bertrum  
CLARIDGE Mary  
CLARIDGE Wilfred  
DAISLEY Donald  
HUZZIF Doris  
HUZZIF Gordon  
HENDERSON Nancy  
JORDAN Allan  
MORTON Jean  
NEWTON Peggie  
ROBERTS James  
SOWERBY Ella  
STREET Jack

**1919**  
CAMPBELL Charlie  
KEENAN Valerie  
LEGGETT Murial  
MARSH Colin  
O'BYRNE Ada

**1920**  
BLANCHARD Raymond  
DRINKWATER Joseph  
GEORGE Arch  
GUILFORD Ross  
HUCKSTEP Douglas  
HURLSTONE Cyril  
PERRETT Myra  
REEVE Leslie  
TRYE Neville

CAMPBELL Douglas  
CAMPBELL Ruby  
JAMES Olive  
O'BYRNE Evelyn  
PENHALL Eric  
STREET Hector

BRIDGER Alice  
GEORGE Elvie  
GLOVER Auriol  
GLOVER Olaf  
MAGEE Olive  
MARSH Ena  
NORRIS Annie  
NORRIS Eileen  
O'BYRNE Ernest  
PIPER Charlotte  
STEVENSON Grace  
STUCK Eric

CLARIDGE Cyril  
CLARIDGE Roland  
CLARIDGE Winifred  
HUZZIF Annie  
HUZZIF Elsie  
HUZZIF Vera  
JORDAN Alice  
MARTIN Elsie  
NORRIS Michael  
OLSON Gwendolen  
ROBERTS Leo  
STREET Doreen  
STUCK Ivy

CAMPBELL Margaret  
LACY Doris  
LEGGETT William  
NORRIS Dan  
SCOTNEY Myrtle

BRIDGER MARY  
DRINKWATER Nathan  
GEORGE Roy  
GYDE Roy  
HURLSTONE Alma  
LONGSTAFF Alan  
PERRETT Violet  
TRYE John

1921

BENNY Ruth  
BISHOP Dorothy  
BISHOP Noel  
BOWEN Madge  
BOWEN Norman  
BOWEN Robert  
FOWLER Albert  
HICKEY Lyna  
KEENAN Sylvia  
O'BYRNE Eileen  
STAPLETON George  
TOWES Margot

BENNY Thomas  
BISHOP Jean  
BLANCHARD Bessie  
BOWEN Merle  
BOWEN Richard  
BRIDGER Sydney  
FOWLER Reginald  
HOLLINS Dorothy  
McCRACKEN Percy  
PAYNTER Nelson  
TOPPING Mary

1922

BRIDGER Margaret  
COLEMAN Grace  
CORBAN Amelia  
GIBSON Jean  
HURLEY Jean  
HURLEY Muriel  
HOLLINS Lorna  
LONG Esme  
POLKINGHORN Barry  
REEVE Phylis

COLEMAN Arthur  
COLEMAN Lewis  
CORBAN Violet  
GUILFORD Pat  
HURLEY Joyce  
HURLEY Nancy  
IRVINE Maisie  
LOVELL Roy  
READER Gladys

1923

BUCHANAN Winifred  
BUTLER Fenton  
DRYDEN Francis  
DRYDEN Joseph  
GUSH Frederick  
MacDONALD Alexander  
MacDONALD Janet  
SCHRIEBER Ruby  
THOMASON Alfred  
THOMASON Joyce

BURROWS Rhoda  
DRYDEN Alfred  
DRYDEN John  
DRYDEN Violet  
MacDONALD Agnes  
MacDONALD Jack  
MacDONALD Lily  
STAPLETON George  
THOMASON Fred

1924

BURROWS Emily  
CLARK Stanely  
CORNEY Geoffrey  
DRAVITSKI Catherine  
GILBERT Alfred  
GILBERT Len  
GYDE Ivy  
HATCHER Noel  
KEENAN Tui  
LYNCH Matchel  
NEWMAN Roma  
SMITH Ivy  
THOMASON Esma

BURROWS Malcolm  
CLARK Thora  
DRAVITSKI Anthony  
DRAVITSKI Irene  
GILBERT Gwen  
GUILFORD Dulcie  
HATCHER Eileen  
HATCHER Percy  
LYNCH James  
LYNCH Myra  
O'BYRNE Alfred  
STAPLETON Constance  
WESTFOLD Ethel

1925

BARNES Walter  
BOWEN George  
BUTLER Kathleen  
GILBERT Richard  
HATCHER Lucy  
ROGERS Elizabeth  
ROGERS Horace

BENNY Harold  
BRIDGER Betty  
DRYDEN Stanley  
HAMILTON Lottie  
MORRIS Richard  
ROGERS Evelyn

1926

BENNY Mary  
GUILFORD Jean  
HINES Blanche  
RILEY Lillian  
ROBERTS Edith  
SHRIMPTON Ivan  
SALISBURY Edgar

FEVRE William  
HURLSTONE Davidina  
HURLSTONE Nyla  
RILEY Oswald  
SHRIMPTON Alec  
SHRIMPTON Leo

1927

CHARD Doris  
COOPER Eunice  
DRAVITZKI Theresa  
HINZ John  
MAGEE Dorothy  
MARTIN Eric  
O'BYRNE Albert  
O'BYRNE Ronald  
PETERS Frederick  
ROWAN Douglas  
ROWAN Mervyn  
WEDDERSPOON Margaret  
WESTFOLD Lillian

COOPER Cedric  
COOPER Neil  
DRYDEN Glen  
HINZ Paul  
MARSH Frederick  
MORTON Ian  
O'BYRNE Lillian  
OLSON Sarah  
PETERS Ruby  
ROWAN Eric  
SALISBURY Iris  
WESTFOLD Annie  
WESTFOLD Violet

1928

BURROWS Maurice  
GYDE Gladys  
SALISBURY Joyce  
TEBUTT Jean  
TEBUTT Rodney

BUTLER Robert  
SALISBURY Albert  
TEBUTT Doris  
TEBUTT Phyllis  
THOMAS Olive

1929

ADAMSON Esther  
BAYLY Mavis  
DODUNSKI Colin  
DODUNSKI Imelda  
DRYDEN Olive  
HUNWICK Edward  
ROBERTS Marie  
SMITH Lewis

BAYLY Doris  
DODUNSKI Anthony  
DODUNSKI Dulcie  
DODUNSKI Matt  
HARPER Frank  
OLSON Lewis  
SMITH Henry

1930

CHARD Cletis  
HARPER Nancy  
HURLSTONE Newton  
KILPATRICK Margaret  
MEULI Alan  
OLSON Isabel  
WEBB Jean

GIBSON Sydney  
HINZ Irene  
KILPATRICK June  
LUCAS Leslie  
OLSON Sadie  
TEBUTT Elsie

1931

ADAMSON Ian  
BARNES Ian  
GUSH Maxine  
MARSH Shirley  
ROBERTS Graham  
SEYMOUR Norman

ADAMSON Loma  
DRYDEN Mavis  
HUNWICK Ray  
MARSH Valerie  
SEYMOUR Leslie  
SMITH Charles

1932

FERGUSON Allan  
FERGUSON Irene  
FERGUSON Ross  
OAKLEY Maise  
SALISBURY Joan

FERGUSON Eunice  
FERGUSON Keith  
KNIGHT Rex  
OLSSON Irene  
SALISBURY Mavis

1933

ADAMSON Alethia  
CHARD Ivan  
HINZ Trevor  
MARSH Cedric  
SWAN Vernon  
WALSHAW Ivan

ARMSTRONG Jean  
DODUNSKI Sylvia  
JAMES Muriel  
MURPHY John  
TEBUTT Alfred

1934

BANNAN James  
BEARD James  
BEARD Phyllis  
DODUNSKI Valentine  
ROBERTS Phyllis

BANNAN John  
BEARD Joyce  
BEARD Stanley  
MORTON Barbara  
TAYLOR Donald

1935

BEARD Sylvia  
LISTER Emily  
LISTER Henry  
LISTER Stanley  
ROBERTS Kenneth  
SHAW Allan  
SMITH Rosina

HINZ Clyde  
LISTER Gordon  
LISTER Myrtle  
MEULI Russell  
ROBINSON Venetia  
SHAW Colin  
SMITH William

1936

BENNY Lorna  
LISTER Alec  
MARSH Leslie  
MEULI Lorna  
ROBERTS Shirley  
SINCLAIR Kerry

DODUNSKI Elizabeth  
LONGSTAFF Kathleen  
MESSENGER Ian  
MORTON Janet  
SCHREIDER Bernard

1937

BARBER Mary  
BARBER Rosalind  
COOMBS David  
COOMBS Violet  
HATCHER Thelma  
HURLSTONE Pamela  
JURY Norma  
RICHARDS Valerie  
ROGERS Ronald  
SHALLARD Patricia  
SMITH Elsie  
SMITH Nola  
UPSON Nelson

BARBER Nancy  
BARBER William  
COOMBS Ruth  
DODUNSKI Desmond  
HURLSTONE Barry  
JURY Lesley  
MORTON Donald  
ROBINSON Ernest  
ROGERS Thelma  
SMITH Amy  
SMITH Ivy  
SMITH Trevor

1938

BELCHER Peggy  
COX Norman  
GODKIN Ngaere  
KILPATRICK Marjery  
LEPPER Ivan  
LINN Colin  
LINN Noel  
MARSH Donald  
MORRIS Noel  
SMITH Alan

BISHOP Milton  
COYNE Mary  
HOLLIS Dawn  
LAMBERT Lenard  
LEPPER John  
LINN Edward  
LONGSTAFF Robert  
MESSENGER Margaret  
ROBERTS Beverly

1939

BAYLY Fay  
GEORGE William  
HURLSTONE Janice  
MARSH David  
SMITH George

BAYLY Gladys  
GUILFORD Gladys  
LAMBERT Elsie  
MORTON Marian

1940

DODUNSKI Mervyn  
GUILFORD Alice  
HURLSTONE Elaine  
NICKSON Betty  
NICKSON Noreen  
SAVAGE Jean  
SINCLAIR Philip  
SMILLIE Lindsay  
ZIMMERMAN Margaret

GREENE James  
GUILFORD Nancy  
LONGSTAFF Doreen  
NICKSON Catherine  
RICHARDS Betty  
SAVAGE Leo  
SMILLIE Elva  
SMILLIE Wilfred

**1941**  
BENNETT Barbara  
MARSH William  
MORTON Peter  
NORTHCOTT Ivan  
SHALLARD Margaret

**1942**  
EICHSTAEDT Joy  
HURLSTONE Loma  
MEULI Margaret  
OLSON Mary  
SCOTT Shirley  
WHITE Dawn  
WHITE Geoffrey  
WHITE Rita

**1943**  
ATTRILL Bruce  
ATTRILL Josephine  
ATTRILL Tui  
FAY Alola  
HAYES Norman  
HENDERSON Brian  
JURY Donald  
LOVELL Sidney  
SHALLARD John  
WARD Frederick

**1944**  
ATTRILL Jean  
BOWEN Audrey  
BROUGH Dorothy  
KLIPSCH Jennifer  
LONGSTAFF Owen

**1945**  
BAKER Desma  
DODUNSKI Theresa  
GUILFORD Tony  
JONES Jocelyn  
SINCLAIR Kathleen  
VERCOE Patricia

**1946**  
ATTRILL Colin  
MESSENGER Frank  
OLSON William  
WHEELER David  
ZIMMERMAN David

CHAPMAN Hazel  
MESSENGER William  
NORTHCOTT Gordon  
NORTHCOTT Noel  
ZIMMERMAN Donald

EICHSTAEDT Maurice  
MESSENGER Alan  
MOULDER Valerie  
SCOTT Helen  
SINCLAIR Jean  
WHITE Deidre  
WHITE June

ATTRILL James  
ATTRILL Robert  
CRUSH Annie  
FAY Kenneth  
HAYES Peter  
JONES Margaret  
LONGSTAFF Owen  
MILHAM Garry  
STONEHOUSE Doreen  
WATSON William

BEARD Maurice  
BOWEN Dawn  
HURLSTONE Roger  
LONGSTAFF Eileen  
LOVELL Terence

BISHOP Joy  
GUILFORD Ann  
HAYES Robin  
O'BYRNE Trevor  
SOLE Gwenda  
WILLIAMSON Lynette

CHARD Valerie  
OLSON David  
O'REGAN Kathleen  
WHEELER Noeline

**1947**  
BAKER Clyno  
BENNY Eileen  
O'BYRNE Kevin  
SHUTE Robert  
WARD Dawn  
WARD James

**1948**  
BERG Patricia  
HINZ Carol  
JONES Rawinia  
LEADBETTER Mary  
SOLE David

**1949**  
BAKER Jeanelle  
BUNN Gary  
HOLLAND John  
PRESTIDGE Colin

**1950**  
BOWEN John  
HINZ Donald  
HOLDEN Peggy

**1951**  
BAKER Robert  
HARNESS Peter  
LONGSTAFF Winifred  
MORTON Christopher  
O'BYRNE Marie  
OLSSON Pamela

**1952**  
BAKER Stuart  
GYDE Ngari  
KING Gary  
KING Lynette  
LISTER Andrea  
LUCAS Ashley  
MEEHAN Nancy  
SOLE Christine

**1953**  
ANDERSON Susan  
DODUNSKI Carol  
KNOX Barbara  
KNOX Dawn  
WARD Dennis

BALDWIN Betty  
MEULI David  
OLSSON Robert  
SOLE Deidre  
WARD Emily  
WARD Shirley

DRINKWATER Lynlee  
HURLSTONE William  
LEADBETTER Marie  
MILHAM Rodney

BOWEN Vivienne  
GUILFORD Tony  
HOLLAND Norman  
WARD Beverley

GYDE Audrey  
HOLDEN Gayle  
HOLLAND Madeline

DRINKWATER Alister  
HURLSTONE Carol  
MILHAM Sheryll  
O'BYRNE June  
O'BYRNE Pamela  
ROBERTS Neville

BOWEN Shirley  
HOLDEN Lynette  
KING Janice  
KING Wayne  
LOVELL Allan  
MEEHAN Elizabeth  
MILHAM Wayne

BISHOP Eris  
HINZ Ron  
KNOX Barry  
KNOX June

**1954**  
ASHWORTH Jocelyn  
ASHWORTH Raewyn  
DRINKWATER Spencer  
GARBETT Donald  
HINZ Janice  
KNOX Lionel  
WARD Shirley

**1955**  
ADAMSON Errol  
DIXON Jennifer  
DRINKWATER John  
HOARE Murray  
MILLS Rose  
WARD Dawn

**1956**  
BAKER Valda  
BENNY Marie  
HOLDEN John  
MARR Albert  
McGEACHIE David

**1957**  
ADAMSON Delwyn  
ANDREWS Stephen  
AUSTIN Graeme  
AUSTIN Margaret  
DODUNSKI Kevin  
FRANKLIN John  
GYDE Murray  
JURY Colin  
KELLY Thomas  
PARKER Donald  
SCOTT Helen  
SIMMONS Marion

**1958**  
AUSTIN Noeline  
DIXON Kenneth  
GOWER Anne  
HINZ Loraine  
JULIAN Rowan  
LUPI Anne  
NAUS Anthony  
STEELE Sandra  
STOKES Corinne  
STOKES Philip  
TAYLOR Lynette

ASHWORTH Lynette  
BAKER Kelvin  
FREDICKSON Warren  
GARBETT Janice  
HOLDEN Nancy  
OLSON Murray

ASHWORTH Carolyn  
DODUNSKI Ronald  
GARDINER Phillip  
MILLS Grace  
PETERS Leonard

BENNY Beverly  
EWING Betty  
IRVING Bruce  
MARR Ronald  
SOLE Leonie

ANDREWS Richard  
AUSTIN Douglas  
AUSTIN Lynette  
AUSTIN Murray  
EWING Rodney  
GYDE Donald  
HILL Alan  
JURY Shirley  
LOVELL Graham  
PETERS Ian  
SIMMONS Gregory  
STANTON Sylvia

CHAPMAN Elizabeth  
DIXON Reginald  
GYDE Joclyn  
JULIAN Mervyn  
KELLY Michael  
LUPI David  
RAVEN Richard  
STOKES Catherine  
STOKES Dianne  
TAYLOR Leslie  
WELLINGTON Clifford

**1959**  
ADAMSON Julie  
EWING Jane  
JULIAN Mark  
LUPI Mary  
WARREN Kathlyn

**1960**  
AUSTIN Delwyn  
AYLETT Ross  
DODUNSKI Gavin  
HINZ Gayleen  
JULIAN Warren  
LOVELL Jane  
MORTON Jenny  
STEELE Roger  
THOMPSON Catherine  
THOMSON Kenneth  
THOMSON Robert

**1961**  
BISHOP Jeffrey  
GOWER Ian  
MacLEAN Lain  
THOMPSON Brian

**1962**  
BAKER Marlene  
KEMP Nigel  
MORTAN Denise  
MUNDT Caroline

**1963**  
ADAMSON Leonard  
DODUNSKI Suzanne  
GOODIN Joan  
HASTIE Lynette  
LUPI Teresa  
THOMPSON Grant

**1964**  
DIXON Colleen  
GOWER Helen  
LUCKIN Karen  
MORTON Christine  
STEVENSON Graham

ANDREWS Christine  
HINZ Raymond  
JURY Beverley  
SIMMONS Susan

AYLETT Peter  
CLARK Neil  
HINZ Garry  
HINZ Kevin  
JURY Colleen  
LUPI Gina  
MUNDT Tony  
TAYLOR Susan  
THOMPSON John  
THOMSON Raymond

EICHSTAEDT Jennifer  
HINZ Gillian  
MORTON Dianne

DODUNSKI Gayle  
LUPI Peter  
MacLEAN Gordon  
THOMPSON Patricia

BISHOP Kelvin  
EICHSTAEDT Grant  
HASTIE Donna  
JURY Ian  
MARSH Gary

EWING Anthony  
JULIAN Donna  
MAYNICK Gaye  
STEVENSON Allan  
WILLIAMS Nicholas

**1965**

ADAMSON Daryl  
 BANKS Peter  
 DODUNSKI Raymond  
 MARSH Denise  
 REARDON Daniel  
 REARDON Margaret  
 SINCLAIR Rodney

BANKS Neil  
 BANKS Sheryll  
 HERMAN Linda  
 REARDON Anne  
 REARDON Juliet  
 REARDON Susan  
 STEVENSON Pat

**1966**

ADAMSON Kathryn  
 DODUNSKI Fiona  
 LUPI Hugo  
 MORTON Richard

DIXON Gary  
 LUCKIN David  
 MORAN Amanda  
 WILLIAMS Juliet

**1967**

BANKS Lorraine  
 GOWER Mary  
 KERR Lynette  
 LOVELL Stephanie  
 MAJOR Grant  
 MARSH Phillip  
 PARKES Fiona  
 PARKES Helen  
 ROWE Andrew  
 ROWE David  
 SINCLAIR Neville  
 WILLS Andrea

DODUNSKI Terance  
 KERR Bryan  
 KERR Richard  
 LOVERIDGE Dennis  
 MANCER Stephen  
 PARKES Anne  
 PARKES Geoffrey  
 REARDON Kathleen  
 ROWE Christopher  
 ROWE Peter  
 WHITTINGHAM Clive  
 WILLS Mervyn

**1968**

AUSTIN Kenneth  
 HOLLAND David  
 HOLLAND Marilyn  
 HOLLAND Steven  
 KURTH Dennis  
 KURTH Mervyn  
 MAJOR Ian  
 MARSH Shelley  
 PETERS Maree

DODUNSKI Andrew  
 HOLLAND Gloria  
 HOLLAND Robert  
 JORDAN Mark  
 KURTH Kelvin  
 LUCKIN Stephen  
 MARSH Anthea  
 PETERS Joy  
 WHITTINGHAM Donald

**1969**

DODUNSKI Karla  
 GELLING Christina  
 GOODIN Ross  
 OSTLER Joy  
 REARDON Clifford  
 SAYWELL Lorraine  
 SAYWELL Robert  
 THOMPSON Margot

FRANKS Gary  
 GELLING Shane  
 MARSH Paul  
 PRENTICE Karen  
 SAYWELL Dennis  
 SAYWELL Melva  
 SCOTT Ivan

**1970**

FRANKS Delwyn  
 KRUTZ Daphne  
 NGATAI Kevin

KRUTZ Allan  
 KRUTZ Earnest  
 NGATAI Tony

**1971**

BOLTON Jill  
 KEAT Michelle  
 KEAT Stuart  
 PIERCE Craig  
 RICE Darren  
 SIMMONDS Michael  
 SIMMONDS Stephen  
 TAYLOR Paul  
 TAYLOR Sharon

FINDLAY Melinda  
 KEAT Raewyn  
 LUCKIN Jan  
 REARDON John  
 RICE Ronald  
 SIMMONDS Patrick  
 TAYLOR Jan  
 TAYLOR Ross

**1972**

BEARD Timothy  
 GELLING Teresa  
 LAURENSEN Alana  
 MAJOR Judith  
 RICE Dean

DODD Pamela  
 GOODIN Barry  
 LAURENSEN Tracey  
 MARSH Joanne  
 SIMMONDS Julie

**1973**

BEARD Mavis  
 FINDLAY Stephen  
 KAYE Terry  
 KAYE Warren  
 MANCER Billy  
 PIERCE Megan  
 REARDON Brendan  
 RICE Carryn

BOLTON Rosemary  
 KAYE Charles  
 KAYE Tony  
 LAURENSEN Megan  
 MANCER Christine  
 PIERCE Murray  
 REED David  
 SMITH David

**1974**

BEARD Cedric  
 DIXON Wayne  
 MESSENGER Derek  
 MURTAGH Glenn  
 REARDON Brian  
 REARDON Jane  
 ROWE Giselle  
 ROWE Mitchell  
 UNCLES Sharon

CLEAVER Mark  
 HURLSTONE Dean  
 MURTAGH Gary  
 MURTAGH Helen  
 REARDON Dianne  
 ROWE Dell  
 ROWE Kerry  
 UNCLES Dean

**1975**

BARNES Angela  
 BEARD Lois  
 HELLIER Andrew  
 HELLIER Robert  
 LAURENSEN Kursty  
 PARKER Andrew  
 REARDON Alice

BARNES Ryan  
 GOFFE Richard  
 HELLIER Leah  
 HURLSTONE Craig  
 NIGHTENGALE Beryl  
 PARKER Leonie

**1976**

BARRON Kim  
 DIXON Nigel  
 FOSTER Ross  
 GOLDSWORTH Allan  
 KER Christopher  
 MESSENGER Maree  
 PARKER Lionel

BARRON Paul  
 FOSTER Adrian  
 FOSTER Vicky  
 HURLSTONE Rex  
 KER Stephen  
 PIERCE Brent  
 WAY Wayne

**1977**

BARRON Hayley  
 CANWELL Sarah  
 HENDERSON Douglas  
 HENDERSON Richard  
 HUTSON Graham  
 HUTSON Susan  
 MILHAM Warwick  
 QUINCE Raymond  
 REARDON Kelly

BUTLER Janice  
 CHILCOTT Janice  
 HENDERSON Emma  
 HURLSTONE Wendy  
 HUTSON Julian  
 KIRK Dennis  
 PIERCE Richard  
 QUINCE Robert  
 WHALE Kelly

**1978**

ADAMSON Kevin  
 CLARK Urban  
 DIXON Brent  
 LAURENSEN Jason  
 MARTIN Carl  
 MURTAGH Vicky

CLARK Susan  
 CHILCOTT Jason  
 HURLSTONE Mark  
 MACKS Darryl  
 MARTIN Elliot  
 SINCLAIR Kay

**1979**

BARRON Adam  
 FRICK Carolyn  
 HOTTON Wayne  
 KIRK Clinton  
 MESSENGER Joy  
 MORGAN Paul  
 VAN WYNBERGAN Daniel

BARRON Kirsty  
 HELLIER Kylie  
 JULIAN Tracey  
 MACKS Sharon  
 MILHAM Damon  
 MUIR Stephen  
 WARRINGTON Vanessa

**1980**

ADAMSON Stephen  
 DODUNSKI Clive  
 FARQUHAR Shane  
 KENNEDY Cindy  
 TIPPETT Brendan

BEARD Ivy  
 DODUNSKI Nigel  
 HURLSTONE Gregory  
 KENNEDY Pamela  
 WARRINGTON Rachel

**1981**

ADAMSON Craig  
 BEAUMONT Nicole  
 CHILCOTT Lester  
 COULSON Daniel  
 EADE Cheryl  
 FAULKNER Alvin  
 FAULKNER Jackie  
 HARRIS Anthony

BEAUMONT Adam  
 BAKER Tony  
 CONSTABLE Paul  
 DIXON Lauren  
 EADE Eric  
 FAULKNER Alvinia  
 HALL Fabian  
 HARRIS Sheryl

HELLIER Trevor  
 JORDAN Michelle  
 JORDAN Rachel  
 KIRK William  
 MESSENGER Mark  
 MUIR Treena  
 SELBY Rodney  
 SMITH Tanya  
 VISSERS Simon

**1982**

BEARD Stephen  
 HITCHCOCK Geoffrey  
 JULIAN Mellisa  
 SHAW Garth

**1983**

ADAMSON Richard  
 BAKER Tracey  
 BELL Sandy  
 HORAN Darryl  
 HORAN Stephen  
 KER Michael  
 MORGAN Tamara  
 PETERS Imagene  
 ROBB Shane  
 SUTER Michael  
 SYMES Tracey

**1984**

BISHOP Nicholas  
 GREY Matthew  
 HOVELL Nikki  
 KIRK Stephen  
 MULDER Brian  
 NAUS Lorna  
 SARTEN Jamie  
 SIVERTSEN Cynthia

**1985**

ADAMSON Jennifer  
 BOOTH Jamie  
 CLARKE Sarah  
 COULSON Shannon  
 GIRLING Brendon  
 GREEN Michelle  
 GREEN Tracey  
 LAURSEN Jenny  
 MILLER Lionel  
 MILLS Nadia  
 NICHOLSON Evelyn  
 SAYRING Michael  
 VALE Matthew

JORDAN Jeanette  
 JORDAN Phillipa  
 KENNEDY Vicki  
 LAURSON Maree  
 MORGAN Craig  
 OLD Kirsten  
 SMITH Jasmine  
 THOMAS Melissa  
 WESTBURY Christopher

COULSON Benjamin  
 HITCHCOCK Tony  
 MEREDITH Rebeka  
 SHAW Tammy

BAKER Michelle  
 BELL Karly  
 FOX Amy  
 HORAN Ronald  
 HURSTONE Sharon  
 MILLS Kirsty  
 NAUS Natasha  
 REYNOLDS Jasmine  
 SELBY Anthony  
 SYMES Melissa  
 VALE Lisa

BOOTH Joseph  
 GREY Nicola  
 HOVELL Shane  
 MILLER Elizabeth  
 MULDER John  
 NICHOLSON Corriene  
 SIMPSON Aaron  
 SUTER Angela

ANDREWS Matthew  
 CLARKE Cameron  
 COATES Sharyl  
 CRANSON Michelle  
 GIRLING Janine  
 GREEN Suzanne  
 HITCHCOCK Hayden  
 MILLER Kathrina  
 MEREDITH Jaclyn  
 MURRAY Rachel  
 OLD Duane  
 THOMSON Sally  
 VISSERS Annaliese

**1986**

ARNOLD Brad  
 BAKER Emma  
 BROADMORE Kerri  
 BROWN Emma  
 CHAMBERLAIN Kelly  
 DALY Isaac  
 GREY Rachalle  
 KNAPMAN Lisa  
 LAUGESON Christian  
 MEAR Davphina  
 MOLLOY Carla  
 PETERS Melissa  
 WAKEMAN James  
 WOODGER Nigel

**1987**

AMAI Rebecca  
 BOSWELL Alara  
 CLARRY Steve  
 GIRLING Amanda  
 HAUA Dick  
 NAUS Shane  
 PRITCHARD Phillipa  
 SMITH Benjamin  
 VAN WYNBERGAN Jozef  
 WEBBER Robert

**1988**

BAILES Meeshall  
 CHAMBERLAIN Joel  
 MACE Jennifer  
 MILLER Kathrina  
 McENTEE Julie  
 SMITH Alistair  
 TAYLOR Jodi  
 WAKEMAN Thomas  
 WIRINGI Levi

**1989**

BOOTH Jamie  
 CLINCE Michael  
 JONES Hayden  
 KELSEN Alec  
 KELSEN Phillip  
 KEMP Sarah  
 LANGMAN Reyna  
 MOORE Nathan  
 SICILIANO David  
 SMITH Jared  
 SMITH Te Aroha  
 SUTHERLAND Shannon  
 WALPOLE Amanda  
 WINETI Sarah

ARNOLD ShallyAnne  
 BAKER Shelley  
 BROADMORE Lara  
 BROWN Kristina  
 COOMBE Merryn  
 GARDNER Terry  
 HITCHCOCK Joseph  
 LAUGESON Adele  
 LAURSEN Allan  
 MEREDITH Nicola  
 MOLLOY Francine  
 TAYLOR Renee  
 WILKIN Clifford

ANDREWS David  
 BUTLER Emeria  
 COULSON Brownyn  
 GLENGARRY Joel  
 KNAPMAN John  
 PRITCHARD Kim  
 SELBY Paula  
 SMITH Kirsty  
 WEBBER Nicholas

BELEN Tristan  
 DODUNSKI Kristel  
 MASON Daniel  
 MILLER Lionel  
 NAUS Aimee  
 TAYLOR Adam  
 VISSERS Nathaniel  
 WINETI Phillip  
 WOODGER Alan

BOOTH Joseph  
 CLINCE Sarah  
 JONES Venessa  
 KELSEN Clare  
 KEMP Christopher  
 LANGMAN Chayse  
 MILLS Ngaire  
 ROSSER Kushla  
 SMITH Heeni-Lisa  
 SMITH Nicola  
 SUTHERLAND Maria  
 VAN LINDEN/ROSS Petra  
 WALPOLE Gavin

**1990**

ADAMS Jessica  
 DODUNSKI Michelle  
 DONE Matthew  
 HOSKING Amanda  
 HOSKING Stacey  
 JOHNSON Jay  
 LACEY Kathryn  
 MARSH Tarryn  
 SCOTT Alexander  
 SCOTT Emma  
 SICILIANO Daniel

**1991**

BROCKIE Emma  
 FIELD Daniel  
 MALLI Harley  
 PARKES Benjamin  
 ROSSER Kasey  
 WRIGHT Mitchell

**1992**

BARRON Rachell  
 BUSBY Simon  
 DODUNSKI Bridget  
 FOX Chloe  
 GUIDERA Paul  
 KENNY Catherine  
 KUKLINSKI Heidi  
 LITTLELY Kate  
 MURRAY Cameron  
 NAUS Logan  
 SICILIANO Carla  
 SMITH Leisa  
 WRIGHT Leighton

**1993**

DODUNSKI Bryan  
 DUYNHOVEN Laura  
 GOBLE Adam  
 OHLSON Sarah  
 PAINTER Angela  
 PEPPERELL Alisha  
 ROSSER Kandice  
 WEEKS Dylan

**1994**

BAEYERTZ Kane  
 BREWER Katrina  
 BURGESS Dion  
 BURKITT Caleb  
 GEORGE Tamara  
 HOLLAND Jessie  
 LAY Samuel

BUTLER Phillipa  
 DONE Damian  
 DUYNHOVEN Paul  
 HOSKING Luke  
 JOINES Kirsty  
 JONES Carey  
 LITTLELY Gareth  
 NAUS Kate  
 SCOTT Edward  
 SHEWRY John  
 WAKEMAN Brendon

BUSBY Thomas  
 MACE Carolyn  
 MALLI Manu  
 RATA Arama  
 SMITH Darren

BARRON Roger  
 CLARRY Nikki  
 DUYNHOVEN Mark  
 GEORGE Janelle  
 JONES Monique  
 KOCH Matthew  
 LAW Hannah  
 MOORE Katie  
 MURRAY Lenora  
 SHEWRY Kris  
 SINCLAIR Rachelle  
 WILSON Zachary

DRAVITSKI Miranda  
 FOX Tara  
 LOVERIDGE Chenae  
 PARKES Harry  
 PAINTER Ashley  
 PEPPERELL Joshua  
 THOMPSON Scott

BREWER Andrew  
 BREWER Keir  
 BURKITT Anthony  
 FARQUHAR Robert  
 GILLESPIE Teryn  
 KRETSCHMAR Jai  
 LAW Aaron

LITTLELY Marc  
 McDONALD Callum  
 NAUS Abraham  
 NAUS Wade  
 VERVEER Victor

**1995**

BAILEY Kathryn  
 BARLOW Christine  
 BARLOW Jonathon  
 BEDFORD John  
 DUYNHOVEN Anna  
 HOW Brent  
 HOW Natalie  
 JACKSON Samuel  
 MACE Nicole  
 OHLSON Katie  
 SMITH Sarah

**1996**

BETTERIDGE Kyra  
 BROWN Travis  
 DOMBROSKI Jason  
 McKEOWN Linda  
 McKERCHER Kelly  
 MITCHELL Kahn  
 SMITH Leah

**1997**

APPS Timothy  
 DENMAN Matt  
 DODUNSKI Rachel  
 GARSIDE Sarah  
 LACEY Cameron  
 LAY Rebecca  
 MAXWELL Matthew  
 SMITH Nita  
 VALE Simon

**1998**

BEDFORD Luke  
 DE THIERRY Mark  
 DIRKSEN Stephanie  
 HANNAH Jason  
 MATHESON Kelsey  
 McLEAN Lance  
 MILNE Mercedes  
 MORATTI Dylan  
 ROBSON Amy  
 SMITH Samuel  
 STEER Stefan  
 WEBBY Elijah  
 WOODD Luke

McDONALD Brant  
 McSWEENEY Sam  
 NAUS Joshua  
 STRETTON Leonie

BAILEY Melissa  
 BARLOW Jessica  
 BARLOW Michael  
 CAMPBELL/FROST Robert  
 EDMONDS Patrick  
 HOW Kieran  
 HOW Sandra  
 KEMP Jessica  
 MILLER Kerrienne  
 SINCLAIR Lisa

BROWN Reuben  
 DOMBROSKI Hannah  
 HOLLAND Rachel  
 McKEOWN Paul  
 McSWEENEY Lenna  
 SCOTT Edward  
 WIN Morgan

ANDREWS Lee  
 DODUNSKI Peter  
 DUYNHOVEN Kirsty  
 GOBLE Nicole  
 LAURENCE Shanan  
 MACE Adam  
 OHLSON Christopher  
 SUMMERFIELD David

BROWN Luther  
 DIRKSEN Glen  
 GREEN Chiron  
 MANSFIELD Kris  
 McLEAN Emma  
 MILLAR James  
 MILNE Vincent  
 PERRY Daemyn  
 SHOTTER Camero  
 STEER Sommer  
 WALTERS Mea  
 WEBBY John

**1999**

BENNETT William  
 CAMPBELL Johnny  
 DOMBROSKI Loren  
 JACKSON Tyler  
 MAECHLER Stefan  
 MONTI Dean  
 NIEDERBERGER Daniel  
 NIEDERBERGER Sarah  
 ST GEORGE Danae  
 VERVEER Janny

**2000**

ARMSTRONG Chloe  
 COWLING Alexander  
 GROWDEN Alycia  
 HEAL Joshua  
 HENDRY Juliette  
 HINTZ Sarah  
 HORTON Mathew  
 HOW-McLEAN Kurtis  
 LADD Blair  
 McSWEENEY Josh  
 MORATTI Brooke  
 NUNN Harley  
 NUNN Stacey  
 PATTISON Tyler  
 ROBB Kate

**2001**

BENNETT Jack  
 BERRIDGE Monique  
 CAMPBELL Kris  
 COLE Daniel  
 DRUMMOND Elizabeth  
 JONES Keegan  
 LINDSAY Brody  
 McLEAN Abby  
 ROBINSON Michael

**2002**

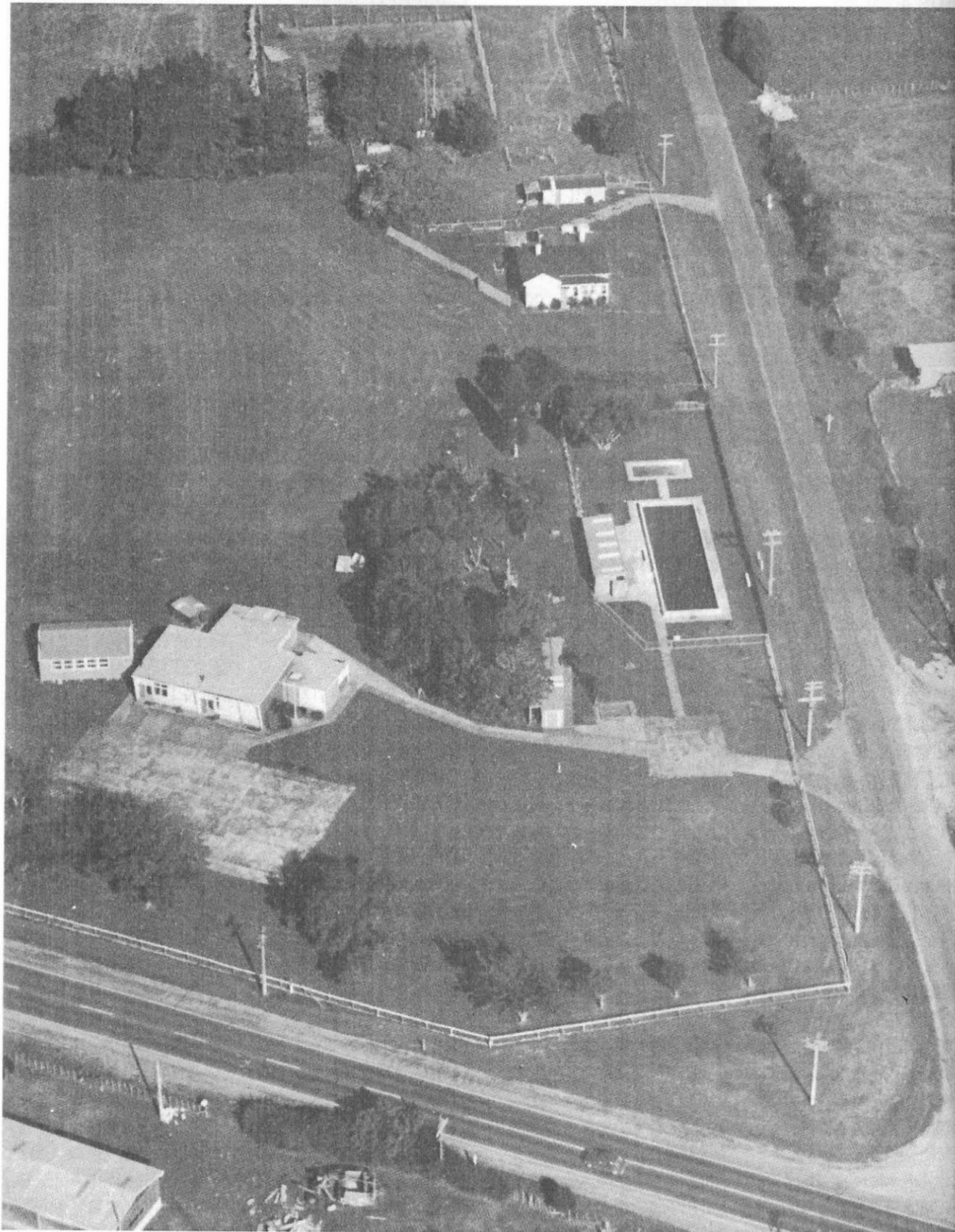
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 BOCOCCO James  
 BURKITT Codee  
 HOOPER Cameron  
 MESSENGER Harrison  
 PARRISH Amber  
 ROBB Laura  
 VERCOE Chazz  
 VERCOE Zandra  
 WINNIE-McGEE Estella

BENTON Jessica  
 COULL Dylan  
 DUYNHOVEN Scott  
 LAY Jessica  
 McKERCHER Callum  
 MONTI Rachel  
 NIEDERBERGER Jenna  
 STEER Jesse  
 ST GEORGE Wessley  
 WALTER Kayla

CORBETT Sharnee  
 D'ARTH Luke  
 HANNAH Aleisha  
 HENDRY David  
 HENDRY Tessie  
 HOLLAND Trevor  
 HORTON Michael  
 KING Ashley  
 LINTON Robert  
 MESSENGER Dahne  
 NIEDERBERGER Andrew  
 NUNN Owen  
 PARKER Loren  
 PLEWS Kori  
 SHOTTER Ashleigh

BERRIDGE Jesse  
 BOCOCCO Demi  
 CAVE Tayla  
 COLE Jessica  
 GEORGE Mikayla  
 JUDSON Jay  
 LOFT Hamish  
 PARKER Briar  
 STEER Bodean

BENSLEY Sarah  
 BURKITT Bailey  
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 LOFT Angus  
 MILNE Chevron  
 PARRISH James  
 RUTHERFORD Callum  
 VERCOE Sangster  
 VERCOE Zara



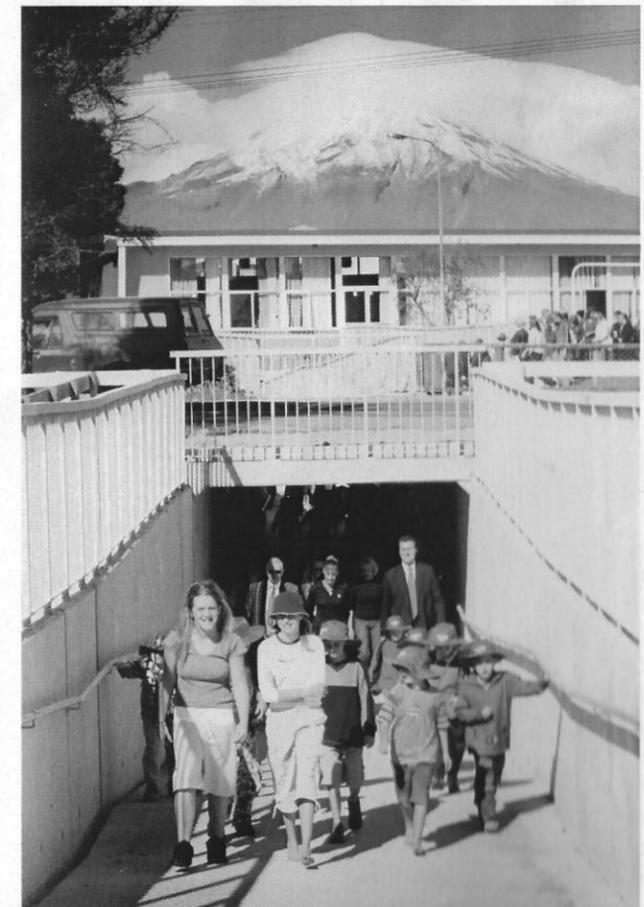
This photograph was taken in the 1970s by Charters and Guthrie.



Egmont Village School today, is a full primary state school, with a roll of 84. The core values of honesty, respect, pride, caring, teamwork, self-esteem and effort are intrinsic parts of the school culture.

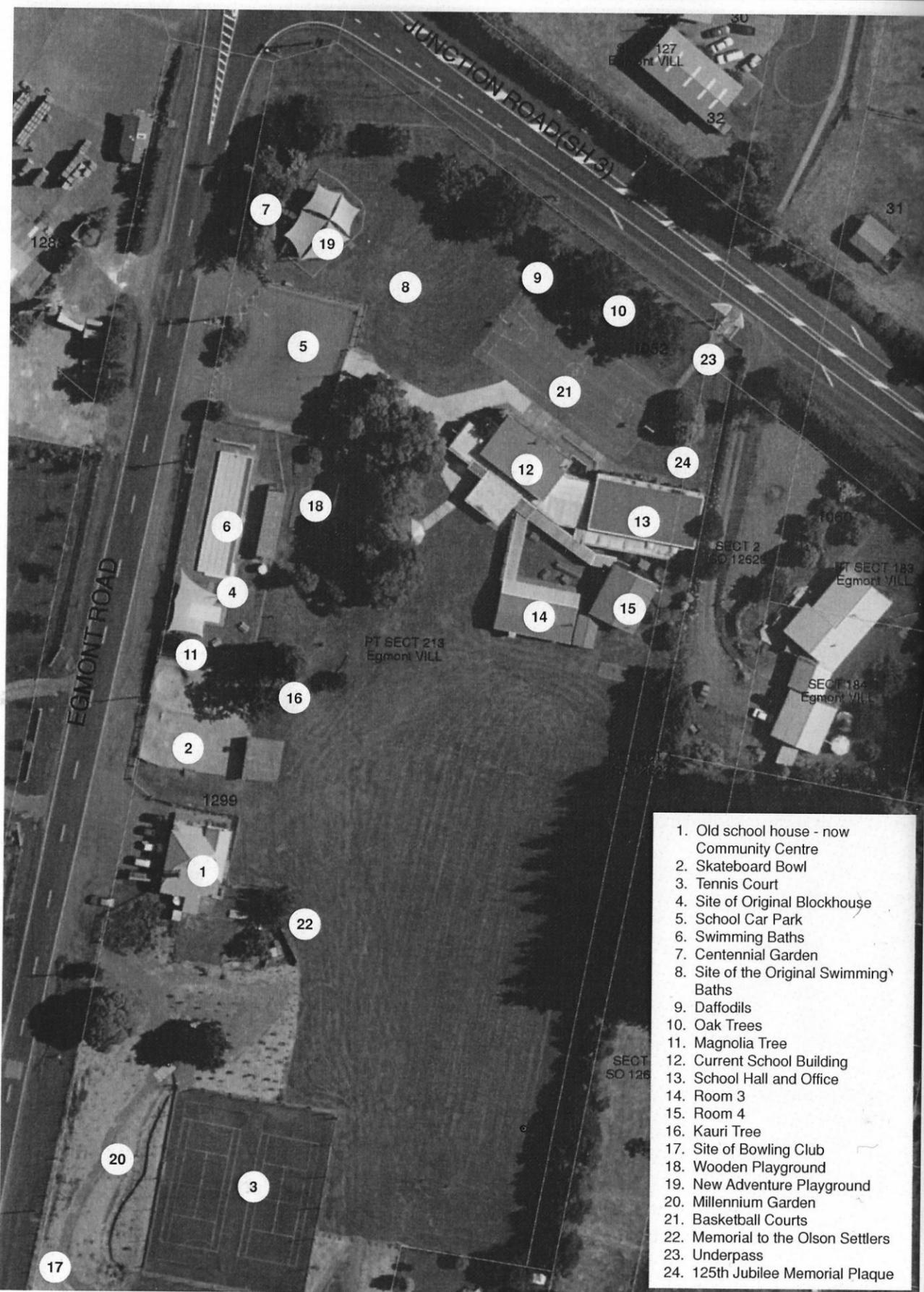
A mixture of rural and residential children make up Egmont Village School, with a strong tradition of community support. The activities listed below are still a part of the school tradition:

- Inter-School Sports - athletics, swimming, netball, soccer, cross-country, running and rugby.
- Pet Day.
- Calf and Fair Day.
- Daffodil Sales.
- Year 8 Farewell Dinner.
- Year 7 and 8 School Trip (bi-annually).
- School Play (bi-annually).



Official opening of the Underpass by Mayor Peter Tennant - 29 March 2004.

## Egmont Village School Grounds



1. Old school house - now Community Centre
2. Skateboard Bowl
3. Tennis Court
4. Site of Original Blockhouse
5. School Car Park
6. Swimming Baths
7. Centennial Garden
8. Site of the Original Swimming Baths
9. Daffodils
10. Oak Trees
11. Magnolia Tree
12. Current School Building
13. School Hall and Office
14. Room 3
15. Room 4
16. Kauri Tree
17. Site of Bowling Club
18. Wooden Playground
19. New Adventure Playground
20. Millennium Garden
21. Basketball Courts
22. Memorial to the Olson Settlers
23. Underpass
24. 125th Jubilee Memorial Plaque

## 1 - Egmont Village Community Centre

This building was the original school master's house, built on-site in 1905. It was used for this purpose up until the late 1970s. Originally having an outside longdrop toilet and wash house, these rooms were built on to the building sometime after the 1950s. Ian Barnes remembers them being outside when his family lived in the house during the 1940s.

In the late 1970s, the building became the Community Centre. The inside walls were removed so the house could be used as a classroom when the school was being renovated during the 1980s.

The "Cozie Club" gatherings were originated by Ron Dodunski. These were a great asset to the social life of the farmers in the winter months, being otherwise too busy during the rest of the season to socialise. There was a great community spirit during this time, a number of potluck dinners were held. However numbers gradually dwindled and the club ceased meeting in 1994.

The playgroup started using the building in 1979, having their own room (first to the left inside the front door) to store their gear.

During the 1990s the building fell into disrepair. In 1998 it was refurbished, repiled, repainted on the interior and exterior, the scrim was stripped and the floors sanded and varnished. The chimney was exposed and a new woodburning



fire was set in front of the bricks, making for an energy efficient heating system. The lean-to toilets were dismantled and a new toilet area formed. A new kitchen was installed and a zip for hot water, plus double doors which opened out onto a new wooden deck. This happened over a 6 - 8 month period to officially open in August 1998.

It is now used for playgroup once a week, cycle club meetings on a Sunday morning, Inglewood Aquarium and Pond Club for a monthly meeting. Plus there are occasional parties and meetings.

The Community Centre is kept running by a small Committee who are original members of the Renovation Committee - Marlene Busby, Cheryl McKercher, Ann Holland and John Apps.

This building is a great asset for the community but regrettably doesn't get the use it could.



Egmont Village Community Centre - 2005.

## Egmont Village Playgroup

A meeting was held on 23rd April 1979 to gauge interest for setting up a playgroup or play centre, at the Egmont Village Community Centre. The committee consisted of Kathie Old, Diane Morgan, Jocelyn Milham, Gail Canwell, Judy Macks, Pam Baker, Rama Ellerton, Susan Van Wynbergen and Christine Julian. The vote favoured the Playgroup, which was duly set up to meet weekly at the Community Centre.

Playgroup built its resources up over the years, a barked playground was built, sandpit and playhouse installed, as well as a large number of great toys, puzzles, books and art resources were purchased. In 1986 a record number of families were attending - 22.

The Community Centre was falling into disrepair by this stage. Records for 1988 show that Playgroup with-held rent until a new water supply was installed. During 1992 the committee decided that the Playgroup storeroom in the Community Centre should be refurbished. Original scrim was stripped off and it was painted in 1993.

Minutes from 1995 onwards talk about the state of the building - awaiting news from the Community Centre meeting?

Scrim was hanging off the walls. The only warmth gained from the fire was by pressing backsides as close as possible to it - at the risk of being smoked in the process. The front door of the

building had to be left ajar to get rid of the smoke - defeating the purpose of the fire! All this never worried the children of course!

During 1998, playgroup sessions were held in parents homes and the library, as the Community Centre was finally being refurbished. The Playgroup storage room was also redecorated at this time. Playgroup moved back into this wonderfully restored building in the last term of 1998.

The number of families attending the Playgroup since 1999 has dropped back to around 10. However 24 years after it began, the focus of the Playgroup is still the same - a safe comfortable place for parents to bring their children. Parents enjoy the social interaction during a very demanding stage of their lives. Children get to know each other before moving on to school - making the transition relatively easy.



Christmas 1994.



## 2 - Skateboard Bowl: Summer of 1991

Article written by Ron Dodunski.

Back in the days when BMX was rife, many families in the district were competing - the Hurlstones, Pierces, Dixons, Murtaghs and ourselves.

While everyone was riding around on big wheels, there was a young man in the district called Brian Mulder. He was mad on small fast wheels - skateboarding! Brian had many magazines, posters and articles on the sport which was big in the USA. He began building ramps, quarter pipes everywhere - at home, school and down at my place. They were all around the basketball court at school.

Brian's love for skateboarding soon rubbed off on everyone, half the school had skateboards. His next project was to build a half pipe. Brian, Paul and Mathew Turnbull decided to build one with the help of their friends and followers. As it was winter, the venue was to be indoors, in a shed at Turnbuls. Thanks to Brian's dad Bill Mulder, who was a miller and had piles of timber in his back yard, hammers and nails disappeared from my place like running water.

The half pipe was a great success. The following summer the boys were jumping their bikes into our lake. Then came photos and posters of skateboard bowls in the USA. I got to thinking that we could build something like that on a much smaller scale.

I drew a few plans, spoke to Kelvin Baker and Gary Marsh. Gary then offered his time and digger if the project got under way. Plans weren't much good without a place to build it and, of course, money. Being on the Community Committee I knew there was \$8,000 left over from building the Community Hall at the school, which had been invested for a later project.

The next challenge was to convince everybody that we had found the perfect project. With all the quarter pipes and ramps lying in front of the school plus skateboards by the dozen everyday, this should have been a breeze.

A meeting was called, plans submitted and a site suggested. (Get these unsightly ramps away from the school). Weeks went by, more plans, costs, donated material, free labour and plenty of



enthusiasm. Time for another meeting to source the funds for the project. With skateboard fever prevalent the vote was unanimous and the project got the go ahead.

First we had to have drainage to the road storm-drain. This meant raising the site above ground level. For this we used railway sleepers and Hurlstone Earthmoving donated several loads of clay. The first weekend came, sleepers went up on Saturday, Gary came with his digger on Sunday and the Bowl started to take shape. Several loads of clay during the week, heaps of kids with shovels and spades, and the area slowly took shape. The following weekend we hired compactors. Fathers and sons took turns all weekend compacting and shaping the entire site.

The following weekend I made up the pipe edges for the bowl and transitions, and bought the chain netting to use for reinforcing in the walls. Next I built a jig to form the round bowl that could be rotated around, shaping the concrete as we sprayed it on the walls.

Week 5 - ready for concrete. As it was a huge area we needed a couple of concrete experts, Trevor Symons and Brian Shewry to supervise the big pour. A huge turnout of workers for the big day, barrows by the dozen. Half the village turned up, mothers and wives with plates of food, cups of tea and bottles of drink. It was a continuous pour from 10.00am that morning until 3.00pm in the afternoon.

We finished trowling off about 5.00pm and prayed that cats and dogs in the district stayed home for the night. The bowl has been a huge success for the Village kids and for many other young men and women in Taranaki.

## School Grounds (for numbering refer to Map Key, page 74)

### 3 - Tennis Courts

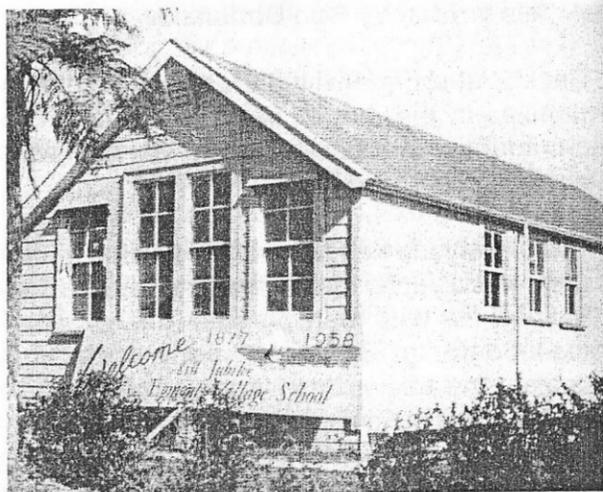
These were first laid in 1939, and then refurbished in December 1991. The Committee members in 1991 were Dave Boyd (President), Marlene Busby, C. Lawrence, Peter George, Sue Arnold, Richard Jordon, Noel Chilcott, Don Baker and Laurie Wakeman.

### 4 - Original Blockhouse

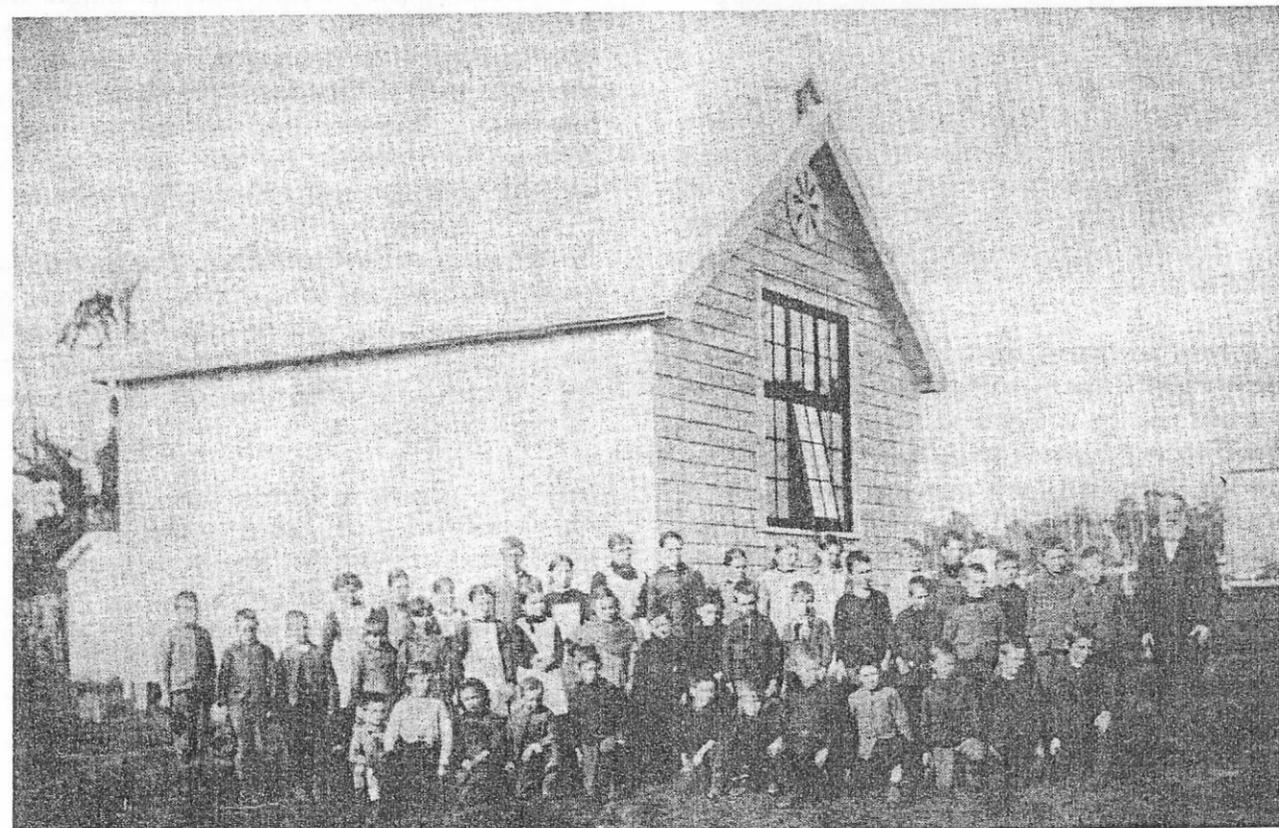
This was built on this site in 1868. It was the residence for the Olson family until September 3rd 1877 when it was used as the first Egmont Village School building. It was used as a teacher's residence until it was demolished in 1904.

### 5 - School Carpark

This was sealed to its present day state in 1989. This was also the site of the two school buildings prior to the current one. (See photographs on this page).



This school room was built in the early 1900s and demolished after the 81st Jubilee.



This photograph was taken in 1880. The new school had only just been built. Part of the old blockhouse can be seen at the right hand side of the photo. The teacher is Mr. W.I. Grayling.

### 6 & 8 - Swimming Baths

The first school baths were built in the gully between the front of the old school (which was where the current car park is) and the current basketball courts. They were opened in February 1944 by J.W. Polson. However, unfortunately they proved to be unsatisfactory due to the location being on a natural water course, causing cracking.

From 1960-65 the present day school baths were built. Each family donated 100 pounds and all the work was carried out by voluntary labour. The use of these baths came under close scrutiny in 2001 when council regulations changed. The school has being fortunate to have caretaker Kevin Mace (water treatment plant technician) to maintain them to high standards. Baths fees used to work on a honesty box system, but in 1981 fees were introduced. In 2002 they were \$25.00/family.

### 7 - Centennial Garden

This was planted before the Centennial celebrations, at the beginning of the year 1977. Twelve more shrubs were planted by children in 1982.

### 9 - Daffodils

Egmont Village school daffodils were thought to be originally planted in 1920. A barberry hedge used to run along the front of the school-between the oak trees and the road. Memories of ex-pupils were that in the 1930's people picked the daffodils but money was not given to the school for them.

1932-35 - a stall would be held on Saturdays to sell the flowers. In the interim people from the public, plus school children, picked the flowers for donations.



1980 - the flowers were sold for 40c for a bunch of 20. 1983 - Mrs T. Hurlstone donated a box to hold donations; flowers were sold for 50c a bunch. School records show the total sales to be \$408.00.

1986 - flowers were sold for \$1.00 for 20 flowers. School records showed the total sales for that year to be \$360.00.

2001 - The daffodil bulbs at the west end of the basketball court were dug up with the help of school families. Most of the bulbs were sold, raising over \$2500. New plantings were made inside the northern boundary fence, by the new adventure playground. A planting was also established outside the fence, on the west side of the Millennium Garden. Flowers were sold at \$1.00 for 10 flowers.

### 10 - Oak Trees

These were planted in 1905.

### 11 - Magnolia Tree

This tree was planted as a memorial to Helen Reardon. Mrs Reardon had ten children attend Egmont Village School between the years of 1965-1977. The Reardon family lived in the large house now owned by the Bates family, on Egmont Road.

### 12 - Current School Building

1959 - this was nearly finished for the 81st Jubilee in 1958, but was opened in 1959.

## 13 - School and Community Hall

The School and Community Hall was officially opened on 18th February 1989.

Article from the Northern Star-18/11/1987.

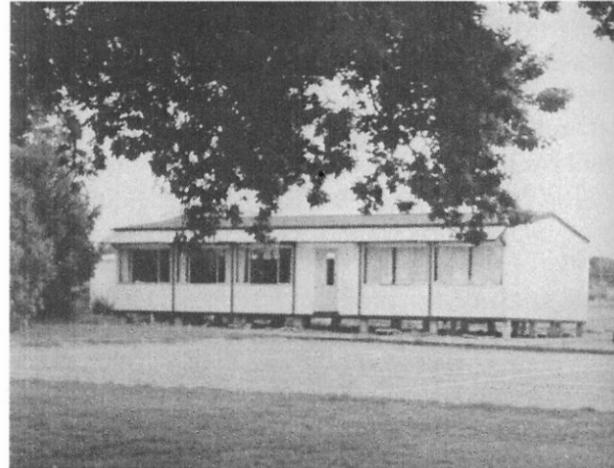
### “Little Town; Big Heart”

Egmont Village is a little tiny village, nestling at the foot of Mt Taranaki, but its got a great big streak of determination. About eighteen months ago the Egmont Village Community called a meeting to discuss ways and means of improving the School Library facilities. One thing led to another and they decided “why stop there”, the village needs a central meeting place.

The meeting set up a Fundraising Committee and decided to go all out to add a School and Community purpose room, the school already being the central point of the village. The townspeople were then told they were “mad”, it couldn't be done and “they were wasting their time,” by the then Minister for Education. That was the spur they needed to take on the mighty task for raising \$30,000 as their contribution to the project.

When you consider the town consists of 160 families and the school caters up to 90 children, from 5 to 13, the task was enormous. But they've done it!

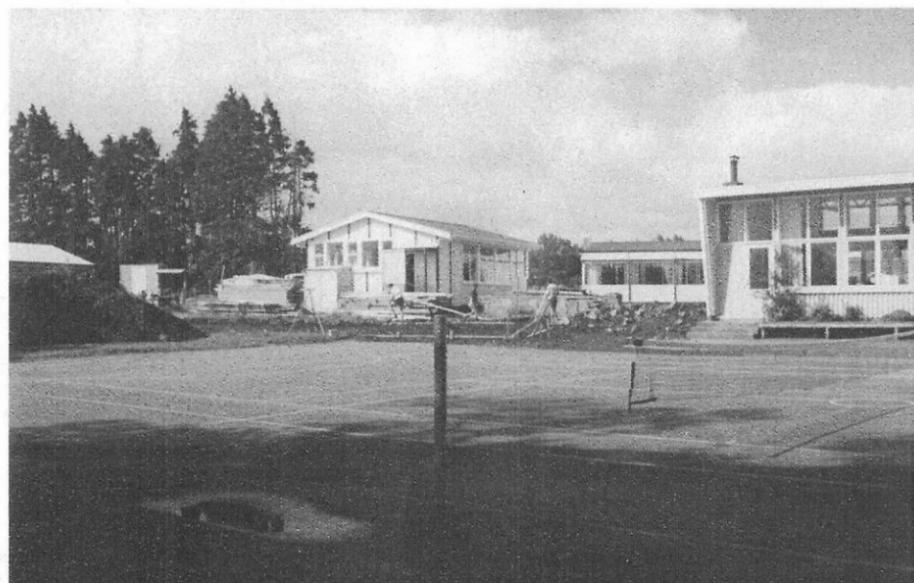
By utilizing the talents that lay in the Community and the ability and ingenuity of the people. They have milled and tanalized their own timber, had an open day at the farm, the Dolls Show and many



January 1987 - this room had to be moved from this location so that the hall could be built here.

other projects. The most bizzar was the road block on the Main Highway in the pouring rain. “We all had colds for a week after, said Pam Baker, but it was worth it.” Most people were very generous.

The School and Committee will also receive grants from the Lotteries Board, Education Board and a Levy benefit. The fundraising has had a wonderful side benefit in resurrected social contact, opened doors to new friendships and given the community a sense of well being and spirit. The fundraising has been the joint responsibility of the School as well as the Townspeople. The school is responsible for New Staff facilities, library, front entrance, and part cost of the ablution block. The School and Community purpose group are responsible for the storage areas, part of the ablutions block and covered walkways and paving.



Foundations started February 1988. (Shifted building can be seen in its current location behind the main building).



Hard at work on the Community Hall.

The previous article talks about the Egmont Village Community Hall, School Library, Staffroom and Office facilities. Inglewood builder Trevor Symons tendered for the Education Board work and then employed people from the community to achieve this mammoth task. The hall and covered walkways cost \$150,000 to build. \$29,000 was given from the development levies grant. \$40,000 was given from the Facilities in Schools Grant from the Lotteries Board.

The rest of the money was raised by the community under the direction of the “Egmont Village School and Community Complex Committee” members. These were: President - Maurice Sykes, Vice President - Peter Moore, Secretary - Maureen Murray, Public Relations - Jean Pierce, Treasurer - Graeme Mack, Committee Members - Pam Baker, Kelvin Baker, Noel Chilcott, Pauline Naus.

### Community Fundraising

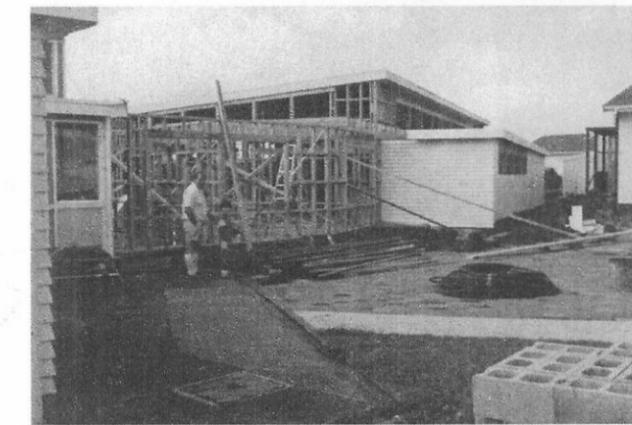
September 1985 - Proceeds from daffodil sales  
 January 1986 - Garden Safari  
 September 1986 - K27 Cabaret  
 October 1986 - Music Hall \$1,400.81  
 November 1986 - Fashion Parade \$664.54  
 December 1986 - Outdoor furniture raffle \$742.82  
 March 1987 - Toll gate set up on highway \$932.96  
 April 1987 - Fashion Parade \$1,116.00  
 April 1987 - Farm Carnival \$2,000.00  
 August 1987 - Garage Sale \$743.98  
 October 1987 - Doll Show \$5,605.80  
 December 1987 - Xmas Cabaret \$445.00  
 Buy-a-block - names are recorded on a plaque in the hall \$2,320.00  
 August 1988 - Pizza Sales \$600.00. Chairs for the new Community Room were purchased with this money.

The paved area was funded by Egmont Village School children selling paving slabs at 50 cents each.

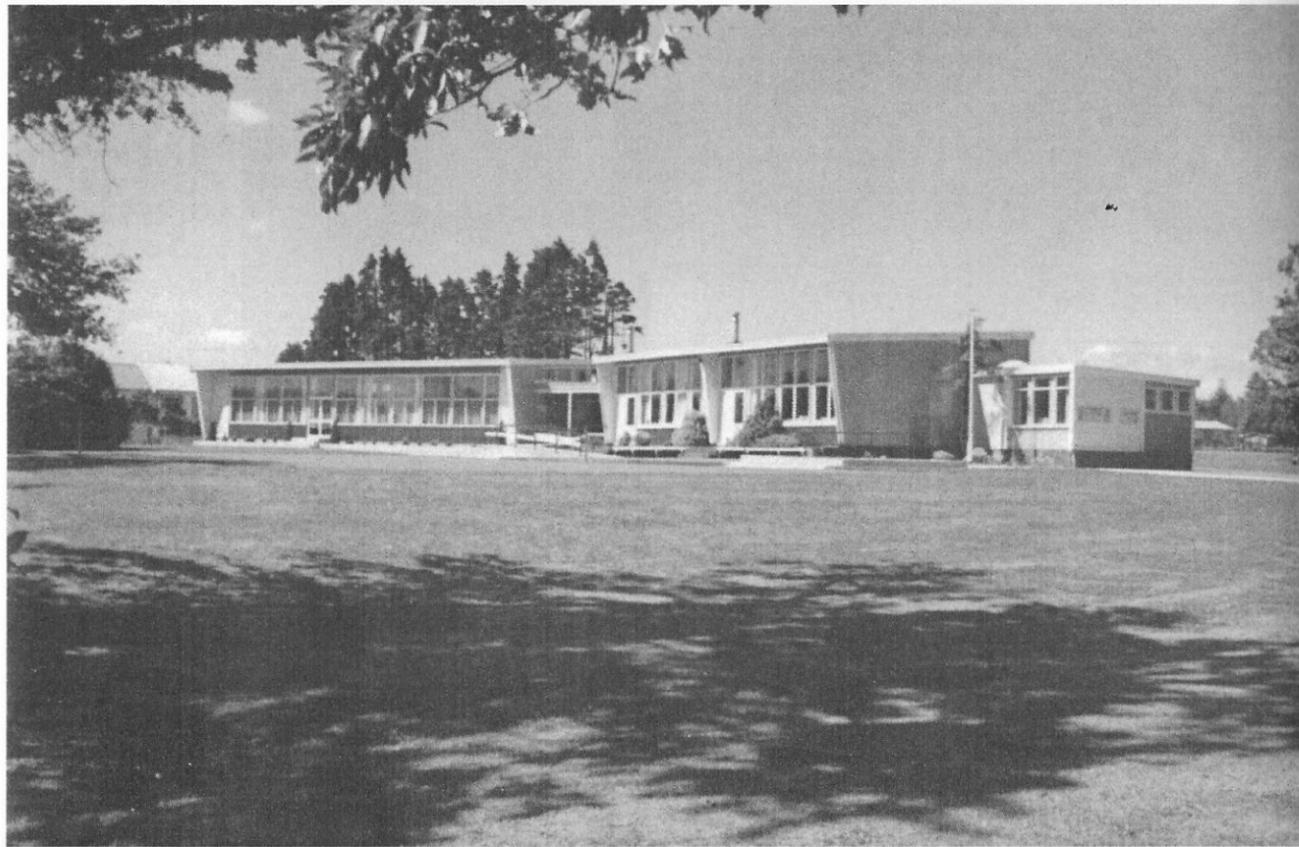
Office Area - this wasn't finished until 1995.



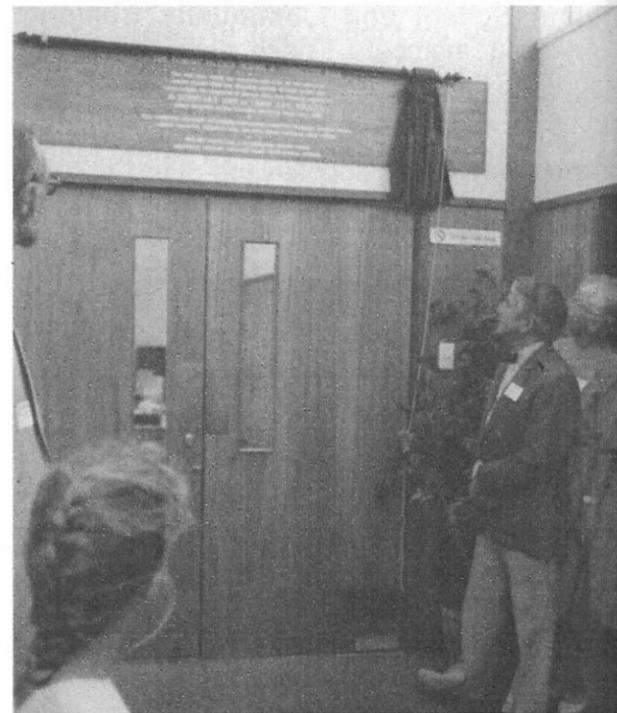
Time Capsule being buried 24th March 1988. Basil Patten, Tim Morgan (at the rear).



Staffroom being built.



Mr Noel Chilcott (Chairperson of the School Committee) cutting ribbon.  
(l to r): Basil Patten, Mr & Mrs Chris Hay, Rosemary & Noel Chilcott.



Chris Hay unveiling plaque 18th February 1989.

**14 - Room 3**

Room 3 was moved to its current site in 1987. This was to make room for the new Community Hall, Library, Staffroom and Office. Teacher Tim Morgan taught for a term in the old school house (now the Egmont Village Community Centre). Tim remembers all the internal walls being removed at this stage, to make a larger area. The floorboards that Gwen James mentioned being missing during her time teaching in this building had by this time being replaced. Tim also had a period of teaching in the new school hall, while his classroom was being upgraded in 1990.

**15 - Room 4**

This is a transportable classroom moved from Whangamomona in 1982.

**16 - Kauri Tree**

This was planted in 1937 to commemorate King George VI's Coronation. It stood at the height of around 6 feet in the 1940s. It has grown an average of 1 foot per year to measure 19 metres (62 feet) in 2002.

**17 - Bowling Club**

This very popular club was started in the 1930s. George Barnes, the headmaster of the Egmont Village School, was part of the committee that started it. The club was situated in the far NW corner of the school horse paddock, next to the tennis courts.

**18 - Wooden Playground**

On 18th March 1991, the newest entrant Kasey Rosser, cut the ribbon to officially open this playground assisted by Linda Chamberlain.

**19 - New Adventure Playground**

The building of this playground was started on the 15th October 1994. Mrs Mary Meredith (President of the Egmont Village Home and School) and Neville Henry (Principal) officially opened it on the 6th December 1994.

**20 - Millennium Garden**

This was designed by the Egmont Village School children under the guidance of the principal release teacher, Mrs Jocelyn Wisnewski. Mr Vince Naus helped with garden design ideas. This is on the site of the original paddock which was used for grazing in the days when children rode by horse to school.

**21 - Basketball Courts**

The original basketball courts were laid in 1953, and then resealed on 17th February 1983.

**22 - Olson Memorial Stone**

An oak tree was planted during the Olson family reunion in 1988, towards the end of this year a memorial stone was laid under it, to commemorate early settlers - Edward and Mary Olson.

The tree died when unsuccessfully transplanted during the 2004 school underpass construction. The stone was relocated to another oak tree situated along the fence of the Egmont Village Community Centre.

**23 - Underpass**

This was officially opened on 29th March 2004, after years of worry by parents and teachers. Mrs Jan Bocock's lobbying led to this wonderful school/community asset being built. Two trees were planted to honour all the traffic wardens over the years. The Kauri tree has been moved to the Millennium Garden as it would have grown too big for the original planting site.

**24 - 125th Jubilee Memorial Plaque**

In 2004 a plaque was donated by Mr Phillip Sinclair. This was placed on the underpass railing by a kowhai tree, to symbolize the one planted by the Messengers during the 125th Jubilee celebrations. This is the original site of these celebrations.

## School Staff

### HEAD TEACHERS

1877	Mr R. J. Cattley
1877	Mr W. Collis
1878-1880	Mr J. Hill
1880-1886	Mr W. I. Grayling
1886-1891	Miss M. Wrigley
1891-1895	Miss A. Laird
1895-1911	Miss E. Dewhirst
1911-1912	Mr J. Wilson
1912-1921	Mr J. A. Auld
1921-1922	Mrs A. M. Gibson
1922-1929	Mr F. Butler
1929-1932	Mr A. Harper
1932-1937	Mr G. E. Barnes
1937-1943	Mrs E. Balsom
1943-1946	Mr N. Heyes
1946-1954	Mr W. F. R. Atkinson
1954-1958	Mr L. J. Hoare
1958-1962	Mr D. W. Taylor
1963-1966	Mr C. W. Williams
1967-1975	Mr B. V. Kerr
1976-1981	Mr I. Jones
1982-1991	Mr B. Patten
1992-2001	Mr N. Henry
2002-	Mrs R. Rutherford (current)

### PRINCIPALS RELEASE

1990	Mr E. Fraser
1992-1995	Mrs S. McIntyre
1996	Mrs L. Bridger
1997	J. Mansfield / A. Terweil
1997-2001	Mrs J. Wisnewski
2002-	Mrs T. Priest (current)

### TEACHER AIDES

1978-1985	Mrs S. Thomas
1985-1986	Mrs M. Wallis
1989	J. Keene / Mrs H. Mulder
1993-1995	M. Evans
1995-1997	K. Ellis
1996	Mrs A. Lacey
1998	Mrs K. Buchanan
1996-	Mrs A. Wilkins (current)
2002	Mrs C. McKercher

### INFANT MISTRESSES

1879	Mrs A. Drake
1880-1886	Miss C. H. Grayling
1890-1895	Miss E. J. Taylor
1895-1896	Miss M. Potts
1896-1898	Miss J. Tuck
1898-1900	Miss A. McDonald
1900-1901	Miss M. Potts
1901-1902	Miss E. Gibson
1902-1903	Miss E. F. Brewer
1903-1904	Miss A. Ballantine
1904-1905	Miss E. Reeve
1905-1906	Miss I. Bunyan
1906-1907	Miss W. Jemison
1907-1908	Miss M. A. Brereton
1908-1909	Miss E. Gibson
1909-1910	Miss M. Stott
1910-1911	Miss M. Fenton
1911-1917	Miss C. Nisbet
1917-1919	Miss I. Jones
1919-1922	Miss A. M. Gibson
1922-1928	Miss F. Roberts
1928-1929	Miss J. Parker
1929-1931	Miss P. Street
1931-1934	Miss J. W. Beattie
1934-1935	Miss E. G. Tippins
1935-1936	Miss A. L. Shannon
	Miss Amore
1937-1945	Miss J. Longbottom
1945-1947	Miss S. G. Fairweather
1947-1949	Miss B. W. Clausen
1949	Miss B. Guild
1949-1951	Miss M. O. Smith
1951-1954	Miss E. Dutton
1954-1959	Miss C. Hook
1960-1961	Miss A. Cowie
1962-1963	Miss J. Dineen
1964-1965	Miss J. Alsweiller
1966-1968	Miss S. Jensen
1969	Miss J. Evans
1970-1972	Mrs P. Murdock
1973-1975	Mrs P. Martin
1976	Miss L. Rodgers
1979-1986	Mrs G. James
1982-1995	Mrs A. Peacock
1995-	Mrs H. Wall (current)

### ADDITIONAL TEACHERS

(due to roll expansion)

1967	Miss K. Todd	1978-1982	Miss C. Berridge
1968-1969	Miss D. Dallison	1982-	Mr T. Morgan (current)
1970-1972	Miss P. Zimmerman	1987-1988	H. L. Newell
1972-1973	Miss C. Mercer	1992-1996	Mrs L. Hitchcock
1974	Mrs Reck	1995	Miss J. McKillop
1975	Mr M. Izzard	2000-2001	Mrs A. Christie
1981	Mrs Hart	2002-2003	Mrs J. Walker

## Trophies at Egmont Village School

**Citizenship Cup** (1986 - R. E. Gyde Esq.)

**Dux Cup** (1991)

**Vissers Shield** - Best All Round Sports Person  
(1996 - Simon, Annaliese and Nathan Vissers)

#### Tennis:

Sinclair Tennis Trophy - Best Boy  
(1985 - Richard and Christina Sinclair)  
Sinclair Tennis Trophy - Best Girl  
(1985 - Richard and Christina Sinclair)

#### Cross Country:

Brent Pierce Memorial Trophy - Boys  
(1984 - Maurice and Jean Pierce)  
Brent Pierce Memorial Trophy - Girls  
(1984 - Maurice and Jean Pierce)

#### Swimming:

Hurlstone Earthmoving Senior Swimming  
Champion (1986 - Hurlstone Earthmoving  
Company)  
Egmont Village School Senior Boys Swimming  
Champion (1992)  
Egmont Village School Senior Girls Swimming  
Champion (1992)

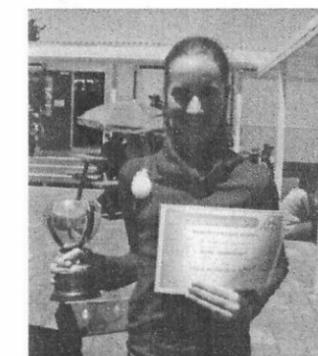
#### Lamb:

Mace Trophy - Junior Lamb  
(2002 - Kevin and Fiona Mace)  
Mace Trophy - Senior Lamb  
(2002 - Kevin and Fiona Mace)

#### Calf:

Mona Mona Cup - Champion Calf (1930)  
W. F. Olson Memorial Cup - Senior Leading  
(1950)  
Bishop Cup - Junior Calf (1963)  
Chilcott Cup - Senior Calf (1984)

Dates in brackets indicate the year the cups were first presented.



**Jenna Niederberger**  
Citizenship Cup.



**Nicole Mace**  
Vissers Shield.



**Anna Duynhoven**  
Dux Cup.



**Nicole Mace**  
Sinclair Tennis Trophy.



**Nicole Mace**  
Hurlstone Cup  
Girls Swimming Cup.

## School Committees

**1877**

R. Quarrell, T. Allen, W. Paynter, H. Henderson, R. Speck, A. Chatterton, J. Batten.

**1879**

W. Paynter, R. Quarrell.

**1880**

Ed Olson, W. Batten, J. Henderson.

**1881**

Henry Henderson (Chairman), H. Paynter, W. Batten, J. Crean, R. Price, R. Quarell, E. Olson.

**1882**

Henry Henderson (Chairman), T. Allen, H. Paynter, W. Batten, J. Reeve, E. Olson.

**1883**

W. Batten, H. Henderson, J. Batten, E. Olson.

**1884**

D. Price, A. Marsh, C. Tapp, E. Olson, W. Batten, B. Casel, H. Smith.

**1885**

G. Collingwood (Chairman), R. Jones, J. Hayward, L. Collingwood, A. Marsh, J. Batten, H. Smith.

**1885-1927** - No records Available.

**1926**

A. O. Powell (Chairman).

**1927**

A. O. Powell (Chairman), C. Stapleton (Secretary), J. Thomason, W. Guilford, A. Corney.

**1928**

W. J. Guilford, (Chairman), C. Stapleton (Secretary), H. R. Marsh, J. O. Morton, F. Bridger.

**1929**

H. R. Marsh (Chairman), F. Bridger (Secretary), J. Thomason, C. C. Stapleton, A. J. Dodunski.

**1930**

H. R. Marsh (Chairman), F. Bridger (Secretary), A. J. Dodunski, J. I. Thomason, W. J. Guilford.

**1931**

H. R. Marsh (Chairman), F. Bridger (Secretary), A.J. Dodunski, W. J. Guilford, L. J. Salisbury.

**1932**

H. R. Marsh (Chairman), L. J. Guilford (Secretary), W. J. Salisbury, A. J. Dodunski, A. Morton.

**1933-1936**

H.R. Marsh, (Chairman), W. J. Guilford, J. O. Morton, W. J. Salisbury, J. Adamson.

**1938**

H. R. Marsh, (Chairman), J. O. Morton (Secretary), W. J. Salisbury, J. Adamson, C. G. Meuli.

**1940**

A.J. Dodunski (Chairman), A. H. Morton (Secretary), C. G. Meuli, G. F. Roberts, R. V. Sinclair.

**1942**

A.J. Dodunski (Chairman), A. H. Morton (Secretary), G. F. Roberts, R. V. Sinclair, G. H. Marsh.

**1944**

A.J. Dodunski (Chairman), A. H. Morton (Secretary), S. W. D. Shallard, R. V. Sinclair, G. H. Marsh.

**1946**

J. C. Jones (Chairman), C. W. White (Secretary), C. G. Meuli, R. J. Bowen, W. A. R. Guilford.

**1948**

J. C. Jones (Chairman), C. W. White (Secretary), C. G. Meuli, R. D. Sole, E. B. Messenger.

**1950**

J. C. Jones (Chairman), R. D. Sole (Secretary), R. E. Milham, P. L. Hinz, W. A. R. Guilford.

**1953**

H. F. Olson (Chairman), R. E. Milham (Secretary), P. L. Hinz, R. J. Bowen, E. A. Gyde.

**1955**

H. F. Olson (Chairman), R. E. Milham (Secretary), R. J. Bowen, P. L. Hinz, E. A. Gyde, S. Ashworth.

**1957-1958**

H. F. Olson (Chairman), R. E. Milham (Secretary), C. J. Dodunski, P. L. Hinz, E. A. Gyde.

**1959**

H. F. Olson (Chairman), R. E. Milham (Secretary), C. J. Dodunski, P. L. Hinz, E. A. Gyde.

**1961**

I. D. Adamson (Chairman), B. Ewing (Secretary), M. Bishop, E. Austin, T. Hinz.

**1963**

I. D. Adamson (Chairman), B. Ewing (Secretary), M. Bishop, T. Hinz, D. Morton.

**1965**

I. D. Adamson (Chairman), D. Morton, (Secretary), B. Baker, M. Bishop, B. Thompson.

**1967**

I. D. Adamson (Chairman), D. Morton, (Secretary), B. Baker, B. Thompson, B. Banks.

**1969**

B. Baker (Chairman), P. Sinclair (Secretary), M. Parkes, D. Marsh, J. Major.

**1971**

J. Major (Chairperson), P. Sinclair (Secretary), J. Holland, D. Marsh, D. Goodwin.

**1973**

J. Major (Chairman), P. Sinclair (Secretary), D. Goodin, W. Marsh, D. Dodunski.

**1975**

H. Murtagh (Chairman), Mrs M. Taylor (Secretary), G. Davies, A. Findlay, R. Rice.

**1976**

W. Marsh (Chairman), Mrs E. Murtagh (Secretary), G. Davies, C. Bolton, P. Rowe.

**1977**

W. Marsh (Chairman), Mrs E. Murtagh (Secretary), Mrs K. Pierce, (Treasurer), G. Davies, M. Hutson.

**1978**

W. Marsh (Chairman), M. Hutson (Secretary), K. Pierce (Treasurer), E. Murtagh, G. Davies.

**1979/80**

W. Marsh (Chairman), M. Hutson (Secretary), K. Pierce (Treasurer), K. Milham (Vice-President), 8/80 resigned. A. Messenger, M. Pierce.

**1981**

A. Messenger (Chairman), D. Morgan (Treasurer), M. Hutson (Secretary), N. Chilcott, M. Pierce, D. Morgan.

**1982**

A. Messenger (Chairperson), Mrs D. Dodunski, M. Pierce, N. Chilcott, M. Hutson.

**1983**

A. Messenger (Chairman), Mrs D. Dodunski (Treasurer), N. Chilcott (Secretary), E. Adamson (Vice-chair), R. Jordan.

**1984**

A. Messenger (Chairman), R. Jordan, E. Adamson, Mrs D. Dodunski, N. Chilcott.

**1985**

N. Chilcott (Chairman), D. Coulson (Secretary), R. Jordan (Treasurer), E. Adamson, K. Baker.

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Mrs J. Andrews (President), Mrs M. Wakeman (Vice-President), Mrs J. McEntee (Secretary), Mrs P. Naus (Treasurer), Mrs C. Old, Mrs J. Smith, Mrs R. Chilcott, Mrs A. Jordan, Mrs T. Hurlstone, Mrs D. Taylor, Mrs S. Kirk.

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**1990**

Mrs S. Arnold (President), Mrs E. Woodger (Secretary), Mr B. Rosser (Treasurer), Mrs S. Rosser, Mrs S. Kelsen, Mrs J. Moore, Mrs J. Hosking, Mrs F. Mace, Mrs J. McEntee.

**1991**

Mrs M. Meredith (President), Mrs S. Arnold (Vice-President), Mrs P. Naus (Secretary), Mrs J. Hosking (Treasurer), Mr B. Rosser, Mrs J. Moore, Mrs W. Siciliano, Mrs E. Woodger, Mrs S. Kelsen, Mrs S. Marsh, Mrs A. Lacey, Mrs S. Molloy.

## The Great War 1914 - 1918

### FROM THE SCHOOL - DIED IN SERVICE

H. Bennett	B. Carman
H. Carman	A. Chard
L. Cunningham	E. Dewhirst
H. Doherty	A. Kidd
G. Kidd	S. Kidd
C. Lilley	E. Orr
H.W. Orr	R. Ronaldson
W. Reeve	R. Syme

### FROM THE SCHOOL - RETURNED

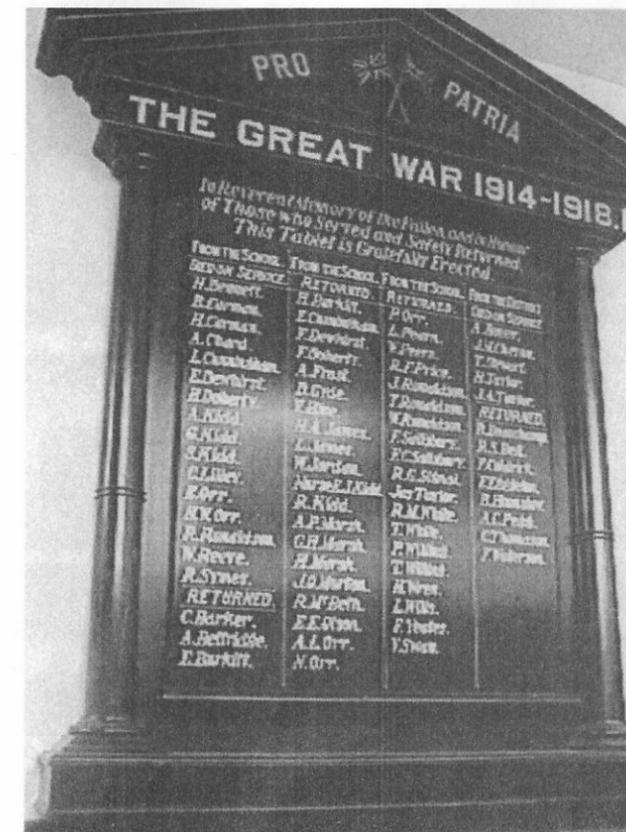
C. Barker	A. Betteridge
E. Burkitt	H. Burkitt
E. Cunningham	F. Dewhirst
F. Doherty	A. Frost
D. Gyde	V. Hine
* H.A. James	L. James
W. Jordan	Nurse E.J. Kidd
R. Kidd	A.P. Marsh
G.H. Marsh	H. Marsh
J.O. Morton	R. McBeth
E.E. Olson	A.L. Orr
N. Orr	P. Orr
L. Pearn	W. Peers
R.F. Price	J. Ronaldson
T. Ronaldson	W. Ronaldson
F. Salisbury	R.G. Signal
Jas Taylor	R.M. White
T. White	P. Willing
T. Willing	H. Wren
L. Wills	F. Yeats
V. Swan	

### FROM THE DISTRICT - DIED IN SERVICE

A. Boyer	J.M. Cheyne
T. Stewart	H. Taylor
J.A Taylor	

### FROM THE DISTRICT - RETURNED

R. Beuchamp	R.S. Bell
F. Coldrick	F. Eggleton
B. Hounslow	A.C. Pegg
C. Thomason	A. Syme
F. Waterson	



## 1998

Mr S. Holland (President), Mrs H. Dombroski, Mrs S. Duynhoven, Mrs K Dodunski, Mrs J. Andrews, Mrs K. Apps.

## 1999

Mr N. Henry (President), Mrs J. Andrews (Secretary), Mrs H. Dombroski (Treasurer), Mrs J. Peters, Mrs S. Clarry, Mrs C. Lay, Mrs W. Niederberger.

## 2000

Mr N. Henry (President), Mrs S. Clarry (Secretary), Mrs H. Dombroski (Treasurer). Mrs C. Lay, Mr W. Niederberger, Mrs M. Busby, Mrs D. Monti, Mrs J. Law, Mrs W. Naus.

## 2001

Mrs A. Holland (President), Mrs J. Hendry (Secretary), Mrs H. Dombroski (Treasurer), Mrs W. Niederberger, Mrs W. Naus, Mrs P. Campbell, Mrs S. Duynhoven, Mrs J. Peters, Mrs C. McKercher.

## 2002

Mrs A. Holland (President), Mrs J. Hendry (Secretary), Mrs H. Dombroski (Treasurer), Mrs W. Niederberger, Mrs A. Shotter, Mrs C. McKercher, Mrs J. Dirksen, Mrs P. Campbell, Mrs C. Bennett.

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## 1998 - 2001

Steve Garside, John McMahon, Fiona Mace, Steve Lay, Richard Bailey, Linda Langman, Neville Henry.

## 2001 - 2004

Susanne Duynhoven, Wayne Dombroski, Lars Ohlson, Melisa Bedford, Linda Langman, Rex Hendry, Malcolm McKercher, Geoff Horton, Hilary Wall, Raewyn Rutherford.

**2004 - present:** Jan Bocock, Ann Holland, Stephanie McSweeney, Louise Hannah, Andrew Steer, Hilary Wall, Linda Langman, Raewyn Rutherford.

## 1992

Mrs W. Naus (President), Mrs J. Moore (Vice-President), Mrs M. Murray (Treasurer), Mrs S. Molloy (Secretary), Mr B Rosser, Mrs S. Kelsen, Mrs S. Arnold, Mrs C. Dodunski.

## 1993

Mrs W. Naus (President), Mrs J. Moore (Vice-President), Mr B. Rosser (Treasurer), Mrs D. Wright (Secretary), Mrs J. Andrews, Mrs S. Kelsen, Mrs D. Parkes, Mrs J. Littley, Mrs R. Mills, Mrs J. George, Mrs B. Wilson, Mr T. Busby.

## 1994

Mrs M. Meredith (President), Mrs J. Moore (Vice-President), Mr B. Rosser (Treasurer), Mrs D. Wright (Secretary), Mrs J. Andrews, Mrs W. Naus, Mrs M. Busby, Mrs B. Wilson, Mrs C. Dodunski, Mrs G. Littley, Mrs J. George, Mrs D. Parkes, Mrs S. Clarry, Mrs R. Mills, Mrs P. Baker.

## 1995

Mrs D. Wright (President), Mrs J. Moore (Vice-President & Treasurer), Mrs S. Clarry (Secretary), Mrs W. Naus, Mrs C. Dodunski, Mrs R. Mills, Mrs J. Law, Mrs K. Goble.

## 1996

Mrs D. Wright, Mrs J. Moore, Mrs K. Goble (Presidents), Mrs W. Naus (Vice-President & Treasurer), Mrs K. Bailey (Secretary), Mrs S. How, Mrs S. Ohlson, Mrs A. Smith, Mrs S. Rosser, Mrs A. Holland, Mrs H. How.

## 1997

Mr S. Holland (President), Mrs J. Andrews, Mrs K. Apps, Mrs K. Bailey, Mrs H. Dombroski, Mrs S. Duynhoven, Mrs H. How, Mrs S. Rosser, Mrs A. Smith.

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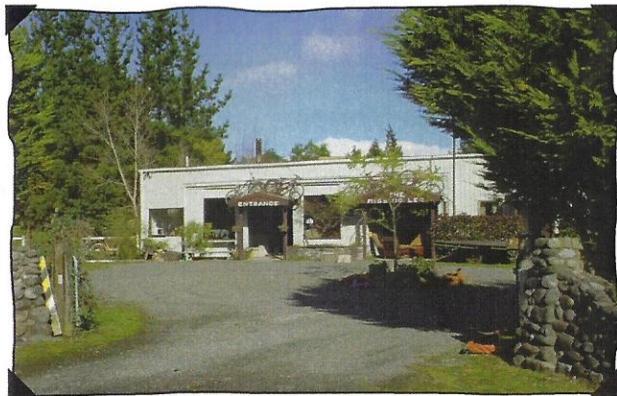
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**1992 - 1995:** Janet Andrews, Kevin Mace, Barbara Brockie, Anton Naus, Janis Moore, Garth Lacey, Anne Peacock, Neville Henry.

**1995 - 1998:** Anton Naus, Anne-Maree Lacey, Lars Ohlson, Sandra Kelsen, Gill Littley, Steve Lay, Linda Langman, Neville Henry.



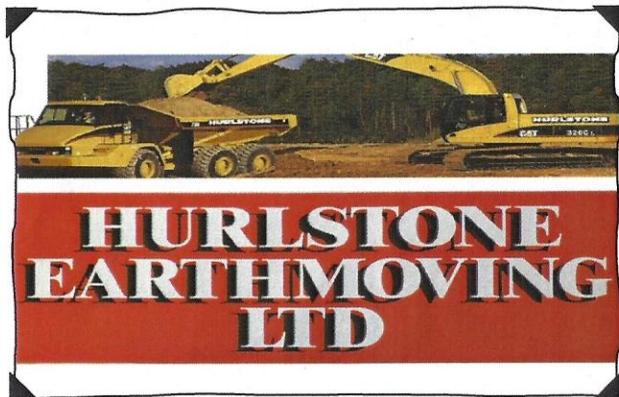
**Eureka Gardens.**



**Missing Leg Backpackers.**



**Kauri Cottage.**



**Hurlstone Earthmoving.**



**Spirit Taranaki.**

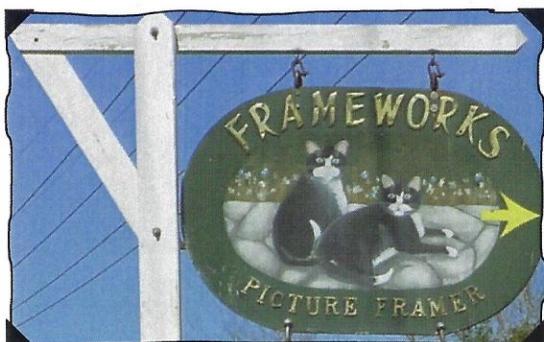
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**Dixon's Store.**



**Tractor Parts.**



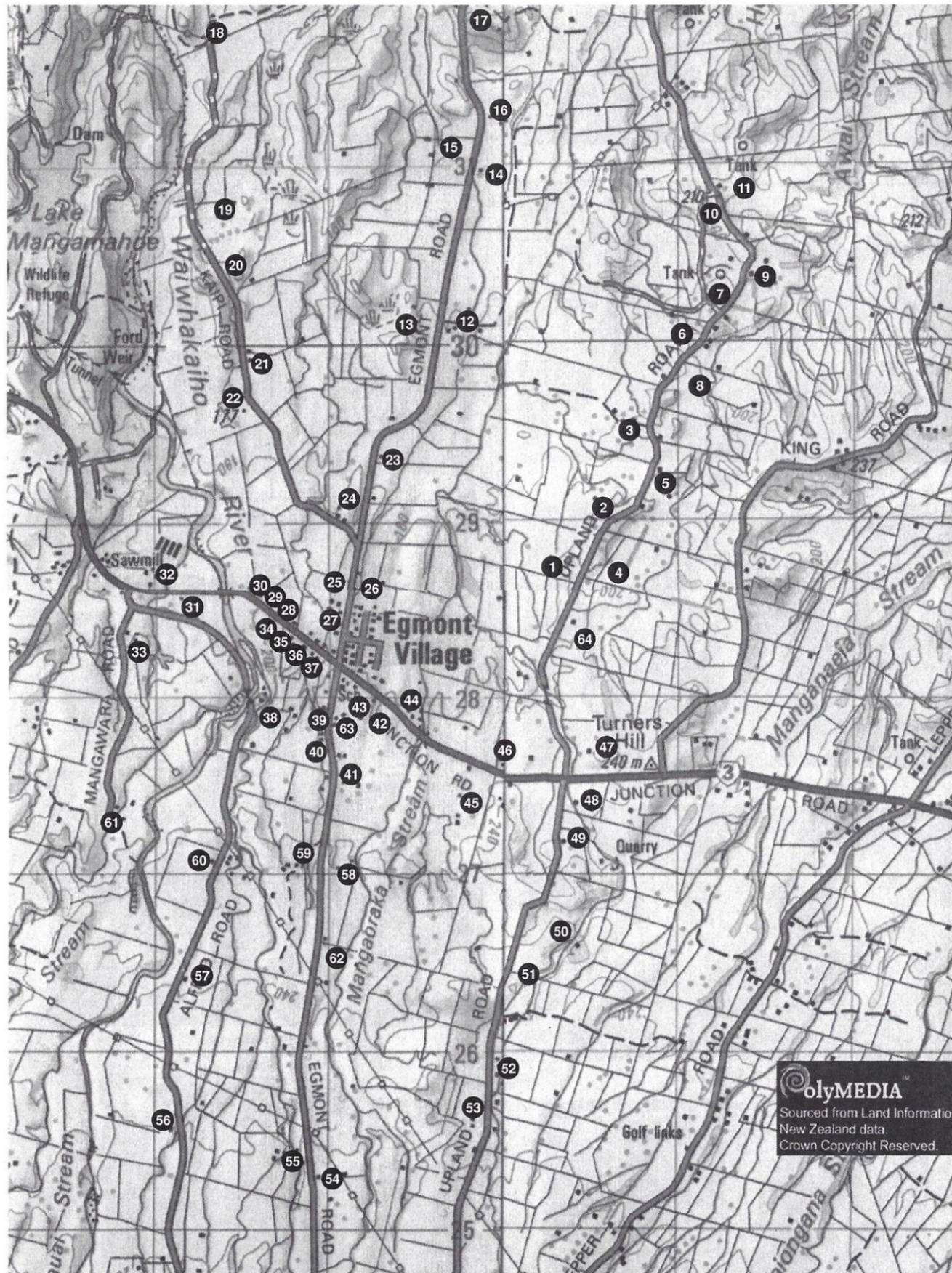
**Frameworks.**



**Mitchell Concrete.**

# Residents of the Egmont Village Area 1945-60

Compiled by Don Morton



## KEY

- |                                             |                         |
|---------------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Chard                                    | 48. Roy Bell            |
| 2. Chard                                    | 49. Don Marsh           |
| 3. Messenger                                | 50. Zimmerman           |
| 4. Gyde                                     | 51. Oakley              |
| 5. Gyde                                     | 52. Clark               |
| 6. G. Roberts                               | 53. Luckin              |
| 7. Lovell                                   | 54. Ewing               |
| 8. Bishop                                   | 55. Kerr                |
| 9. Jury                                     | 56. Jones               |
| 10. Ludeman                                 | 57. Hatcher             |
| 11. Simmons                                 | 58. Boy Morton          |
| 12. Adamson                                 | 59. Don and Enid Morton |
| 13. Banks                                   | 60. Burrows             |
| 14. Paul Hinz                               | 61. Smith then Parkes   |
| 15. Beard                                   | 62. Marsh               |
| 16. Clyde Hinz                              | 63. Fay then Jury       |
| 17. Eichstaedt                              | 64. Drinkwater          |
| 18. O'Byrne then Major                      |                         |
| 19. Bolton                                  |                         |
| 20. Archie Sinclair                         |                         |
| 21. Dick Sinclair                           |                         |
| 22. Roy Sole                                |                         |
| 23. Noel Bishop                             |                         |
| 24. Colin Dodunski                          |                         |
| 25. J. Lindsay                              |                         |
| 26. Val Dodunski                            |                         |
| 27. Roy George                              |                         |
| 28. Roy Hurlstone                           |                         |
| 29. Smith                                   |                         |
| 30. Milham                                  |                         |
| 31. Thomason                                |                         |
| 32. Baker                                   |                         |
| 33. Shallard then Hinz                      |                         |
| 34. Cyril Hurlstone                         |                         |
| 35. Jack Benny                              |                         |
| 36. School bus to New Plymouth              |                         |
| 37. George Benny (butcher)                  |                         |
| 38. Bowen                                   |                         |
| 39. Reardon                                 |                         |
| 40. Olson then Lucas                        |                         |
| 41. Meuli then Thompson                     |                         |
| 42. Julian                                  |                         |
| 43. Murphy                                  |                         |
| 44. Arthur Morton (snr) then Reumers & Naus |                         |
| 45. Dodunski                                |                         |
| 46. Longstaff                               |                         |
| 47. White                                   |                         |



Baker Residence - Marlene Baker can be seen on the verandah c. 1960.

Map of the Egmont Village area showing the location of residents during the period 1945-1960.

Egmont Village 1971



Egmont Village 1980





**Historic Sites of Yesterday**

- 1. Site of Creamery and first Garage
- 2. Site of Butchery
- 3. Jack Benny's Blacksmith Farrier and School Bus Garage
- 4. Butcher's home
- 5. Site of Saddlery Shop
- 6. Site of Egmont Village Domain
- 7. Community Hall

**Businesses of Today**

- 8. Dixon's Store
- 9. Tractor Parts

- 10. Fibreglassing Shop
- 11. Petrol Station
- 12. Kauri Cottage
- 13. Missing Leg Backpackers
- 14. Eureka Gardens
- 15. Hurlstone Earthmoving
- 16. Mitchell's Concrete Works
- 17. Frameworks
- 18. Dave Booth Pump Services
- 19. Egmont Village Quarries - not located on this map
- 20. Egmont Village Bridges - not located on this map
- 21. **Egmont Village School** - for school grounds refer page 74

**1 - Egmont Village Creamery (est. 1896)**

(For numbering refer to Map Key page 96)

Mangorei Co-operative Dairy Factory Company set up the creamery in Egmont Village to separate the cream from whole milk. From here, the cream was transported to their factory at what is now known as "The Meeting of the Waters". This factory still stands, although it is no longer in use.

In the early days, the farmers took the skimmed milk left after the cream was separated from it, back with them to feed their calves and pigs. The

Village Creamery was used until the early 1920s when home separation of the milk was introduced. The land wasn't sold until 1961, when it was redeveloped as a service station. The location of the creamery is clearly shown by reference to the picture below, as the villa beyond the creamery still stands today, just back from Egmont Road opposite the Cunningham Street junction.



**2 - The Butchers of Egmont Village**

Article by Fred Thomason 'Egmont Village Newsflash' April 1995.

I will refer to our first butcher as "Bob" Burrows. In my early days he was referred to as Mr Burrows by the younger generation and failure to do this earned, in my case, immediate retribution. Bob Burrows owned and operated the Egmont Village Store in 1908, when he built a butcher shop almost opposite.

His slaughterhouse was on his farm on the Alfred Road. Bob's daughter, Rhoda Burrows married Dan O'Regan and a part of the Burrows' farm was subdivided. Rhoda and Dan together with their

children Kathie, Eric and Peter, lived in the cottage later called Ivy Cottage - a present-day retreat for Girl Guides.

The butchery was adjacent to the Saddlery Shop, obviously in great demand in those far-off days when all transport was by horse. The interior of the butchery was painted blue and a large kahikatea butcher's block stood prominently alongside the counter. Various cuts of meat and carcasses hung from hooks on a rail at the rear of the shop. Uncut grass growing from the roadway, to and under the verandah of the unpainted exterior, gave the impression of a wilderness but the quality of meat was undoubted. Bob's friendliness made his shop a very popular place.



**Robert (Bob) Burrows Butcher's Shop.**

Photograph supplied by Rita Potroz (Mother May Burrows, Grandfather Bob Burrows) via Pam McKay (nee Olsson) (Bob Burrows' Granddaughter).



**Horse-drawn Butcher's Cart belonging to Robert Burrows.**

The little box under the cart held corned meat. The back of the cart (where the butchery sign is located) folded down to make a chopping board.

I have vivid memories of Bob Burrows. He was a well built man of around 180cm and wore a cap from which his long hair protruded. He smoked a pipe and for added enjoyment chewed tobacco. This practice tended to produce a surplus of saliva which had to be removed by either spitting or swallowing. On one occasion when Bob visited our home, I observed his awesome ability to eject a long thin stream of spittle into the open fire from a distance of about two metres. For a young boy with limited spitting ability this was an unforgettable experience.

The next owner of the butchery was Bob's brother, Bert Burrows, followed briefly by Ern Robinson and finally by long serving, very popular, George Benny. His wife Rita was the second of Bob Burrows' four daughters. Bob Burrows outlived four wives. His children were May, Rita, Leila, Rhoda and George.

George Benny was the son of English immigrant, Jack Benny, who became a resident of Egmont Village in the 1920s and was well known as our blacksmith and school bus driver. George, Rita and their only daughter, Lorna, lived in the house adjacent to the store and opposite the butcher's shop.

I remember George Benny as a big man, rather florid complexion, wearing glasses, prominent bushy eyebrows and always wearing a felt hat. Like a lot of men of his era he smoked a pipe.

In 1929 it was thought that the Depression could not get worse, but George's butchery was to go through even harder times until the slow economic recovery after 1931. The tenacity of our new butcher in not only surviving the first two years but continuing for the next 37 years is a tribute to this man who had a special place in the public esteem - his striking appearance, pleasant personality and above all his expertise as a butcher providing a quality product at a most conservative price. George, wearing his blue and white striped apron and driving his green Bedford van, was surely an integral part of our district in those far-off days.

Many stories are told of Mr Benny's meat. Due to the lack of refrigeration, the meat spoiled very

quickly. Mr Colin Dodunski tells of a time as a teenager when he was working for Mr Longstaff. Just before lunchtime, Mr Longstaff said that he would go and get polonies (saveloys today) from Benny's Butchery. Taking more time than he should, Mr Longstaff returned with the story that he had to return the polonies to Mrs Benny, as when he had taken them home to cook, he found they were "alive"! Mrs Benny had informed him that Mr Benny was away disposing of the whole lot.

Mr Bill Hurlstone tells of the time a roast was cooked up for a special occasion. When it was cut into, it was rotten. He can still remember his father storming down the road, plate in hand, to ask Mr Benny what he was going to do about it!

A rather bizarre happening in George's life was not resolved until some time after his death in 1966. At the conclusion of his delivery run he would on occasion go to the Inglewood Hotel, park his van and go in for a well deserved drink. On one of these occasions he neglected to remove his well-filled wallet from the front seat of the unlocked van. Extensive enquiries did not locate the thief or the wallet and contents which were thought to be irretrievably lost. It was many years later, during renovations to the hotel that a wallet was discovered - it proved to be George's with the contents intact. Apparently the thief had been overcome with guilt, resisted returning the wallet to the van where he may have been observed, and he threw it under the hotel.

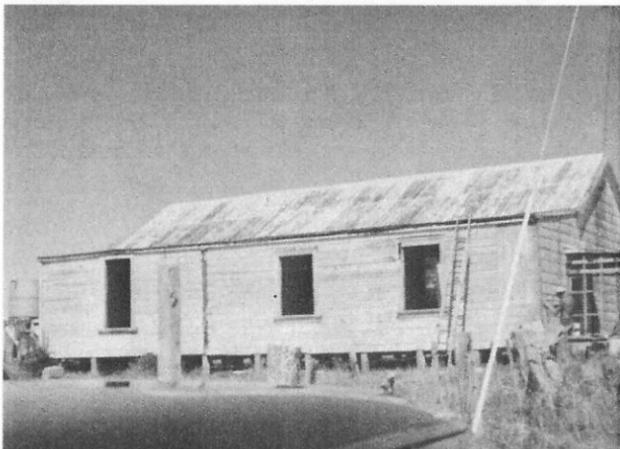
An era ended when George Benny passed away in November 1966. Something has surely been lost when supermarkets displaced the friendly door-to-door butcher and men like George pass into history.

## 6 - Egmont Village Domain

This site was originally used by the headmasters of Egmont Village School as a miniature dairy farm, milking three cows. It was considered for a park or sportsground but was sold to a local resident, Mr T. Murphy. This land was zoned 'commercial' before part of it was divided for the site of Mitchell's Concrete business.

## 7 - Egmont Village Hall (1893-1978)

The sprung floor in this hall made it very popular for local dances. Dances were held as a fundraiser for the school, with ladies of the district making the supper. These dances were a family outing - the young would dance in the main part of the hall and in the back the elderly would play cards - Five Hundred, Euchre etc. The hall was used as a Community Centre until it was pulled down after the Centennial Celebrations in 1977.



The hall during demolition in 1978.

Skyline Garages opened for business on this site but closed in 2003. The site is still owned by Neil Herdson.

## 8 - Village Store and Post Office

### Reference - Postmark Taranaki by B. Startup and A. McNiven.

The Post Office opened as "Egmont" on June 1st, 1881. Mr William Irwin Grayling was the postmaster and was paid six pounds per year. He received mail once a week on Saturdays from New Plymouth.

William Grayling (15/03/1820 - 23/09/1902) was born in Canterbury, England. He came to New Zealand, via Sydney, on a 100 ton barque called "The Wonderer" in 1852, for the purpose of examining the Kawau Copper Fields in Auckland for Captain Grey, later Sir George Grey. He married Maria Upjohn (26/11/1833 - 24/07/1918) on January 6th 1863 in New Plymouth. They spent their honey-moon in a small hut, located in what is now known as "Grayling's Clearing" at the top of Mangorei Road.

Mr Grayling was headmaster of the Egmont Village School (as well as being Postmaster) from 1880 to 1886. His daughter also taught the infant classes at this time.

In 1886, William and Marie returned to New Plymouth and the Post Office closed on December

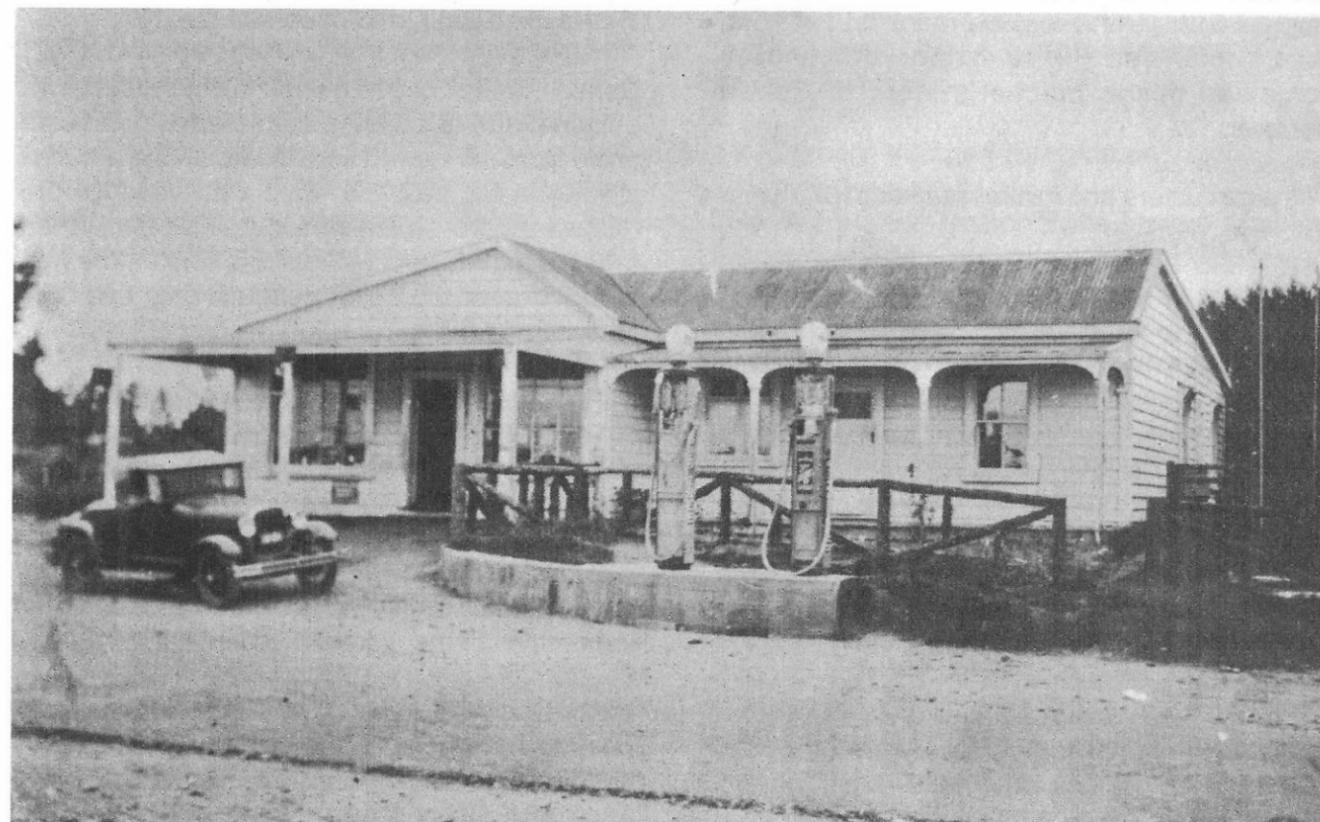
31st of that year. Both William and his wife are buried in the Te Henui Cemetery.

The Post Office was re-opened on November 25th 1891 as "Egmont Village" with Mr Frank Reeves as Postmaster. The office is thought to have been a small kiosk in a store situated very close to the present day one. Mail was received from either Inglewood or New Plymouth as it was transported between the two places.

In 1895 Edward Olson established a new store, to which the Post Office was relocated. George Fuller was the postmaster and was married to Clara, Edward's sister. On August 5th 1902, a fire destroyed the store and all its contents, together with all the postmaster's stock. This caused the Post Office to be temporarily closed between August 4th and October 10th of that year. Records indicate that it was closed again between December 5th 1903 and July 8th 1904.

Between 1907 and 1916 the weekly mail was transported by horse to and from Inglewood. Mr S. P. Kidd carried this mail on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. From 1910 Mr George Baker the Creamery Manager, carried the mail.

The Telephone Office, separate from the Post Office, was opened on November 11th 1908 with



Egmont Village Store 1929-1934 owned and operated by Raymond Belcher.



Photograph taken by S. Lovell, owner of the store 1943-1949 (l to r): Jean Lovell (Bradley), Agnes Lovell (Bradin), Agnes Lovell (McLean) and Sidney Lovell.

the call signal "EGV". Mr John Magee, farmer, was the first telephonist. This office was temporarily closed between Jan 18th and Feb 3rd 1909, Jan 24th and Jan 31st 1910, and Jan 12th and Jan 31st 1911. From February 1st 1911, the Post Office and the telephone office were combined in the butcher's store of Robert Burrows.

The postmasters and mistresses from 1879 were:

1881-1886	William Irwin Grayling
28.11.1891	George Foster, Storekeeper
08.10.1902	Alice Marsh
05.06.1903	George Foster
09.07.1904	Thomas Carmon, Farmer
11.10.1905	George Barker, Creamery Manager
01.10.1906	Clara Foster, Storekeeper
01.02.1911	Robert Burrows, Butcher
01.08.1919	Victor Hurlstone
24.12.1921	Arthur Powell, Storekeeper
29.04.1929	Raymond Belcher
01.07.1934	Alfred Taylor
01.11.1937	William Bennett
01.03.1943	Sidney Lovell
01.03.1949	James Leadbetter
01.08.1952	Nola Leadbetter
01.12.1952	Philip Cederstrom
01.08.1954	James Ashworth
04.04.1956	Roger Steele
01.08.1959	Edna Steele
01.04.1961	Alfred Gower
01.08.1974	Lois Dixon, present owner

The Post Office has more recently been located in the Village Store. Records show that it served 61 households in 1963, 32 in 1982, 52 in 1985 and 90 households in 2005.



c. 1970s.

The store has changed somewhat over the years. In early years, it supplied almost everything from flour, sugar, cheese (in big blocks sitting out the front of the store), fruit (freighted in crate lots from the Hawkes Bay), and of course the mail.

During Sidney Lovell's ownership of the store, he built the lean-to building onto the left-hand-side of the shop (as viewed from the road - this remains today). In his day, this area was used for the hardware store, selling farm tools, nails, etc. When the Leadbetters ran the store, the whole store was in this side of the building, whilst they used the rest of the building for living accommodation.

It is thought that Mr Cederstrom (owner from 1952-54) converted the right-hand-side to a "weekends-only" dairy. Mr Gower (1961-74), built a new house behind the store, enabling the whole frontage to be dedicated to retail as is still the case today. It was during Mr Gower's time that Supermarkets came into our lives, and this was the catalyst for the demise of many local stores.

By the time the Dixons took over in 1974, the store had retrenched again to occupying just the right-hand-side of the building. On August 5th 1980, John and Carol Barron opened the "Village Trading Post" in the left-hand-side room. However, ten months later Lois Dixon took the shop over and continues to utilise this space today for the sale of second-hand goods.

The original Post Office cubicle still exists today in the back of the old original part of the shop, as pictured below.



**9 - Egmont Village Tractor Parts**

**By Maurice (Frank) Pierce - 'Egmont Village Newsflash'.**

Egmont Village Tractor Parts was established on the 1st June 1973. Since that time over 12,000 tractors have been dismantled for parts or reconditioned, painted and sold. Parts have been sent from Kaitaia to Bluff and to the Pacific Islands, serving over 1,000 regular customers. The business was started part-time, but became full-time after only six months. After two years the business had to employ labour and extend its premises. In 1976 they started manufacturing fibreglass tractor mudguards which they could see had potential. This necessitated them putting up more space and hiring more staff. Ten years ago they saw a lot of "pirate parts" being imported from all over the world which they started selling in huge quantities and found them excellent value. This has been a benefit to farmers, as sometimes these parts were under half price.

On April 1st 1991, Maurice (nickname Frank) and Jean Pierce sold Tractor Parts to Hitchcock Partnership of Inglewood who ran the business

for six years. During that time they introduced dismantling and servicing of two, three and four wheeler motorbikes plus light engineering.

Egmont Village Tractor Parts/Bike Parts continues to thrive today under the current ownership of Andrew Bellringer.

**10 - Egmont Village Fibreglassing**

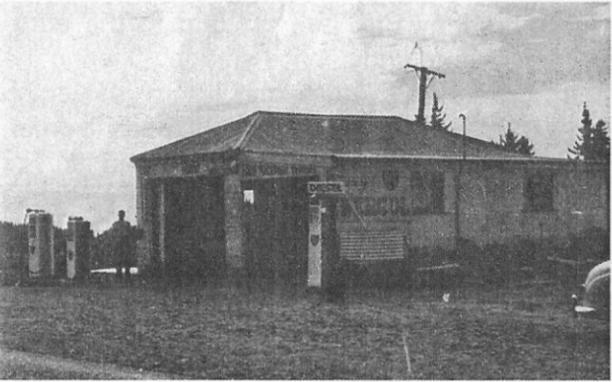
Two years after Tractor Parts started Maurice Pierce opened up his fibreglassing business so he could make mudguards for tractors. They were so successful he decided to expand the business to include speedway racing, making car bodies. In later years he sold off the speedway racing side of the business to concentrate once again on tractor mudguards and panels. At this stage Maurice's son, Brent, joined the business.

After Brent's tragic death, the fibreglassing business got too big to manage single handed and renovations were needed, so Maurice decided to sell the business in 1994. It sold quickly to a firm who relocated the business to Palmerston North.

**11 - Egmont Village Service Station**

The first owner of the Egmont Village Garage was Bob Bowen. He leased the building from Mangorei Dairy Company, situated on the site of the old creamery. Other owners were Stan Jans and Paul Uhlenberg.

On December 7th 1959 Colin Pierce bought the garage from Paul Uhlenberg. The petrol was supplied by Europa and served via one pump. Colin changed the petrol supplier to BP and built a new office (pictured at the bottom of the page).



First Garage.



Garage with new office built by Colin Pierce (note Fargo Truck) c.1961.



Colin Pierce by his Ford truck c. 1961.



Ray Hayman, Maurice Pierce, Brian Hastie and Colin Pierce filling the car - Grand Opening, 1968.

In 1968 Colin built a new building and workshop. The grand opening advertisement dated 5th May 1968 states that, "after nine years of service to the community they are moving to the ultra-modern garage and service station. Offering the following services: truck and tractor salvaging service, market garden equipment made to order, oil change and lubricating, welding and air. For sale - tyres, oil and filters, batteries and fan belts."

Colin had also obtained the license to sell Fiat Tractors, one of the first manufacturers to build 4wd tractors. These sold well giving reason to expand into manufacturing front-end loaders and associated equipment.



Canopy added in 1973.

In 1978 Colin sold the garage to 'Taranaki Rubber and Tyre Service' which went broke after three years. Bill Hurlstone purchased the business and named it the 'Egmont Village Autodrome'. He set up a car yard on the adjoining land, and hired Alan Jago to manage it. Lou Donnelly and Sid Hirst worked as mechanics in the garage. Bill sold the garage and it closed on 31st July 2000, along with the workshop which has not opened since.

In September 2000, the partnership of Geoff Grant and Larry Ellison re-opened the service station only - trading under the name of "Challenge". The Challenge sites throughout New Zealand were bought out by Caltex in 2003 and under a lot of controversy, the petrol tanks were removed from all these sites, including Egmont Village.

The Egmont Village Station was the first in the country to go independent - Spirit Energy being the petrol supplier. Geoff pulled out of the business and Larry promoted Kathy Goble (employed 2002) to manage the site. In March 2005, Kathy and staff were given notice that the station had sold to a new company Go 2 NZ Investment Limited, owned and managed by Jeffrey Cao. The service station trades under the name "Spirit Taranaki" today and offers discounted fuel.

## 12 - Kauri Cottage

Ina Rowe moved an old Villa from Hine Street New Plymouth onto the site next to the old community hall in 1978. The tearooms and craft shop was a great success, with a lot of people from overseas working in the oil industry, buying the unique handworked wooden gifts to send home. Ina sold to Bill and Irene Anderton who kept it as a craft shop and tearooms. Janice and Peter Moore bought the business in 1985 and specialised in New Zealand crafts. In 1991, the Gribbons then added antiques and collectables to the craft side of the business.

In 1998 Kauri Cottage became a restaurant for day and night time meals. Today it is owned by Nick and Tracey Northam. The kitchen was very small prior to their ownership. Their extensive renovations have helped Kauri Cottage to be the popular and successful restaurant it is today.

## 13 - The Missing Leg Backpackers

By Kim Spurgeon.

In 1992, Kim Spurgeon and Steve Kenny purchased from Ron Mells, the shed and seven acres which were formerly Egmont Village Gardens Ltd. The land was divided into a shop area, large storage room, office and toilets.

As the property was designated 'horticultural', we had to apply for a resource consent and prove that we could run a profitable business off the land only, before the Council would give us building consent. We put forward the proposal of an equestrian centre which was accepted and this was then developed into a successful business.

With building consent granted, we started transforming the old fruit and vege shop firstly into accommodation for ourselves, then the remaining part into backpackers accommodation. Early in 1996 the hostel was complete and we opened it to the public.

The name, we decided, had to be 'different', something that people wouldn't forget - "The Missing Leg" - a name certainly different and which carried two meanings. Firstly we discovered that Taranaki was a region that was often missing on people's travels, so with our advertising we stated, "Don't let Taranaki be the Missing Leg of your journey." Secondly, we named the hostel after Steve's faithful dog, Eric. He was half dingo, half

kelpie, with a missing front leg. Unfortunately we had to say goodbye to Eric in March 2004, he was 16.

Our very first customer was from Canada, and then they came - from all over the world. We met some very interesting people, some making return visits, and some still keep in touch. We operated the hostel for just over five years, then decided to subdivide it off from the equestrian centre and sold it to Brian and Jo Garrett in June 2001. We hold many fond memories and stories from the construction through to the colourful characters of some of our visitors. A time in our life we shall always remember and cherish.

Brian and Jo Garrett continue to operate The Missing Leg. They have added their individual touch with the amazing collection of old bikes that decorate their road frontage.

## 14 - Eureka Gardens (Established 1957)

By Pauline Naus.

Harry and Nellie Naus immigrated to New Zealand in May 1952. They first went to Tauramanui, then to Tariki where they milked cows for five years. During this time they met up with another Dutch couple, Leo and Margareta Reumers, who were also working on a farm. Being two of very few Dutch couples in the district at the time, they became good friends.

Together they purchased the 14 Hectare property (with cow shed) which is now known as Eureka Gardens. The first year they brought "cull" cows to milk there, whilst they started to plough the land for crops. Coming from Holland they were amazed at how crops grew all year round. The village locals however, gave them some sideways looks because, with the annual rainfall of over 2m, they thought it was only good for stock. However, they persevered and imported a reversible plough from Holland to improve efficiency.

With two families to support (Nauses 8, and Reumers 9), they developed the roadside stall into the shop that it is today.

Henry, son of Harry and Nellie Naus liked to work on the farm as a child. After a dairying apprenticeship, initially he worked in the partnership for wages. Nineteen years on, Henry and Pauline took over the business when Harry and Leo both retired, and run it to this day

supporting their three children. Gerard (son of Leo and Margareta Reumers) and his wife Robyn have returned to the property from Australia. They have taken over Leo's portion of the land and have set up a watercress and property maintenance business, supporting their three children.

Children, grand-children and now a great-grand-child, all from two Dutch couples who saw so much more than farmland under the mountain.

In 2005, due to 'one-stop-shopping', this family business ceased trading just two years short of fifty years of operation.

### 15 - Hurlstone Earthmoving "From very humble beginnings to a multi-million dollar company"

In 1920, Mr Henry Hurlstone (b. 2/3/1897 d. 1/6/1929) with wife Ellen (nee Pederson b. 17/9/1896) and their two children moved from the Tarurutangi district to Egmont Village. Their son Cyril was eleven at the time and their daughter Alma was eight. They moved into the house that still exists on Egmont Road (refer to the creamery article page 97). Bill (William) Hurlstone, son of Cyril Hurlstone, was born and raised in Egmont Village.

The home that Bill was raised in also exists today (located on the village map, New Plymouth side of the old Benny houses.) His daughter Wendy now resides there. During the 1940s, life wasn't easy raising five children - two boys and three girls from the income of 12 cows.

Bill started Egmont Village School in 1948. After leaving school he worked at W.R. Phillips as a motor mechanic. During his last couple of years at W.R. Phillips he also worked for Don Marsh, who was an earthmoving contractor.

"Hurlstone Earthmoving" was officially started in 1962 with a bulldozer and a Landrover that Bill bought from Don Marsh. His workshop was in Dunn Street next to his home.

Bill married Theresa Schroder and they raised three sons and a daughter. During this time Hurlstone Earthmoving moved to its present location at the end of Dover Street. Around 1985 Bill opened a branch in Auckland and now about two thirds of his business is directed from there. He sold his residence in Dunn Street in 2002 and now resides on the New Plymouth side of the

original family home, on a hill overlooking the site of the first village quarry. Bill is in the process of handing the business over to his son Dean.

### 16 - Mitchell Concrete Ltd

#### Information supplied by Anne Mitchell.

In 1972, Barry Mitchell designed and built a factory to manufacture concrete blocks on the corner of Egmont Road and SH3. He installed 'Colombia' hydraulic equipment imported from America. The original blocks produced were seen as a revolutionary product by the building industry. Sadly, Barry was killed in a motor accident within the year and Anne Mitchell continued to run the business. Eric Hayman, who was one of the original staff of three, is still with Mitchell Concrete as foreman, 33 years later.

Nowadays, the plant is fully automated from the aggregate holding bins through to the completed palletised steam-cured masonry blocks. These have the desirable properties of sound absorption, energy efficient insulation, and low fire risk, which ensure that they are still a leading building product today.

### 17 - Frameworks

While working in the office of Drakes Furnishings, Inglewood, Marlene Busby (nee Baker) had the chance to learn the picture framing business. In November 1992, Marlene started her Frameworks business from home. She advertised only once and since then word-of-mouth has been sufficient to keep her busy.

### 18 - Dave Booth Pump Services

#### By Dave Booth.

In 1988, after being made redundant from Wrightsons, I started my own business called Dave Booth Pump Services. Specialising in fixing pumps, I also repaired anything. I kept old pumps and parts and some pumps I have are antique with parts no longer being manufactured. Manufacturing parts also became part of my business.

I moved from Junction Road up to Upper Egmont Road in 1995 and continue to run my pump business from my home.

### 19 - Egmont Village Quarries

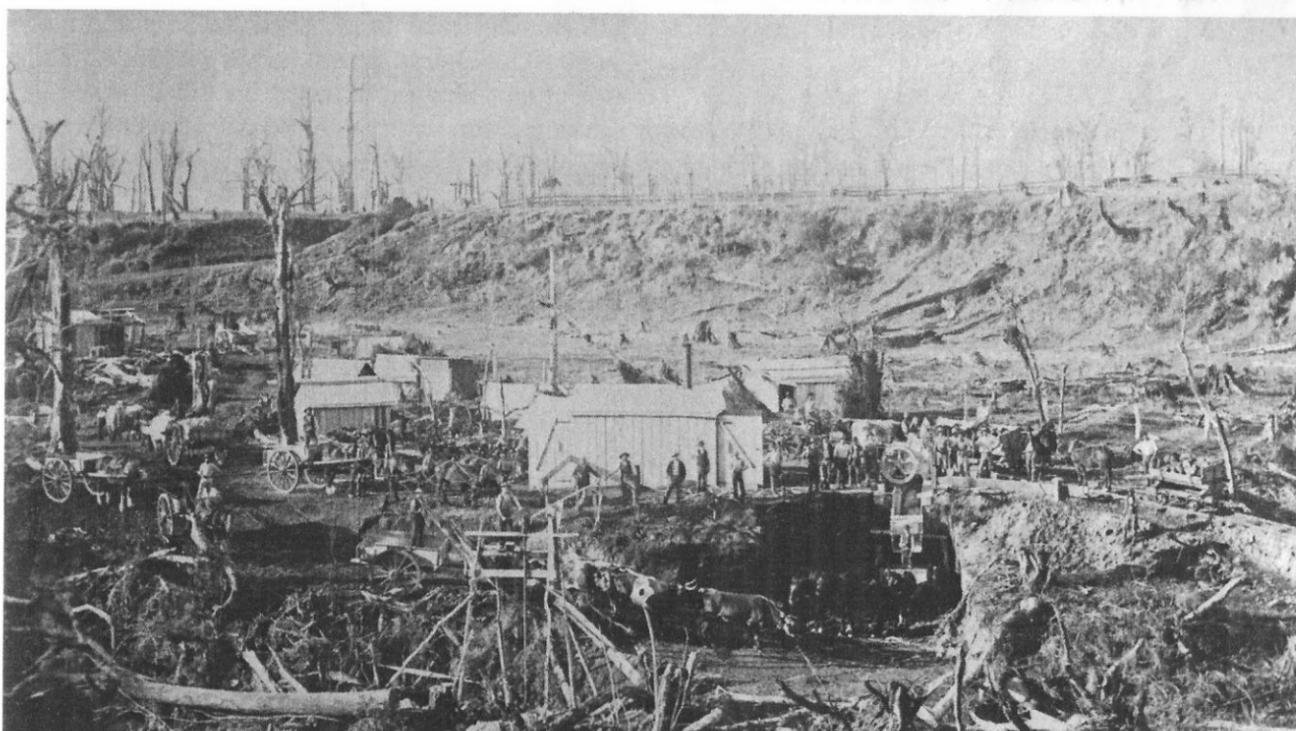
The flat land beside the Waiwakaiho River has been used for quarrying since early settlement. One of the earliest quarries was located on the river flat either side of the current SH3 road bridge. This quarry is thought to have been the site of

the first Council Quarry. Excavation was ceased sometime prior to 1964. Since then this land has been leased by the Council for grazing.

More recently, Bill Hurlstone received consent to start the River Island Shingle Quarry in 1992, accessed off Kaipi Road.



c. 1900 Early Quarry on the Waiwakaiho River. Photo by G. H. White, New Plymouth.



c. 1900 Early Quarry. The Main Highway, New Plymouth - Inglewood is pictured in the background (before most recent road realignment). Photo by G. H. White, New Plymouth.



c. 1890 The 'Chain' Bridge. Photo W. A. Collis.

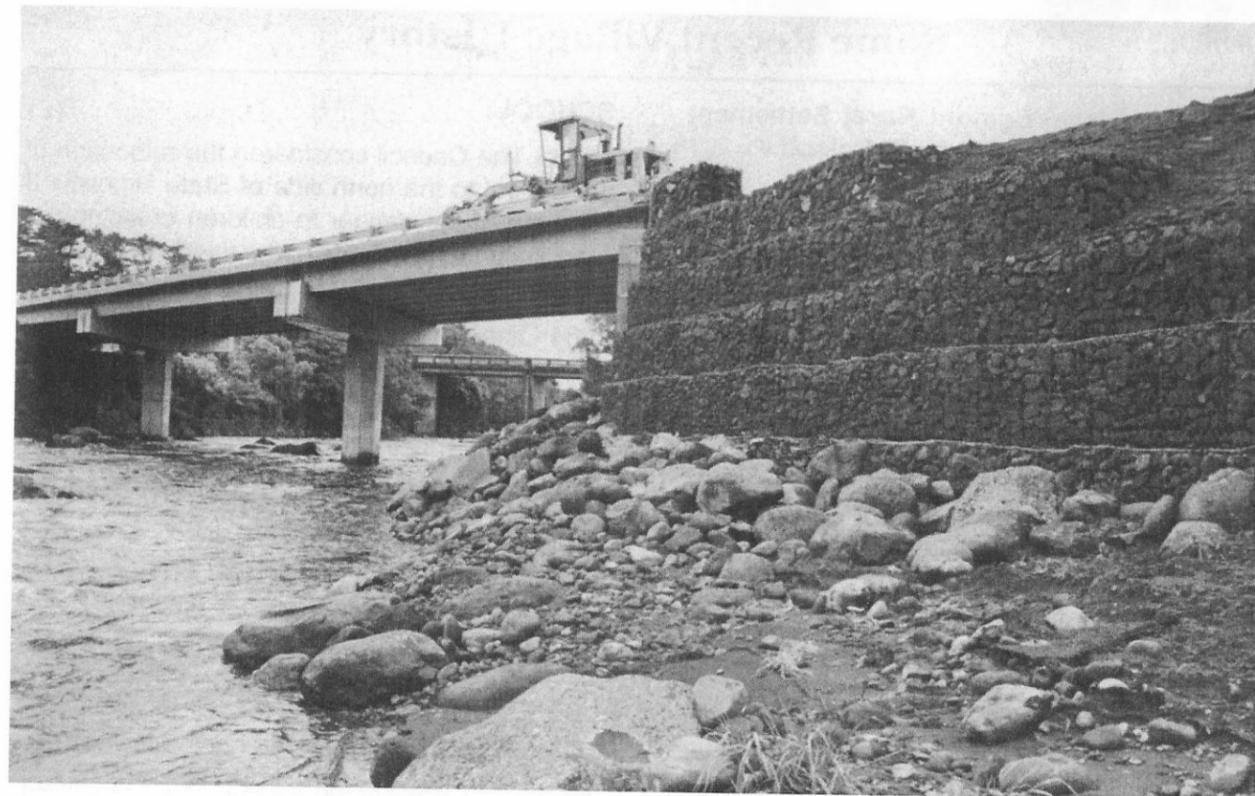
## 20 - Bridges Over the Waiwakaiho River

It was thought that the bridge prior to this one above was constructed mainly of anchor chains from ships - hence the name chain bridge. It was washed away in 1880 and replaced with the one pictured above, which strangely continued to be known as the 'Chain' bridge.

The bridge (pictured above) was the most southerly of all the bridges. This wooden bridge was beautifully and soundly constructed of native timbers, mainly totara, with high overhead weight carrying struts at either end. These were reinforced by thick metal tie rods and the timber bolted together with huge bolts. The rimu planks which were used for the decking were secured

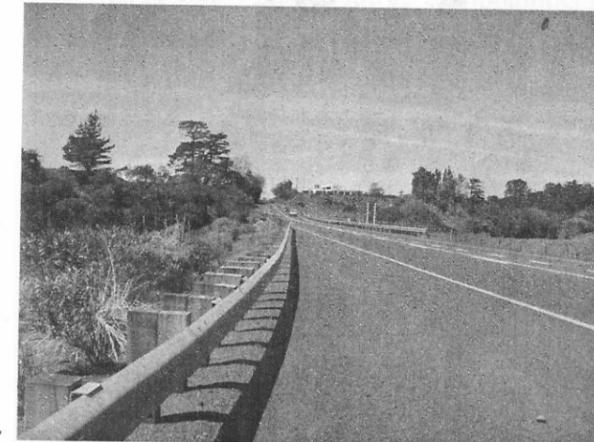
by large ten inch square shaped nails. As these worked loose with the passing of time and traffic, they developed the characteristic clatter typical of bridges of this era. The decking was tarred and sanded to prevent slipping.

Ian Barnes (refer to page 22) tells us about the year of the Devon Street floods - 1935. A house in Egmont Village, situated on the Waiwakaiho River banks, was washed away. With water lapping over the bridge (pictured above), student teacher Miss Olson had to take her shoes off to cross the bridge, on the way to Egmont Village School to teach that day. With the subsidence of this massive flood, the bridge stood undamaged after the unbelievable test that it had been subjected to.



The bridge that can just be seen upstream of the modern bridge was built when the highway was diverted in 1935, dividing the sports ground on the Thomason farm. This bridge was dynamited in 2001, at which time the foundations of the c. 1890 bridge were also removed.

The new bridge in the foreground was built as part of the most recent road alignment completed in 2000.



Current Bridge 2005.



# Some Recent Village History

Referenced from Egmont Rural Settlement Study, 2 November 1979 by S. Colson.

## HOUSES:

1969 - There were approximately twelve houses in Egmont Village.

1974 - Six houses were added and two were under construction.

## SECTIONS:

1975 - Sections sold for \$2,000 - \$3,000.

1991 - Sections sold for \$15,000.

2003 - Sections sold for \$35,000.

2005 - Sections sold for \$85,000.

## STREETS (refer to page 96):

1974 - Dunn Street was opened.

1979 - Bosworth Street was formed. Olson, Dunn and Cunningham Streets were metalled, with part of Cunningham Street being sealed.

1986 - Dunn Street was sealed north of Cunningham Street.

1997 - Bosworth and Olson Streets were sealed.

## SCHOOL:

1975 - The Council considered the relocation of the school to the north side of State Highway 3 because of the danger to children crossing the road. An underpass option was ruled out because of cost.

1984 - The Egmont Village School Committee was responsible for laying the footpath from Mitchell's Concrete Works to Dixon's Store.

2004 - Underpass constructed.

## VILLAGE NEWSPAPER - 'EGMONT VILLAGE NEWSFLASH':

1987 - Established in August by Mary Meredith and Pam Baker.

1990 - Linda Booth.

1996 - Ann Holland and Carol Lay.

2001 - Ann Holland and Stephanie McSweeney.

2002 - Final issue of the Newsflash in December.



New road construction through Lake Mangamahoe Forest during 1998.