

William Naylor JENKINS (1847-1925)

Wairoa: Military History of Waverley by C. L. Lovegrove p6

When active operation ended in the Patea District many men could not return to their sections immediately and were enrolled into the Wairoa Rifles for employment. They came from every Volunteer and Militia Company in the Patea District and received military rates of pay and rations. The Corps was formed at a Public Meeting in Wairoa on 20th July 1868, R. N. Hawes was elected Captain...a former N.C.O. in No.10 Company Taranaki Military Settlers and a veteran of three years of active service in Maori warfare. J. W. Kenah, Lieutenant, also served in No.10 Company. W. A Winchcombe, also a former N.C.O. in No.10 Company became Ensign. Later on a fourth officer was allowed and Mr Andrew Middlemas was elected Ensign. William Dalziel headed the election of N.C.O.s becoming Colour Sergeant; Allan Thomas and William Jenkins Sergeants; Peter Elmslie and Samuel Taylor Corporals.

Wairoa: Military History of Waverley by C. L. Lovegrove p15 – Field operations around Wairoa March 1869

Major Noake writes:- : "I leave tomorrow morning with all my force to endeavour to find those people where they are reported to be up the river. I take four days provisions although I may be away a longer period as I would expect to find Maori supplies on my way. The country is reported to be difficult of access, I have two canoes, one large and one small and I hope to capture more, at any rate these will be useful."

Upper Waitotara Expedition 1 to 10 April 1869.

Kai Iwi Cavalry Volunteers - Captain John Bryce, 3 officers, 15 other ranks

Wanganui Veteran Rifle Volunteers - Captain Thomas Wells, 2 officers, 63 other ranks

Wairoa Rifle Volunteers - Captain R. N. Hawes, Lieutenant J. W. Kenah, Ensign A. Middlemas, Sergeant A. Thomas, Sergeant W. Jenkins

Patea Rifle Volunteers – Captain J. Gilling, 2 officers, 38 other ranks

Success of the Upper Waitotara Expedition directly contributed to the security of Wairoa. Official report of the expedition brings the Wairoa Corps into the picture and highlights the Corps' contribution to the success achieved. Major Noake writes to the Colonial Defence Dept on 11th April...

"I have the honour to report for your information (the Hon. Minister of Defence) that having heard that the Waitotara Natives of Titokowaru's Force were at the settlement up the Waitotara River, I determined to force my way up the Waitotara River, if possible, discover their positions and surprise them in their fancied security. Previous to my departure I had caused a written notice to be circulated among the Wanganui Natives, warning them that any Native found in the Waitotara District was likely to be treated as a rebel. With the above object in view, on the morning of 1 April, I assembled my force at Perekama taking four days provisions, the men carrying 50 rounds of ammunition and two days rations and blankets. Canoes took the other two days rations. We arrived at Te Auroa and encamped about lunch time after a heavy march, a great portion of the way having to be cut through the bush and up and down hill. The settlement is on both banks of the river with considerable cultivations. April 2. Marched at daylight, the country becoming more difficult as we progressed, precipitous ridges, steep and slippery banks and dense bush bound together with supplejack. In the afternoon we arrived at Pokai, a small settlement with cultivations. Rain coming on I encamped there, finding a commissariat supplied by the enemy,

also an addition to the transport in the form of a canoe. April 3. Passed a wet night which reduced further progress on foot next to an impossibility. A wet morning and the sun rising fast. I despaired of making further progress. As it was necessary to divide by force for supplies and moreover to ensure my retreat, I sent back Captain Hawes to Te Auroa to reconnoitre that position with every track leading from it, destroy cultivations, and launch a large canoe reported to have been seen by the Canoe Party on the way... Apr 5.... I desired that all officers should have a knowledge of the country. I therefore had the commanding officer of each corp with his best men to come with me as far as we could with the exception of Captain Hawes. That officer I left at Te Auroa, believing it to be the most important position at the key to the river, most of the inland tracks lead to it." (A big compliment to the Wairoa Rifles) Apr 9. Sixty men with loot horses under Lt Kenah left for Wereroa by track from the right bank of the river, Captain Hawes with canoes and loot and Captain Kells and I joined Gilling's party at Te Rua Pounainui and encamped. Apr 10. With the remainder of the force left at Te Rua Pounainui, I left for Wereroa and arrived about eleven. The sale of loot began immediately and corps then marched to respective camps....

The Way We Were: The Settlement of Maxwell and Waitotara 1850-1930 by Laraine Sole (1990) p16

A force of 157 colonial troops pushed up the Waitotara River in April 1869 from Perekama. They went through Papatupu, Rua Poenamu (a large eel weir), Toroa – Hare Tipene's village, Te Auroa Pa, Awakirei, Pukewharariki, where there was a Hauhau niu pole, Pa Karaka, Poukai, Purakau – a large settlement, Whare Kowiti, Te Puao, Te Maire, Te Iringa Pa to Piraunui. There a white flag was flying and an old woman informed them that all the people had gone to Tawhitinui on the Wanganui River. Some of the whares were of immense size with walls six feet high. They surrounded a large square marae and were enclosed within a strong palisade of manuka stakes. Deprived of an enemy the troops looted what they could and destroyed cultivations and burnt the villages as they descended the river. They returned after ten days and auctioned their loot for £150.

Wairoa: Military History of Waverley by C. L. Lovegrove p20 – End of Wairoa Rifles – Last months of service

Major Noake reporting on 26 Apr 1869: "The Kai-Iwi Cavalry patrolled the whole district from Kai-Iwi to Waitotara without seeing any signs of Natives. I then sent them to Wairoa and as far as Whenuakura to ascertain if Captain Hawes had returned, having seen no signs of Native cultivations, although Natives had been seen at Okutuku." Major Noake reporting on 2 Jun 1869: "On May 23 I assumed command and made arrangements for transport of canoes from the Waitotara River to the Patea River, also for top siding the canoes, making poles, saddles &c preparatory to exploring the river. These arrangements I entrusted to Captain Hawes to see carried out. A report dated 2nd September 1866 gives details of the last expedition of the Wairoa Rifles." I have the honour to report for the information of the Hon. the Minister of Defence that in exploring inland of Okutuku, tracks were discovered which led to some lakes. Last week it was reported to me by Captain Hawes that fresh Native tracks had been seen by one of his patrolling parties. They had tracked them to one of the largest of those lakes, where they had evidently taken to a canoe. After searching about for some time with a view to rounding the lake they had to return. I gave Captain Hawes instructions to send a party with three days provisions to explore the lake and find out if possible where the canoe had been taken. I beg to enclose Captain Hawes' report by which you will perceive that the party under Ensign Middlemas was successful."

Militia and Volunteers were off pay and rations at the end of 1869, except for the Wairoa Rifles, employed on constructing a section of the coach road. The corp was made the unit of administration for the project and the men recruited into the corp for pay.

Military Records of the Wanganui-Rangitikei Districts 1860-1900 pages 64-66

Taken from the Records in the possession of Major C. L. Lovegrove, Honorary Historian for the Wellington West Coast and Taranaki Regiments. Remission Orders. Volunteer Land Act, 1865. Purchase of Waste Land were granted to every officer of the Volunteers or efficient volunteer after five years service any sum not exceeding £30 and to every officer or Militiaman after six months active service in which he shall be actively engaged against the Queen's enemies and for every subsequent six months of such active service any sum not exceeding £5. An amendment was made in 1867. All persons enrolled as Volunteers prior to 1 January 1866 are considered efficient prior to that date and after a further five years service inclusive of any prior to 1 January 1866 entitles a Volunteer to all the privileges conferred on efficient Volunteers of the Land Act of 1865. Note. Service did not have to be continuous and many men served in several Volunteer Corps. One or two received two orders.

Land Remission Orders for Purchase of Waste Land under Provisions of the Volunteer Land Act 1865, amended 1867. Five years efficient service – issued with no Corp reference: William Jenkins, 1878.

Appendices to the Journal of the House of Representatives 1871 Section G1 page 7

Papers relative to the Issue of the New Zealand War Medal

Roll B. Nominal return of Officers and Men of the Colonial Forces who have made application for the New Zealand War Medal for services performed subsequent to the 31st December 1866, and whose claims are admitted by the Commissioners – Entries for the Wairoa Rifle Volunteers: Allen Thomas, Sergeant; Hans Christian Curtz, Private; Alexander Dickie, Private; John Dickie, senior, Private; John Dickie, junior, Private; Peter Elmslie, Corporal; **William Jenkins, Sergeant**; James Johnstone, Private; James Wallace McCallum, Private; Daniel McIldowie, Private; Edward Morrison, Private; John Morton, Private; Joseph Alder Smith, Private; John Wilkie, Private

Archives NZ Reference ACIS 17627 P1 37 [96] Letters T1873/399 and T1873/216

Letter T1873/216 written 20 Feb 1873 to Major Turner, Commanding Patea District.

Foot Constable W. Jenkins begs to report to Major Turner that on or about the 1st of January Captain Forster and Foot Constable W. Jenkins went to get fruit at Kete oneatea; when crossing a gully we left our Horses and coats, and on our return with fruit we found our coats missing; and going to our Horses we saw Edward Blake and a native, supposed to be the owner of the land that we got the fruit from, he said he would not give us our coats till we had payed him for the fruit, or gave it up to him which I believe Captain Forster have him. The native seemed quite satisfied. Forwarded 21 Feb 1873 by Major Turner to the Commissioner A. C. Force for information of the Hon Mr McLean.

Letter dated 24 Mar 1873

Sir, In reply to your Memo of the 20th inst., asking for an explanation relative to a rumour which was circulated some time ago that the natives had stolen the coats &c of myself and Constable Jenkins when out getting fruit, I beg to state that on the 24th Jan near Kateoneatea on returning to the place where myself and Constable Jenkins left our coats whilst picking fruit we found them missing and on asking Mr Edward Blake and a native who were on the spot where they were the former told me that the native said he claimed all the fruit we had picked as it grew on his land and wanted payment for it. I said I would not give him anything. Mr Blake then said he advised me to settle the matter as if I did not there was sure to be a row about it. I then asked where our coats were and Mr Blake said no doubt they will be produced when I had settled the matter with the native. I did so for 10s when the coats were handed over to me, afterwards the native offered to take my coat for the 10s and on returning to camp I gave it to him. In conclusion I would beg to state that I was led to suppose by Mr Blake that the native had a right to the fruit and I considered it adviseable to settle the matter quietly as if I did not do so the only alternative I had left was to arrest Mr Blake and the native for taking the coats. I have the honour to be Sir,
Your obedient servant Arthur S. B. Forster, Sub-Inspector.

Patea Mail 02 Jun 1875 Annual Licensing Court Patea and Waitotara District

The annual meeting of the above court was held at the Court House, Carlyle, yesterday. New applications: Jenkins & Co., bottle license, Ketemarae, granted.

Patea Mail 03 Jul 1875 District Court – F. McGuire v McDonough

This was an action to recover the sum of £67 10s, for six months rent of Ketemarae Hotel, and nine acres of land leased by plaintiff to defendant. Mr Fitzherbert appeared for plaintiff, and Mr Hammerton for defendant. The defence set up was to the effect that plaintiff had agreed to lease the whole of the land, and to transfer the license or permit attached to the Ketemarae Hotel to defendant. Shortly after the defendant entering upon possession, the Licensing Commissioners refused the license, and consequently it was contended that the plaintiff had failed to fulfil his agreement. One acre of the land which the defendant alleged was included in the area leased to him, was let to Stewart and **Jenkins**. F. McGuire deposed that he had leased the building, known as Ketemarae Hotel to defendant, at the yearly rental of £135. He had walked over the land with defendant, and pointed out the boundaries of land on the plan, at the same time informing defendant that he reserved one acre for himself. To this defendant made no objection. It was only after the Commissioners refused the license that he objected to pay the rent. Agreement handed in, which went to show that plaintiff had only agreed to let the building of the Ketemarae Hotel and 9 acres of land, in consideration of defendant paying £33 5s per quarter, and to purchase all goods from plaintiff providing the same were sold at as reasonable rates as they could be purchased from any other merchant. After a lengthy cross-examination by Mr Hammerton, he stated that from the turn the case had taken he would consent to a verdict for the amount claimed, with costs, but trusted the plaintiff would allow time for payment. His Honour directed a verdict accordingly, with costs, amounting to £11 12s 6d. The court then adjourned *sime die*.

Patea Mail 18 Sep 1875

The following are the names of the players selected to play in the cricket match on Saturday next, at Carlyle, between the heavy and light weights of the club. Heavy weights – McKay (Captain), Garwood, Taplin, **Jenkins**, Walker, Arundell, Horner, Croft, Morse, Lupton, McRae, Williams, Symes. Light weights – Frazer (Captain), Baggett, Tennent, Finnity, Meredith, Reddin, Dasent, Dasent, Nicholson, Inman, Turner, W. Frazer, Cowern.

Patea Mail 27 Oct 1875

A cricket match which is exciting a great deal of interest will be played on Saturday next, at Carlyle, between the Hawera and Patea clubs. Play will commence at 10 o'clock, and it is requested that those gentlemen selected to play will be on the ground to time. The following are the eleven:- Hawera – Jacomb (Captain), Riddiford, **Jenkins**, Burrows, Kenny, Johnston, Mason, A'Court, Stewart, Crowhurst, Bate and R. Dingle (emergency man); Carlyle – Fraser (Captain), Mackay, Inman, Finnerty, Garwood, Nicholson, Baggett, Arundell, Taplin, Torey and Meredith.

Patea Mail 05 Jan 1876 The Hawera Sports

Hop, Step, and Jump. First prize 15s went to Williams (Maori) 37ft 6½in; W. Jenkins second.

Throwing the Cricket Ball. Prize 10s. Jenkins far out-threw the others. Distance 103 yards.

Running Long Jump. Prize 10s went to Williams (Maori) 18ft; W. Jenkins (17ft 3in) second.

Standing High Jump. First prize 10s. Williams (the Maori) and Jenkins, after a long struggle, agreed to share the prize between them, neither of them being able to get over the 4ft 1 in.

Three-legged Race. First prize 10s; second prize 5s. Sangster and Jenkins 1st, Dingle and Rongo 2nd.

Standing Long Jump. First prize 10s. W. Jenkins (9ft) first; John Blake 2nd

Patea Mail 02 Feb 1876

The match, between the Patea district and the Wanganui Cricket Clubs, will be played today on the new ground, and is likely to be very well contested. The following are the names of the district team:- Fraser (Captain), Jacomb, MacKay, Inman, Robson, Riddiford, Jenkins, Fookes, Arundell, Tennent, Taplin.

Patea Mail 12 Feb 1876 Hawera

It is reported that five miners, who arrived at Ketemarae last week, *en route* for the new goldfield alleged to be discovered by Mr Casey, are out prospecting behind **Jenkins'** store, but I fear that their efforts are not likely to be rewarded.

Patea Mail 10 Jun 1876 Resident Magistrate's Court – Alleged Stabbing Threat

James Gaffney was charged with having on the 6th instant threatened to stabbing John Treweek, and also one Thomas Scowen. Thomas Scowen, hotelkeeper at Ketemarae, said that, on the day in question, prisoner was at his house. Mr John Treweek and Mr Jenkins were there at the same time. Some words arose, when the prisoner, taking out a knife, said "I mean to give this to you, you b____." I then sent for Constable Roche, who arrested him. By the Bench – The constable came about a quarter of an hour after prisoner had uttered the threat. Witness was behind the bar and the prisoner in front till the constable came. The prisoner was sober at the time. He did not sell two blankets to Mrs Scowen to witness' knowledge. John Treweek, jun., a butcher, residing at Ketemarae, deposed that he was at Mr Scowen's on the 6th inst., when, after some words, prisoner said that he would take his (witness) life if he got the chance, and that he would watch for one if he got clear. Subsequently witness assisted Constable Roche to secure the prisoner. By the Court – Prisoner did not try to stab witness, being prevented by Scowen. Witness heard him threaten to stab Scowen. **Henry Jenkins** proved that the prisoner and Scowen had some words, and he saw the former standing at the door with a knife in his hand. I heard prisoner ask Treweek to go out and fight. When witness saw the knife in the prisoner's hand, he asked him what he intended to do with it. He replied that if he was double-banked he intended to use it. Mr Scowen was in the bar. Mr Treweek was there at the time, and was there before Roche, who had been sent for, came. Prisoner was taken into custody whilst witness was there. He was not taken into custody, but was allowed to go out before Roche came. To the prisoner – I did see Scowen with his shirt sleeves tucked up ready to fight you. Scowen made the remark that he had a good mind to hit you. There were two men in the little room off the bar at the time. There may have been more than two. The quarrel arose about some drink. Scowen said that you owed him sixpence, or that the boy said that you owed him sixpence. You said you did not owe it to him. Constable Roche, stationed at Ketemarae, proved that he arrested the prisoner on a charge of attempting to stab prosecutor. Prisoner refused to give up the knife (an ordinary sheath knife) and witness had to take it by force. When called on for his defence, the prisoner declared that what the first two witnesses had sworn to was false. He and his mate were going to a job, but stopped at prosecutor's house and got boozing. They were sold two blankets and two shirts to get money to drink with, and out of it he "shouted" to prosecutor and his wife, and he thought it hard to be locked up after spending all their money in the house. The Magistrate commented in severe terms on the management of the house, saying that this was the second disgraceful case that had occurred in it during the last six months. He should certainly make a note of it for the Licensing Board, and, if a third case was brought forward, that body would take serious notice of it. The prisoner would be discharged on entering into his own recognizance of £10 to keep the peace for the next six months.

Patea Mail 23 Oct 1878 Waverley

The annual meeting of the Wairoa Cricket Club was held in the evening, at the Waverley Hotel, Mr Mason, Captain of the Club, being in the chair... A Committee was appointed consisting of the Captain, Vice-Captain, and Messrs W. Jenkins, H. Mason, and J. Thurston...

Patea Mail 28 Dec 1878 Waverley

December 27. The Sports yesterday were on the whole a success, and were well attended, Patea and Waitotara being fairly represented. The following are the winners of the principal events:- ... Three-legged Race – Jenkins and Jones

Egmont Electoral Roll 1880-1881

William Naylor Jenkins, settler, Normanby

Patea Mail 04 Jun 1883 Patea West Road Board

The following accounts were passed for payment: ... T. Jenkins, 8s

Hawera & Normanby Star 04 Mar 1886 Hawera Resident Magistrate's Court

Cattle Maiming. Wahieroa, an aboriginal native, was charged with having on 3rd February unlawfully and maliciously wounded a cow, the property of Edward Henn, of Mangawhero. The evidence of Edward Henn, Karania, **W. N. Jenkins**, Henry Glentworth, Robert Glentworth, Theodore Willy, Henry Henn, Edward Henn Jnr., Constable Mclvor, Sergeant Anderson, John Inston and Dr Lightbourne was taken...

Patea Mail 12 Apr 1886 Discrediting a Witness

The following dialogue is said to have actually taken place in one of our courts between a barrister and an obstinate witness: Mr Jenkins, will you have the goodness to answer me, directly or categorically, a few plain, single questions? Certainly, sir. Well, Mr Jenkins, is there a female living with you who is known in the neighbourhood as Mrs Jenkins? There is. Is she under your protection? Yes. Do you support her? I do. *Have you ever been married to her?* I have not. Here several jurors scowled gloomingly on the witness. That is all, Mr Jenkins. I have no wish to ask any further questions. But I have, interjected the opposing counsel. Is it not a fact, Mr Jenkins, that the female referred to by my learned friend, is your mother? She is, replied Jenkins. The several jurors smiled again.

Waitotara Electoral Roll 1890

William Naylor Jenkins, settler, Eltham; Thomas Hunt Jenkins, farmer, Eltham, freehold Sections 22, 23, 24, Block 10, Ngaire

Hawera & Normanby Star 25 Aug 1892 Eltham

The election of a new School Committee took place on Monday, 15th inst. The school was well filled with householders, and the following were elected:- Messrs C. Maslin, W. Finlay, T. H. Jenkins, W. N. Jenkins, J. Penny, Ford, and G. C. Turner. Mr Turner was elected chairman. None of the old committee stood for re-election, as they somewhat resented being so summarily turned out.

Patea Electoral Roll 1896

William Naylor Jenkins, settler, Eltham

Hawera and Normanby Star 04 Apr 1896

We were shown the other day a waggonette built to the order of Mr W. Jenkins, of the Mountain and Mangawhero road, by Mr Veats. It is to carry nine persons, and is built on the single perch principle, with olliptic springs and steel Holf patent axles. All the under-gear is built of extra strong pattern and the body is of hard wood, whilst the frame is of kauri. The panels (let in) are of clear varnish, and the rest of the body is painted black and green, fine lined with chrome. The undergear is picked out black on green, with a few lines of chrome. It is fitted for one or two horses, and the hind seats are fixed on an improved principle of his own and so made that they can be taken off with ease. It is well fitted, and those who have seen it speak very highly of it, and like other work turned out at Mr Veats' establishment it has given every satisfaction.

Archives New Zealand Reference LS69 Box 18 Item 1027 Naval, Military and Volunteer Land Claims

Name of claimant: William Jenkins, Wairoa Rifle Volunteers

Stratford 19th October 1897 William Jenkins, sworn, said: "I claim for volunteer services. I was for two years in active service during the Titokowaru war from 1868-1870. I was Sargent in the Wairoa Rifle Volunteers, and Capt Hawes was in command." Address: Eltham.

Claim No. 119. Name of applicant in full: William Jenkins; Rank of applicant: Sergt; Corps or company: Wairoa Rifle Volunteers; Amount of land or remission-money claimed: Twenty pounds; Act or regulation under which claim is preferred: Volunteer Land Act 1865; Date of discharge from H. M. or colonial service and length of service: Thirtieth November 1870, served twenty eight months. Period of Defence Force, Forest Ranger, Volunteer, or other service, and name of Commanding Officer: Seventeenth of July 1868 to Thirtieth November 1870 under Capt. Hawes, Wairoa Rifle Volunteers; Number of months engaged against the Queen's enemies: Twenty eight; Previous application: Nil; Has or has not received a grant of land for military or volunteer service: Not; Present address of claimant: Eltham. I Charles Martin, hereby certify that I have known the claimant for a period of three years, and I believe the above statements to be true – dated 24 December 1890.

Letter dated 1st January 1891 to Commissioner Crown Grants – Sir, Your memorandum of the 29th December to hand. I knew there were claims being sent in under the Act of 1889 but not having played soldiers for the required number of years, I thought I had better send in my claim for active service in the field during the late war – which according to the Volunteers Land Act of 1865 entitles me to £5 for every six months service which I think I well earned, having gone through all the hardship we had to endure for several years and if the above Act has not been repealed which I am informed it has not been I am entitled Remission money and if it has been I think its time all... [second page not copied due to binding].

Letter from Sidney Watman, Commissioner Crown Lands, New Plymouth to William Jenkins, Eltham dated 29 December 1890. "The Naval, Military Settler & Volunteers' Land Act 1889". In reply to your letter dated 20th December, accompanying your application for remission money I have to inform you that you must claim under the above mentioned Act and not under the Volunteers' Land Act 1865. The present act requires the ... 5 years continuous service commencing prior to the 31st October 1876.

Letter from William to the Commissioner Crown Lands – Eltham 20th December 1890. Dear Sir, I enclose certificates and a claim for remission money under the Volunteer Land Act of 1865 hoping you will consider this favourably. I am, Dear Sir, Yours &c, W. Jenkins. P.S. You will find in the Act that all Volunteers in active service in the field are entitled to five pounds for every six months of service.

Kohimarama, Auckland 4th December 1890. I hereby certify that Sergeant William Jenkins was discharged from the Wairoa Rifle Volunteers on that Company being struck off pay on the 30th November 1870. Character, Excellent. Robert N. Hawes late Captain Commanding Wairoa Rifle Volunteers.

Kohimarama, Auckland, 25th November 1890. I hereby certify that Sergeant William Jenkins was an “efficient” member of the Wairoa Rifle Volunteers while serving therein in 1868-1869 and 1870 and engaged in active service during the greater part of that time, being on pay for the whole of it. Robert N. Hawes late Captain Commanding Wairoa Rifle Volunteers.

Kohimarama, Auckland 25th November 1890. I hereby certify that Sergeant William Jenkins now of Eltham, Settler, joined the Wairoa Rifle Volunteers on the 17th of July 1868 and served continuously therein until the 30th November 1870 when he was struck off pay with the rest of the members of the Corps. Robert N. Hawes late Captain Commanding Wairoa Rifle Volunteers.

Kohimarama, Auckland 25th November 1890. I hereby certify that Sergeant William Jenkins late of the Wairoa Rifle Volunteers bore an exceptionally good character during the whole term of his service in that Corps. Robt. N. Hawes late Captain Commanding Wairoa Rifle Volunteers.

Kohimarama, Auckland 25th November 1890. I hereby certify that William Jenkins, late Sergeant in the Wairoa Rifle Volunteers, has always, since his discharge from that Corps, resided in this Colony, in the Patea and Hawera Districts and that he is now living at Eltham. Robt. N. Hawes, late Captain Commanding Wairoa Rifle Volunteers.

Patea Electoral Roll 1900

William Naylor Jenkins, settler near Eltham; Elizabeth Jenkins, domestic, Mountain Road, Eltham

Hawera and Normanby Star 02 Dec 1905

Wanted, married couple for milking. Apply W. N. Jenkins, Eltham.

Wanganui Chronicle 24 Apr 1906 Local and General

The Eltham "Argus" says:- Mr W. N. Jenkins, of Upper Stewart road, who is at present at Rotorua, has sent down to Mrs Jenkins a photograph of the monument that was erected to Mr Edwin Bainbridge, the tourist who met his death by the Tarawera volcanic eruption in 1886. The monument is a handsome column and has engraved up on one side of the base the last words ever written by Mr Bainbridge. They were as follows:- "This is the most awful moment of my life. I cannot tell when I may be called upon to meet my God. I am thankful that I find His strength sufficient for me. We are under a heavy fall from the volcano." On another side of the base Mr Bainbridge's portrait has been let into the stone and covered with glass. Mr Bainbridge was a relative of Mrs Jenkins.

Hawera & Normanby Star 25 Jun 1906 Newton King's Clearing Sales

W. N. Jenkins, Stuart road, Eltham, Friday, July 20.

Hawera & Normanby Star 09 Jul 1906

Mr Newton King specially asks his clients to note the altered dates (July 19) of Mr W. N. Jenkins' clearing sale.

Hawera and Normanby Star 30 Jul 1906 Proposed New Eltham Council

From our own correspondent. A meeting of those interested in the above movement was held in the Athenaeum, Eltham, at 2 p.m. on Saturday. Mr J. U. Murray, convenor of the meeting, was voted to the chair, and the following gentlemen were also present:- Hon. W. Carncross, and Messrs Brodie, Marx, Turner, Granville, Lloyd, J. L. Campbell, Embling, Routley, Christoffell, Quin, T. Jenkins, W. N. Jenkins, Amoore, J. Carter, Kelliher, Walsh, White, Watson, Wills, Hutton, Coplestone, Jones, Hair, Fulton, Revell, R. Linn, T. Linn. The Chairman, in opening the meeting, stated that he had been requested verbally by a number of leading settlers to convene this meeting, and as he believed in every man taking his fair share of responsibility in public matters he had consented to do so. He personally had an open mind on the question, and it was with no ulterior motive that he was working. He took this matter up because he considered it would be for the benefit of the district. There had been a good deal of talk lately in the country on account of the increased rates which it was evident would have to be levied in the near future...[rating discussion]... Messrs Boddie, Routley, T. Jenkins, Carter and Murray were then appointed a committee to take the matter in hand, after which the meeting closed.

Hawera and Normanby Star 13 Aug 1906 Bushfelling Accident at Mangamingi

On Saturday morning (writes our Eltham correspondent) a well-known bushman named William Hutton had one of his legs broken below the knee whilst bushfelling on Mr W. Jenkins' property at Mangamingi. It appears that Hutton was felling a tree when it kicked back, striking him on the leg. The fracture is a clean one. Dr Harrison was telephoned for, and drove out to attend to the sufferer. A cab was also sent out and Hutton was conveyed to his parents' residence at Eltham.

Hawera and Normanby Star 23 Nov 1906 Egmont A. & P. Show – The People's Day

Horses in Saddle and Harness... Buggy horse, mare or gelding, not exceeding 13 hands – W. N. Jenkins 1, F. J. Northcote 2.

Hawera and Normanby Star 04 Feb 1908 Local and General

Messrs Tristram and Co., Eltham, report the sale of 3278 acres at Matemateonga on account of Mr W. N. Jenkins to an Auckland buyer at a satisfactory figure.

Hawera and Normanby Star 07 Sep 1908 Te Ngutu-o-te-Manu – Fortieth Anniversary Memorial Service

... Twelve veterans were present, and the medals they wore so proudly were objects of veneration. Seven of them participated in the tragic and disastrous encounter at Te Ngutu. They were:- Private J. Livingston (Taranaki Volunteers), Hawera; Private J. Flynn (Taranaki Volunteers, Hawera); Private J. H. Walker (Wellington Rangers and A.C.), Waitara; Private J. Hickman (Wellington Rangers and A.C.), Urenui; Private J. O'D. Quigley (No.3 Mounted A.C.), Inglewood; Private J. J. Griffiths (No.3 Mounted A.C.), New Plymouth; Private T. P. Lister (Armed Constabulary), New Plymouth. The others were Sergeant Wallace and T. Hickman (Wellington Rangers and 2nd Armed Constabulary), J. Heslop (Waipawa Constabulary), **W. N. Jenkins (Wairoa Rifles)** and J. Tait (2nd Waikato Forest Rangers)...

Hawera and Normanby Star 8 Dec 1908 Eltham – Taumata Domain Board Bazaar

(From or own correspondent) A largely attended meeting of ladies and gentlemen assisting in the bazaar in aid of the funds of the Taupata Domain Board was held in Messrs Hardy and Stanners' office last night, Mr W. N. Jenkins (Chairman of the Board) presiding. The Canvassing Committee reported having completed a most successful canvass of the town. The Art Union Committee reported that all the prizes in connection with the art union were now ready; and it was resolved to place these in a shop window in Bridge street, which Messrs W. H. and A. McGarry had kindly consented to place at the disposal of the committee. It was decided to request Mr B. Dive, M.P., to formally open the bazaar at 2 p.m. on Christmas Eve, and the bazaar will be continued on Boxing Night and on the second night of the Axeman's Carnival. There is a debt of £230 at present owing on the grandstand on Taumata Park, and it is with a view to liquidating this liability that the bazaar is being promoted. Judging by the liberal support at present forthcoming the committee anticipate that they will be able to achieve this.

Hawera and Normanby Star 16 Jan 1909 Local and General

The Eltham Argus records a series of vehicular accidents which took place on Thursday last... A gig belonging to Mr W. N. Jenkins was badly smashed as the result of the horse running away...

Hocken Collections MS-0214 Letters relating to Smetham's picture – Letter T. M. Hocken to W. N. Jenkins – Dunedin 16 Sep 1909

Dear Sir, I think you know I possess the splendid picture by Smetham of your father & the Maoris who visited England in 1865(3). This I propose to give to the Dominion in December next, together with my large collection of books, manuscripts, documents and pictures. I should greatly prize, to add to these, your father's journal of his visit home & to place it in this collection. Of course it would be interesting from an historical point of view, and moreover it has much relation to the subject of Smetham's picture which it assists in interpreting. Can you see your way to letting me have this. In such case I should have it well bound and refer to it as having been given me by the son of Mr Jenkins. I dare say you know the too often final fate of such journals if left in private hands. They become fingered useless & finally lost or destroyed. Yours very truly, T. M. Hocken.

Hawera and Normanby Star 3 Aug 1910

At Eltham on Monday afternoon Mr F. Jenkins, eldest son of Mr W. Jenkins, was married to Miss Vincent, daughter of Mrs Vincent, Palmerston North.

Hawera and Normanby Star 2 Dec 1910 Taranaki Show

Additional district prize-winners at the New Plymouth show are as under:- ... For harness pony under 13 hands W. N. Jenkins was second.

Taranaki Herald 25 Aug 1911 A Scrap of History – The First Maori born in England

Some few weeks ago a cable from London announced the birth of a Maori child at the White City, London, and it was stated that this child possessed the distinction of being the first Maori baby born away from New Zealand. The publication of the cable led to Mr W. N. Jenkins, of Fitzroy, bringing us his father's diary, in which is recorded the birth of a Maori child in London in 1863, nearly fifty years ago. The diary is full of interesting matter, and Mr Jenkins has kindly permitted us to make a few extracts...

Hawera & Normanby Star 02 Oct 1913

In this week's Auckland Weekly News appears an excellent photograph of a group of Maori war veterans taken outside the defence offices, Hawera, on the occasion of a dinner recently given to veterans by Mr J. Livingston. The photograph was taken by Mr H. A. Jones of Hawera.

Taranaki Electoral Roll 1911

William Naylor Jenkins, retired farmer, Fitzroy; Elizabeth Jenkins, Sackville Street, Fitzroy, married

193 Memorial card produced by C. O. Ekdahl, Printer, Princes Street, Hawera – photograph showing Maori War Veterans

Front Row – Veterans T. Ennis, W. Rowe, A. Cunnabell, Sergeant J. Livingston, Sergeant-Major R. B. Hamilton, J. Flynn, P. Sweeney and D. Ginger.
Back Row – Veterans Sergeant T. Allen, Sergeant W. Wallace, Dan. Hughes, Corporal J. Heslop, G. Newland, Sergeant W. Jenkins and A. Black.

Taranaki Electoral Roll 1914

Elizabeth Jenkins, Sackville Street, Fitzroy, married

The Queenslander 17 and 31 Oct 1914 Missing Friends

Five Pounds Reward. Any one giving information as to the whereabouts and identity of George Nathaniel Drake late of Johnsonville, Wellington, New Zealand, will receive the above reward. Last seen in Brisbane two years ago. Address: W. N. Jenkins, People's Palace, Sydney or Brisbane.

Hocken Collections MS-0214 Letters relating to Smetham's picture – Letter Karianera Wharepapa to John Adams – Pakotai 21 Jun 1915

Translated by John Adams.

John Adams. Friend, Salutations. Your letter of the 4th of June has reached me. The statement that we degraded ourselves (became demoralised) and the land of our birth, New Zealand, when we reached England is something that I am unaware of. I have a letter written by the hand of (the late) Queen Victoria, and handed by her to me. I have it at the present moment while writing this. I have a full knowledge of our visit to England. Our greatest object on reaching England was to fill our hearts with the 'Faith' of the English (Religious Faith). On our return we spoke of it (The Faith) to our relations, and immediately there were built 'Three Churches', at Mangakahia, Ohaewai, and Kaikohe. When Ngapuhi saw this they raised many Churches, and all Ngapuhi joined in the Faith, sending their children to the schools of the Ministers. The whole of Waikato, Te Arawa, Waipu, Turanga and Heretaunga then joined in. (In the Faith). Conversation by letter is not good; and it is for yourself and Mr Jenkins to arrange to arrange that we see each other personally, whether at Auckland, or as you might choose. This is all the reply to your letter, as it is not the best mode of holding a conversation. Kia Ora to Yourself and Household (Sgd) Kamarera Wharepapa. [Writer: Aperahama K. Wharepapa]

Hocken Collections MS-0214 Letters relating to Smetham's picture – Letter John Adams to W. N. Jenkins – Hawera 25 Jun 1915

Dear Mr Jenkins, Herewith please find translation of letter received by me from your friend 'Wharepapa'. The trip to England seems to have been the very thing it was intended to be; and from what Wharepapa says, it bore fruit in abundance. I will await your instructions regarding the next move. Yours faithfully, Jno. Adams, Licensed Native Interpreter, First Grade, Native Land Agent, PO Box 38.

Hocken Collections MS-0214 Letters relating to Smetham's picture – Translated note by L. W. Parore – Dargaville 1 Apr 1916

I do hereby certify that clauses (1) "The Chiefs travelled through the country and giving exhibitions and soon became demoralised by their mode of living." (2) "Then they were discredited and finally became stranded" (3) "Ultimately they were sent back to New Zealand by charitable people" was duly read over and explained by me to the said Kameriara Wharepapa and that he appeared clearly to understand same but contradicts same and asserts that clauses on Document C attached hereto should substitute the above incorrect clauses mentioned on Document B. – L. W. Parore, Licensed Interpreter, Grade One, Dargaville.

Manuscript version in MS-0384

Hocken Collections MS-0214 Document "B" written by T. M. Hocken, Dunedin 1889

This historic picture was painted in 1863 by James Smetham Esq., R. A. of London, a well-known artist and friend of Ruskin & Rossetti. It represents a group of Maori Chiefs and their wives, the interpreter, the Rev. Dr & Mrs Jobson and Mrs Brames Hall assembled in a room in Wesley's house, London, and was intended to commemorate the Wesleyan Missionary Jubilee. The Maoris in charge of the interpreter visited England to gain an idea of its greatness and resource. The Expedition was undertaken with the sanction of the New Zealand Government. They received the most hospitable reception from the Queen and the highest persons in the Kingdom. The Queen was Godmother to a Maori boy born during the visit – Nov. 1863. The Picture indicates the meeting of the civilised Maori with the Missionary to whose labours his advancement is due. It was intended that it should hang in the Mission Hall and Mr Smales, a Publisher in Darlington, undertook to publish a Jubilee print from it, but the scheme fell through.

[These three clauses are incorrect]

The Chiefs travelled through the country giving exhibitions and soon became demoralised by their mode of living. Then they were discredited and finally became stranded. Ultimately they were sent back to New Zealand by charitable people.

The picture, for which Mr Smetham received one hundred and fifty guineas, was sent to New Zealand for sale, the price asked being two hundred guineas. After a curious history it finally came into my possession. The portraits Mrs Smetham informs me are all careful likenesses.

Copy also in MS-0384 with Wharepapa's signature

Hocken Collections MS-0214 Document "C" Declaration by Kamariera Wharepapa made at Papotai 30 Mar 1916

Kamariera Wharepapa states:- That we gave exhibitions only at the request of our Hosts who showed their appreciation by presenting us with about £700 through the suggestion of a Miss Veale to the Duke of Salisbury. All the Maoris behaved themselves splendidly, and I never on any occasion, saw a single person under the influence of liquor. Declared at Papotai before me on March 30th, 1916 in the presence of J. A. McLean, JP [Signed K. Wharepapa]. Witness: L. W. Parore, Licensed Interpreter, Grade One, Dargaville. I do hereby certify that the above was duly interpreted by me to the said K. Wharepapa in the Maori language and that he appeared clearly to understand the meaning & purport of same and further the above was dictated by the said K. Wharepapa to me.

Manuscript version in MS-0384 – includes signatures of parties

Hocken Collections MS-0214 Key Plan of Smetham's Picture – London 1863

1. Mr Wm. Jenkins (of Nelson), Interpreter
2. Rev. Dr. Jobson
3. Mrs Jobson
4. Mrs Brames Hall, a warm supporter of Missions
5. Hariata te Iringa wife of Hirini & granddaughter of Kawiti
6. Wiremu te Wana son of Pou one of Hongi's Generals
7. Reihana Taukawau son of Tukarena one of the most renowned Ngapuhi Chiefs of the last generation
8. Hariata Nitapuiriri wife of Hare Pomare daughter of Pikimaui one of the Hongi's fighting chiefs and friend of Tamati Waka Nene our friend and ally in the Northern War 1845-1846
9. Ngahuaia granddaughter of the celebrated Hereta Taniaha ("Hook-nose") of the Coromandel district, Hawiaki, and contemporary with Captain Cook.
10. Horomona te Atua son of Te Anga one of Hongi's Generals
12. Hare Pomare son of Pomare who was taken prisoner in 1845 by the British Troops during Hone Heke's War.
13. Hapimana Ngapiro son of Mokoera and great-grandson of Te Ra Tainga a noted Warrior Chieftain of the Ngatiawa Tribe Taranaki
14. Kameriera te Hautakiri Wharepapa one of Hongi's Generals.
15. Paratene te Manu son of Kaute Awha and descendant of Rangitukiwaha of the Ngapuhi Tribe
16. Kihirini te Tuahu son of Whareni grand-son of Te Whiri, descendant of Rangitiki of Tararoera-Taupo
17. Hirini Pakia son of Tipene Hare Cousin of Hongi, grandson of Waharaupo a general of Hongi and Kawiti
18. Portrait of John Wesley
19. Probably of Rev Dr Coke
20. Probably of John Wesley's mother Mrs Susanna Wesley

Hocken Collections MS-0384 Wharepapa, Kamariera Te Hautakiri – papers relating to 1863 Maori Chiefs visit to England

Re The Maori Chiefs and Mr Jenkins: This affidavit by Chief K. Wharepapa may be kept by the Hocken Library or the Otago University as it deems proper. Yours respectfully, L. Jenkins. [Acknowledged 19 Sep 1949]

Hawera and Normanby Star 15 Nov 1918 Eltham

The friends of Mr Frank Jenkins will be pleased to know that his condition has improved during the last few days. Mr Jenkins has been critically ill from influenza in Auckland. His father, Mr W. N. Jenkins, is at present in Auckland with him.

Hawera & Normanby Star 20 Nov 1918 Personal Items

Many friends in Eltham will regret to learn that Mr Frank Jenkins, son of Mr and Mrs W. N. Jenkins, of Eltham, died in Auckland yesterday. He leaves a widow and children to mourn their loss.

Stratford Evening Post 09 May 1925 Obituary

Another old identity of Eltham, Mr William Naylor Jenkins, passed away at his home in Derby Street on Thursday after a lengthy illness. In the days when bush covered the district, (states the Argus), Mr Jenkins came to Eltham with his brother, Mr T. H. Jenkins, took part in the Maori Wars, and worked in the district for many years. Later he owned a farm beyond Chiselhurst. He was always of a retiring disposition, and did not take any active interest in the borough's affairs. He was aged 78 years. He leaves a widow, a son, (Mr P. W. Jenkins, salesman for the Farmers' Co-op, Eltham) and a married daughter.

Opunake Times 31 Oct 1930 Tenant's Obligations – Claim for Rent – Unusual Defence

At the Eltham Magistrate's Court on Tuesday before Mr R. W. Tate, S.M., Elizabeth Jenkins, of Opunake, claimed from Angus Campbell of Eltham, farm manager, the sum of £14 5s 6d being rent due for a dwelling in Derby Street, Eltham, for the period from 11th February to 31st March, 1927, at £1 per week, rent in lieu of notice, £4 5s 6d, interest £2, linoleum sold £1. Mr T. B. Crump appeared for the plaintiff and Mr L. A. Taylor for the defendant. Mr Crump said there was a contract of tenancy between the parties which expired on 12th March 1927. Campbell held over possession of the dwelling until 31st March 1927. The £7 rent claimed was partly for rent during the year of the tenancy and afterwards to 31st March. No notice was given until that date, when defendant informed him that he was vacating the premises. The main point at issue was whether his client was entitled to rent, by way of damages in lieu of notice. The defendant, Angus Campbell, now sharemilking for Mr Cocker on the Rawhitiroa Road, said he had a family of six children ranging from 17 to 4 years. He rented the house from Mrs Jenkins for a year at £1 per week, signing a contract which was handed to Mr Bosley as agent for Mrs Jenkins. He was then employed in the Box Factory at a small wage. On more than one occasion Mrs Jenkins came to the house. When he was there three months she came and ordered him out, complaining that there were too many children. At the end of the year when the tenancy was nearly up he was again told to... He was offered a position with... Cocker provided he took it immediately, which he did. To Mr Crump: He was trying to... another house before then. Mr Taylor submitted that the tenant was merely holding over, the tenancy had expired, and there was no contract between the parties. His client was a trespasser and not a tenant. There was a particular remedy given to landlords against tenants who held over. His client's position in law was not such as to bind him to give a month's notice. After 12th March there was no re-establishment of the relation of landlord and tenant. Why, asked Mr Taylor, should his client pay £4 5s 6d for a month's rent when he was under the most direct and decisive orders to leave? After further legal argument, the magistrate gave judgment for plaintiff for £12 5s 6d, to which amount the claim was reduced by agreement between counsel, with court costs £1 18s and solicitor's fees £1 11s. Mr Taylor said that had the amount in dispute been larger he would have appealed against the decision.