

LESSONS By CANDLELIGHT

As many of the new immigrants to New Zealand were unable to read or write, free night classes were held at Tokorangi School in 1906 and 1907. Weather dependent classes, sometimes candles were replaced by the light of a full moon. There were up to 40 adults attending and the lessons meant many people in the district learnt to read newspapers; to sign official documents and write sentences.

Tokorangi School opened in early 1900's in a barn but in 1908 a new school was built on donated native land. The school closed in 1971 and students went to Halcombe School approximately 4 kilometres away.



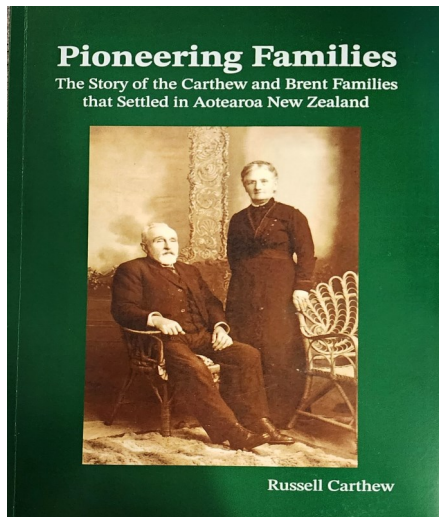
One of the rural Manawatu schools that 'disappeared'. Teacher Clara Hanron with pupils in 1908 at Tokorangi school, Sandon Road. Manawatu Heritage photo

PIONEERING FAMILIES

Written by Russell Carthew this is a recent addition to the books available for purchase at the museum. Cost \$40.

Settle in a comfortable chair on a wet and windy winter day and read about the families and development of the district.

A variety of choices for that hard to buy for person. Horse ornaments kindly donated by Peter Olsen are also for sale.



WHAT IS HAPPENING IN JUNE 2024 AT COACH HOUSE MUSEUM

19 JUNE 10:30AM

Kitchen Training Session. If you are willing to volunteer to help in the kitchen when functions are held, a training session of approximately two hours is necessary. More volunteers are welcome.

WED 26 June 1.15pm

An Alfred Hitchcock movie will be shown in the Hunter Room \$10 movie, cuppa & biscuit (funds for new chairs).

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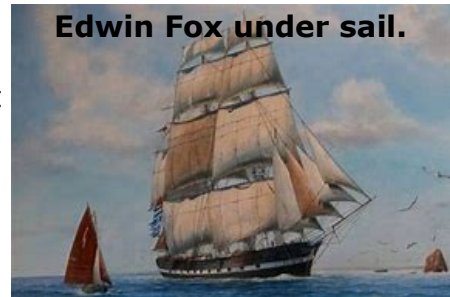
One hundred lines 'The Manchester Block is not the Marlborough Block' has been completed and apologies given to those seeing the mistake last month. We all have these brain lapses from time to time.

posed Man-Edwin Fox, living convict oldest survivor had discussion on same day the The error proof reader.

Built of teak in Calcutta, India (Kolkutta, after 2001) the maiden voyage to London was in 1853. The Crimean War had started in October that same year so the first assignment was to transport 496 troops of the 51st French Regiment to the Baltic Sea area. From

1853 until 2024 this ship has a varied history and is now a great drawcard for Picton and New Zealand. The oldest surviving convict ship; the oldest surviving merchant ship and the ninth oldest ship in the world, thanks to the foresight and hard work done by the Edwin Fox Society formed in 1965. A day to remember was when the Edwin Fox was resurrected from her death harbour in Shakespeare Bay and towed around to her present berth in Dunbar Wharf, Picton near the Ferry Terminal. A range of comments was heard around Picton that day as some locals were enthusiastic about preserving such an historic ship but there was loud opposition "Just bomb and sink her", "what an eyesore for Cook Strait ferry and cruise ship passengers" were comments overheard on that auspicious day. Preservation supporters are now well rewarded.

Edwin Fox under sail.



Marlborough trans- chester because the the world's only sur-transport ship and the ing merchant sailing been the subject of a phone call the Chronicle was written. was missed by the



Under tow 5th December 1986

Summary of Passenger voyages made by the Edwin Fox (Shaw Savill line)

- To Lyttleton from Brest arriving 27th June 1873 140 passengers
- To Wellington from London arriving 18th April 1875 259 passengers
- To Nelson from Plymouth arriving 11th November 1878 244 passengers
- To Lyttleton from London arriving 3rd May 1889 108 passengers



A 3- 4 Months sea journey for immigrants and on arrival in New Zealand the need to build a home. Reality did not meet promises or expectations.

- 1867** converted from full rigged ship to a barque.
- 1873** Served on emigrant route bringing 751 passengers to N.Z.
- 1880** refitted as floating freezer for the boom in sheep meat exports.
- 1885** June last journey from England to New Zealand.
- 1897** Towed to Shakespeare Bay, Picton to be used as cold storage for mutton export industry.

- 1900** Picton freezing meat works known locally as the 'Picton University ' opened and 'respect, discipline and team work were taught ' according to a retiree. Edwin Fox used for cold storage
- 1905** converted to a coal bunker, replacing the cold storage.
- 1950** Anchored in Shakespeare Bay and left to rot.
- 1985** December: Towed around to Dunbar Wharf.

TODAY The Edwin Fox Society has built a dry dock, an information centre and a roof cover to provide shelter from the weather. Many exhibits relating to the Edwin Fox history have been donated including the immigrant lists. Preservation work continues and many travellers visit this survivor. Thanks to the foresight of a few.

VB VB



Gross tonnage 747 tons
Depth 23 feet 6 inches
Waterline Length 144 feet 8 inches
Overall Length 160 feet

Family Connections



SEATED ON GROUND, LEFT TO RIGHT: Mabel McLeod nee Carthew, Steve Hicks, Nancy Perkins nee Riddell, Alisa Thompson nee Riddell, Trix Murphy nee Carthew, Kath Campbell nee Carthew
 FRONT ROW SEATED, LEFT TO RIGHT: Amelia "Millie" Hicks nee Carthew, Aileen Forbes nee Hicks, Mabel Rowe nee Carthew, Dorothy Best nee Rowe (child standing), Annie Darragh, Great Aunt Emma nee Bagnell Grandma Carthew's sister, Grandpa Willam Carthew, Grandma Mary Cathew, Alan Rowe (boy standing), Emma McVicar nee Carthew, Joyce Williams nee Riddell (baby on knee), Eva Riddell.
 BACK ROW STANDING, LEFT TO RIGHT: Mrs Nix, Mr Nix, Edwin Hicks, Edna Short nee Darragh, Joe Darragh, Joyce Abbas nee Darragh, George Darragh, Minnie Carthew nee Brown, Rev Williams Rowe, Alan Carthew, William Carthew (pop), Mary Forbes nee Hicks, Unknown woman, Unknown man, Gordon McVicar, Jack Riddell, Ian Riddell (Toddler in arm)

In April 2024 the Carthew family of Feilding held a Family Reunion and when visiting the very informative static display of the family at the museum, it was amazing just how many family connections had been made over the years. Some of those families were; Darragh, Brent, Giles, Lightband, Campbell, Girling, Hicks, McVicar, Riddell, Perry, Short and more. It is always best to think before speaking as many times we do not know if the person being spoken to is connected to the person being spoken about.

Wanted !!!! Needed for Display !!!! Wanted !!!!



If you have or know where old wooden desks can be obtained for the schoolroom display at the Coach House Museum please contact Piki 3236401/0212289509 or Bryan 3292823.

