

Taranaki War Compensation Files – Claims 1 to 20

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Claim No.1 F. M. Gledhill £32 10s 6d 15 Apr 1861
For fencing taken for Public works from Sections 657, 658, 659, 660, 661; from Sections 627, 628, 629, 630; from Independent burying ground; from two stockyards

Claim No.2 Rev H. Groube £30 15 Apr 1861
For standing timber cut and carted away for the erection of the Native Pah adjacent to his property

Claim No.3 Thomas Wilkinson £73 16s 15 Apr 1861
For fine fences taken for Public Works by the troops under the command of Major Hutchins

Claim No.4 Charles Sutton Snr £165 15 Apr 1861
For three fences taken and destroyed by the troops under the command of Major Hutchins at Waireka; the posts were Puriri. For one acre of standing bush cut down. For one house burnt by the troops.
Pencil Annotation: Correct – Volunteers secreted at the Waireka attack

Claim No.5 George Curtis £60 12s 16 Apr 1861
For damage done on my farm at Omata by order of the Military Authorities – Hedge by the edge of the road; hedges dividing farm; boundary between self and ...
Pencil Annotation: To be cut down before they will grow
For 200 new rails taken by Maoris for the use of Government.
Pencil Annotation: Old fences taken by Maoris, and 200 rails were given by Mr Parris as compensation, but eventually removed by the Maoris – not known by whose order.

George Rutt Burton 15 Apr 1861: I certify that the burning of the hedges on Mr George Curtis's farm at Omata was executed by my orders to deprive the enemy of cover.

Claim No.6 J. Newton Watt £77 10s 16 Apr 1861
For damage done to my property at Devonport, New Plymouth by order of the military – four rail fences removed, furze fence cut down, a row of bush – Ngaio & Acacia

Claim No.7 William Harrison Snr £35 2s 16 Apr 1861
For 39 chains of fencing used for military purposes
Pencil annotation: At Omata 37 chains of four rail fence and two chains of two rail fence. 25 chains along the road – Refer to Major Hutchins. Says that he had seen posts and rails used for firewood. Adjoins the Native Reserve Poutoko and the Waireka Hill road.

Claim No.8 Thomas Bayly
For nine acres of turnips and a quarter acre of potatoes for the use and service of the Forces stationed at Tataraimaka from 21 Apr 1860 to 29 Jun 1860 - £162 10s.
Pencil annotation: See Brigade Major's letter to officer commanding militia 03 Dec 1861. No claim as the Force were at Tataraimaka to enable the settlers to secure their property.

For 18 chains of fencing, 20 chains of unworked fencing, 900 feet of sawn timber & one barn for the use and service of the Forces stationed at Tataraimaka from 21 Apr 1860 to 29 Jun 1860 - £84 16s
Pencil annotation: Part of the property was used for fortifying the Fort and part for firewood.

For 20 chains of fencing and to the keep of 200 oxen for the use and service of the Forces on the night of 09 Oct 1860 - £22 10s.
Pencil annotation: Fencing used for firewood. Grass eaten by Bullocks in the encampment.

Claim No.9 Richard Chilman £6 17s 6d
For 5½ chains of paling fencing round Town Section No.640 (near the Market Place) occupied by the Troops
Pencil annotation: Post and two rail and close palings

Claim No.10 Thomas Sole £6 10s 6d 17 Nov 1860
 For 7¼ chains of fencing at Hammerton's House
 Pencil annotation: Post and three rail fence – Section Nos 2052, 2053, 2054

Claim No.11 Henry H. Brown (Minister) and George Curtis, Church Trustee 16 Apr 1861
 For damage done to fence of burial ground at Omata by soldiers from the Omata Waireka Company and for damage to 9½ chains of fencing.
 Pencil annotation: Furze partially grown on site of fencing consequently a small charge only is made. Major Hutchins stated that this is correct.

Claim No.12 James Thomas Shaw 17 Apr 1861
 For fencing destroyed by Military authorities in the Town of New Plymouth – Town Section Nos 873, 874, 875 bounded by Currie Street and Gill Street. For four chains of four rail fencing 22s. For six chains of three rail fencing 18s. For two blue gum planks 2¼ inch thick and 15 feet long each 12s 6d.

Claim No.13 R. Jury £237 17 Apr 1861
 For crops &c used by the Military during the occupation of the Camp on Waireka Hill. For eight acres of potatoes, three acres of turnips, 20 tons oaten straw and a mare shot at taking of Waireka Pa
 Pencil annotation: Potatoes not taken by the order of the Military authorities. Major Hutchins presumes that the potatoes were old regrown roots. The Officer commanding Companies made arrangements with a person of the name of Wear to supply Potatoes to the Troops. Turnips used by the ... Bullocks. Straw used by the Bullocks. Major Hutchins was six weeks at the Camp.

Claim No.14 John Jury £280 18s 17 Apr 1861
 For property used by or for Military purposes in the District of Omata. For 30½ chains fencing; four roomed house partially destroyed then burnt; three chains of garden fence; Mrs Jury's house taken to pieces and material used in Camp on Waireka Hill, seven acres oats in sheaf used by Militia & Volunteers as breast works &c 28 Mar 1860.
 Pencil annotation: The cattle had access to the Oats and destroyed it, in consequence of the removal of the fencing. Refer to Major Hutchins and Captain Browne. Portions of fencing were taken by Major Hutchins for protecting the Redoubt and for fuel. The fencing was in a delapidated state portions having been previously taken down and used by the Natives. Taken from spots about 500 yards from the Camp.

Claim No.15 William Ballantyne £5 17s 19 Dec 1860
 For damage done by your order - 6½ chains of three rail fence (taken for Pallisading from Barracks towards 40th Camp Ground) – Section Nos 531 & 532

Claim No.16 Samuel Julian, Omata £86 12s 16 Apr 1861
 For fencing &c taken and destroyed by order from the Department. For seven chains iron wood posts and rail fencing and also live fence by road; for 14 chains iron wood posts and rail fencing – Dixon fence; for 20 chains iron wood posts and rail fencing – Boundary; for 9 chains iron wood posts and rail fencing – Round Garden; for one chain iron wood posts and rail fencing – Potato House; for water closet taken for sentry box; for gate and hinges for the use of Stockade; for damages done to garden, orchard and potato house owing to fences having been taken away; for damage done to dwelling house used as a cook house for the Stockade; for ½ acre of land consisting of ornamental bush cut down for firewood for use of Stockade; for ½ acre of land part of the same property destroyed for defence of Stockade by trenches and sub-soil thrown out.
 Pencil annotation: Refer to Captain Burton

Claim No.17 Tom Newsham £17 20 Aug 1860
For timber taken for the erection of Stockade near the Barracks – which timber has spoilt the erection of a house brought in from Omata by me.
Pencil annotation: This was the original claim for the materials for the house.

Letter: Taranaki 24 Dec 1860

Sir, I beg leave to hand you the following account for Fencing and Timber removed by order of your department, and used in the Erection of Palisades for the defence of the town. The party in charge, I am not able to state as the materials were removed during my absence on duty. From Town Section No.709 opposite the Marsland Hotel - 4¾ chains fencing of post rail & palings £6 1s 4d; 2 chains of post & rail fencing £1 6s. The timber was brought in by me from Omata, and would have built a House 30 x 14 taken off the same section £43 15s – Total £51 2s 4d. Trusting you will be pleased to order payment for the same.

Claim No.18 R. Cunningham £8 2s 17 Apr 1861
For nine chains of three rail fencing.
Pencil annotation: 1½ chains dividing fence. Sections 638, 639 – 640 adjoining the fence previously claimed.

Claim No.19 William Atkins 16 Apr 1861
Destroyed by the Military Authorities for Entrenchment, for fencing in Commissariat Hay – 10 chains fencing in length, one chain in width – four railed fence. Removed from my land immediately outside the Lines. A true and faithful statement witnessed by James J. Master.
Pencil annotation: 12 chains correct. Section Nos 687, 688, 704, 705

Claim No.20 William George £6 17 Apr 1861
For Iron Wood lying on Mount Elliot.
Pencil annotation: 12 loads Puriri burnt in May last – for burning Lime
