

**David Dick & George Saywell – Wainuiomata September 1845**Archives NZ Reference NM8/5 1845/366

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To Major Richmond

Wainuiomata 03 September 1845

Sir, I am the owner of twenty five acres of Land in this Valley about five of which I have in crop. This week I wished to fall some more Bush but was prevented by the Natives who say they will keep it for themselves. They have just now also commenced putting in potatoes in my cleared land. Of these circumstances I think it right to inform you, and, as I find it useless talking to them myself I trust you will afford me some assistance to get them removed, I have the honour to be Sir, Your most obedient servant, David Dick.

Annotation [1]: Inform Mr Dick that the Protector of Aborigines has gone up the Coast and will not return till the latter end of the week or beginning of next when he will be directed to proceed to Wainuiomata to attend to his complaint – initialled M. R. 09 Sep 1845

Annotation [2]: Mr Dick informed 09 Sep 1845

Annotation [3]: Referred to the Protector of Aborigines for report 09 Sep 1845

Annotation [4]: The complaint of Mr Dick is so far settled that the Natives do not now molest him, but, the valley of the “Wainuiomata” has not yet been entirely vacated by them. Several however have already removed. A Chief whose name is “Ngahunga” is the principal person who continues to cultivate. I have requested him to appear before your Honour in order that you may learn the particulars of the Case; his principal reason being the want of other suitable places on which to plant their Crops. I think however that after this ... he will also leave the Section. The chief portion of that already cleared has been given up to Sewell. I feel sure that the Dispute originated in consequence of Sewell's having by mistake sown his wheat on a part of Mr Dick's ground the boundary of which was not clearly defined until very recently.

Signed by H. Tacy Kemp 26 Sep 1845.

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Note: The above refers to Wainuiomata Section No.1  
– 100 acres conveyed by William Deans to:

- [1] David Dick            25 acres 23 Jul 1847
- [2] James Lansdale    20 acres 09 Mar 1842 then conveyed to David Dick 10 Oct 1851
- [3] Robert Fairweather 25 acres 23 Jul 1847
- [4] Robert Neil        10 acres 23 Jul 1847 then conveyed to Fairweather 12 May 1849
- [5] George Saywell     20 acres 23 Jul 1847 then conveyed to Robert Neil 01 Jan 1851

Sources:

[1] Country District Wainuiomata Land Reports – Lands & Survey Wellington  
[www.nzpictures.co.nz/pandoraresearchANZ-LS-W65-1-23.pdf](http://www.nzpictures.co.nz/pandoraresearchANZ-LS-W65-1-23.pdf)

[2] Register of Country Section Selections  
[www.nzpictures.co.nz/pandoraresearchANZ-LS-W65-3-43.pdf](http://www.nzpictures.co.nz/pandoraresearchANZ-LS-W65-3-43.pdf)

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