
CATCHPOOL VALLEY HUT NAME ORIGINS

This document is about the origin of the hut names that were located in the Catchpool Valley, 1039 Coast Road, Wainuiomata.

Catchpool is named after Edwin Catchpool (1805 – 1874) who was a 19th century settler along the Coast Road.

The land where the huts were situated was a mixture of private and public land. All the huts were private and have since gone.

This document is part of a series of the origin of place names of Wainuiomata.

Other documents that relate to the area are:

- For information on the high points on the Ōrongorongo side of the Wainuiomata River watershed area see the Ōrongorongo Place Name Origins document.
- For information on the topographical features such as high points, tracks and streams of Wainuiomata, that is the watershed from the head of the Wainuiomata River to the mouth where it enters the sea at the Wainuiomata Coast and its tributaries, see the Wainuiomata Place Name Origins document.
- For information on central Wainuiomata see the Wainuiomata Central Place Names Origins document.
- For information on road and street names of Wainuiomata, see the Wainuiomata Street Names Origins document.

For more history about the Māori naming and their association with the Catchpool Valley see the following books:

- A Guide to Rimutaka Forest Park by Bill Sewell.
- Built Heritage Of The Orongorongo Valley by Chris Cochran, Chris Maclean, Allan Sheppard.
- The History of the Orongoronga Valley and Environs by Joanna Lane–Taylor.

See also the Wikipedia page on the Ōrongorongo River.

The document is laid out in the following style:

Locality name for example – Claphams Hut.

Definition for example – Wilfred Roberts Clapham (1900 – 1972) was a hunter and tramper in the Catchpool / Ōrongorongo area in the 1920s and 1930s. It was located in the Catchpool Valley area. It could have however been named after the Clapham Railway Junction in South London, England. There were tracks that converged at this point. The hut was in existence from the 1920s to the 1940s.

Source of the information for example – A Chronology Of The Tararua And Rimutaka Ranges – 6th Edition by Ross Kerr.

Meaning of the information for Time frame when the name came into existence for example – Papers Past Website.

Time frame when the name came into existence for example – 1920s.

The Map sources are from various topographical maps as stated in the Bibliography.

See the Bibliography for further sources of information.

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Source – *A Chronology Of The Tararua And Rimutaka Ranges – 6th Edition by Ross Kerr*. Information – *Papers Past Website*. Time Frame – 1920s.

Edes Hut

Raymond Percy Ede (1906 – 1978) was a trampler in the Ōrongorongos from the 1920s. He had two huts. One was in the Catchpool Valley called Edes Hut. He also had another hut on the Clay Ridge Track called Ray Edes Hut. This was also known as Kereru Hut. Kereru is named after the native pigeon which has mainly greenish metallic plumage with white underparts and a purplish crimson bill and feet. Both huts were in existence from the 1930s to the 1960s.

Source – *The History Of The Orongoronga Valley And Environs by Joanna Lane-Taylor*. Information – *Electoral Roll*. Time Frame – 1930s.

Log Cabin

Trees cut into logs to provide a shelter. It was located in the Catchpool Valley area. It was owned by Harred (Harry) Spaulding (1882 – 1957). The hut was in existence from the 1930s to 1976.

Source – *Map*. Information – *Internet Search*. Time Frame – 1930s.

Patchetts Hut

The origin of this name is not known. It was located in the Catchpool Valley area. The hut was in existence from the 1920s to the 1940s.

Source – *A Chronology Of The Tararua And Rimutaka Ranges – 6th Edition by Ross Kerr*. Information – ?? Time Frame – 1900s.

Possum Lodge

It is named after a small marsupial that lives in trees and thick fur. It is a pest animal. It was located in the Catchpool Valley area. It was built by Frank George August (1889 – 1966) a possum hunter of Wainuiomata. It was in existence in the 1920s.

Source – *A Chronology Of The Tararua And Rimutaka Ranges – 6th Edition by Ross Kerr*. Information – *Internet Search*. Time Frame – 1920s.

Shanty Town Store

A improvised building that was used to sell items to trampers. It was temporary as there was a number of complaints about. It was first opened in the Catchpool Valley area and later moved to Jacobs Ladder area by the Ōrongorongo River. It was run by Lawrence (Larry) Grindall Turner (1913 - 1995). The hut was in existence from 1933 to the mid 1930s.

Source – *A Chronology Of The Tararua And Rimutaka Ranges – 6th Edition by Ross Kerr*. Information – *Internet Search*. Time Frame – 1930s.

Town Hall Hut

Where local and national politicians to meet with their constituents. It was located in the Catchpool Valley area. The owner of the hut is unknown. It was in existence from the 1920s to the 1940s.

Source – *A Chronology Of The Tararua And Rimutaka Ranges – 6th Edition by Ross Kerr*. Information – ?? Time Frame – 1920s.

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