

William Tissiman 1841-1909

J. P. Tissiman, Government School, Renwick 16 Feb 1882

Sir, I shall be glad if you will forward me a certified copy of the Registration of Birth of Hugh Gee born 18th June 1849 at Kaiwarra near Wellington. This is required for entering on his policy of Life Insurance from New Zealand Government. I do not know what the expense of this is and am therefore unable to forward the amount but will do so as soon as advised thereof.

Annotation: Supplied 22 Feb 1882

J. P. Tissiman, Blenheim 9 May 1882

Sir, I enclose P.O.O. 4957 for 2s 6d o/a copy of Registration of Birth of Hugh Gee. I regret that my illness has led to neglect in this matter.

Archives NZ R15906768 BDM1 1882/183 Inward letters to the Registrar General

Note: Hugh McKenzie Gee 1849-1920

About August/September 1885 J. P. Tissiman, Secretary of the Omaka Road Board, wrote a letter to the Borough Council, pointing out the necessity of taking steps to deepen the western end of the Co-operative Drain, and of cleaning the drain up to its junction with the Alabama ditch. The letter also covered an account for certain works paid for by the Omaka Road Board, and to be shared by the Borough Council.¹

In February 1885 he was referred to as W. T. Tissiman, Secretary Omaka Road Board² and W. Tissiman, Clerk to Omaka Road Board.³ In March 1885 W. Tissiman was a Collector for the Omaka Road Board⁴ and in April he was the Returning Officer.⁵ He also wrote to the Colonial Secretary in 1884⁶ and 1886.⁷

The only Tissiman listed in the Wairau Electoral Rolls for 1880-1881, 1882-1884 and 1887 is a William Tissiman, schoolmaster, Renwick. When his resignation was accepted with regret by the Marlborough Education Board on 13 September 1898 a resolution was passed to place on record its high appreciation of Mr Tissiman's services, extending over many years – "a quarter of a century," said one member.⁸

At a Renwick School Committee meeting held on 6 August 1881 William requested leave to speak. He felt great anxiety for his school under the present circumstances, having an average of 75, which meant teaching 80 at times without assistance... He suggested that the master be authorized to appoint a pupil teacher temporarily... Hugh Gee, a member of the committee, was in attendance.⁹

¹ Marlborough Express 5 Sep 1885 Borough Council

² Marlborough Express 7 Feb 1885 Borough Council

³ Marlborough Daily Times 20 Feb 1885 Wairau Rivers Board

⁴ Marlborough Express 27 Mar 1885 Advertisement Omaka Road Board - Rates

⁵ Marlborough Express 18 Apr 1885 Advertisement Omaka Road Board - Annual Election

⁶ Archives NZ R24413287 IA 1 1884/4549 W. Tissiman, Secretary Omaka Road Board 13 Oct 1884 Forwarding By Law No.1

⁷ Archives NZ R24456850 IA 1 1886/4304 W. Tissiman, Clerk Omaka Road Board 9 Dec 1886 Asks for six copies of each of Acts regarding Local Government

⁸ Marlborough Express 13 Sep 1898 Marlborough Education Board

⁹ Marlborough Express 9 Aug 1881 Renwick School Committee Meeting