

TAINUI TRADING POST

MAY 2014

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Chair, Eric Cryer, Treasurer, Gail Pratt, and Committee member Russell Black performed the ceremony.

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All copy for the Tainui Trading Post due by 20th of the month.

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Mokau River Tours DVD—\$25

35 minute snap shot of the Mokau River. Ian Whittaker
gives a commentary of the River past and present

ANZAC

There was a pleasing turnout for the annual ANZAC service at Awakino on 25th. Russell Black welcomed the Official guests, Rev. Mike Hansen, Waitara and Ian Schofield, Waitara RSA., both of whom addressed the gathering. Richard Burton recited "In Flanders Field" and Shane Lowry read from Hebrews 10:32-40. After the reciting of the Ode flowers were laid by Girls & Boys Brigade members. Proceedings concluded with the Roll Call by Russell, playing of "The Last Post" followed by lowering of the flag by Donald Cox. Rebecca Lowry was the accompanist for the hymns.

TAINUI HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Note : Murdoch Stewart wrote about his grandmother, Anne Scott Stewart and printed the notes about Jack Hallgren directly from a Genealogy programme on his computer. His father Bob Stewart came to NZ in 1924 from Scotland when he was 18. He stayed with his aunt, Mrs Clifton (Gail Morrow's grandmother) in Mokau and worked there. A year later he sent for his mother Anne Stewart and she eventually married Jack Hallgren. They were both in their 40's when they married and didn't have children. Murdoch Stewart stayed with his grandmother and Jack Hallgren when he was about 6 years old and went to school at Mokau for a while.

Notes for Jacob Efraim [Jack] HALLGREN-70

24 Apr 1994

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Jack Hallgren was born 23rd Oct. 1888 in Gotburg, Sweden & married my Grandmother at Awakino on the 3rd. Dec.1925

She was Ann Scott STEWART nee MURDOCH

He was a of medium height but a very strong man, his fingers impressed me as a child, they were very blunt & thick & wide across the knuckles. He had a strong accent & his favourite expression was " Bar Jesus" followed by thumping his fist down on a table. He ran away to sea when he was 14 yrs. of age & till he died never saw a living member of his family, he did write to a brother till the outbreak of the Second World War when the contact was lost.

Jack served before the mast of sailing ships & sailed around the world on them, Amongst his papers after his death were seven Certificates of Discharge from vessels on Coastal trade around New Zealand the first dated 30/5/1916 on the "Huia" of 199 tons out of Auckland, & included the ports of Wellington, & Lytteton till the last Certificate from the "Wetere" on the 25/2/1920 at Waitara. All the Discharge Certificates were marked Very Good for Conduct Ability & Sobriety.

Among the vessels he sailed on as a Able Seaman during this period was the "Waro", Jack joined the Waro at Auckland on the 9/5/1916 & she stranded on Waipu Beach, Whangarei & became a total loss on the 10/5/1916 & he was discharged at Auckland on the 15/5/1916.

In 1924-25 he was a general hand on Mohokatina Station where Ann STEWART was working as a cook. After they were married they lived in Mokau.

Jack worked on the Mokau River Bridge as a labourer & he rigged the lifting wires etc. for lifting the centre span. In later years he was the only man in the district able to rig a Bosun's chair so the wires could be either replaced or painted. In fact when age stopped him doing this work the lifting span gear was removed.

After the bridge was finished they moved up the Waikawau Road & Jack was employed as a general hand & shepherd on Pioi Station, at this time my father was living with them & was also working on the Station as a shepherd.

Some time later they moved to Mokau & had a wee house built next door to Bill & Ma Bailey

Jack did all sorts of odd jobs & labouring in the area including helping to build the Mokau Hall. As a child I spent a lot of time with them & I can recall going with him to Mohokatina Station to get sheep manure from under the woolshed, after loading some bags of manure into the Dicky seat of a borrowed Model T coupe Ford he took it home. Then he returned the car to the owner who ran the Tea Rooms opposite the Mokau Store & when he went to stop the brakes failed & he drove through the picket fence.

On the Awakino Gorge road past the Waikawau road hard against the river there was a sandstone veranda overhanging the road, Jack & some Scandanavian mates submitted a tender to the Public Works Dept. to remove the overhang. The terms apparantly where that the overhang had to be removed in sections & the road could only be closed for short periods to traffic.

They drilled shot holes along the under side of the ledge & also holes along the top, charged them & shot the lot in one go. The whole veranda landed in the Awakino River & it only took a short time to clear the rubble off the road.

The gang bought grog & camped on the site & partied till it was all gone.

In his later years Jack played a lot of bowls in Awakino.

Jack died in a Nursing Home in New Plymouth on the 1st Jan.1978 aged 90 yrs.