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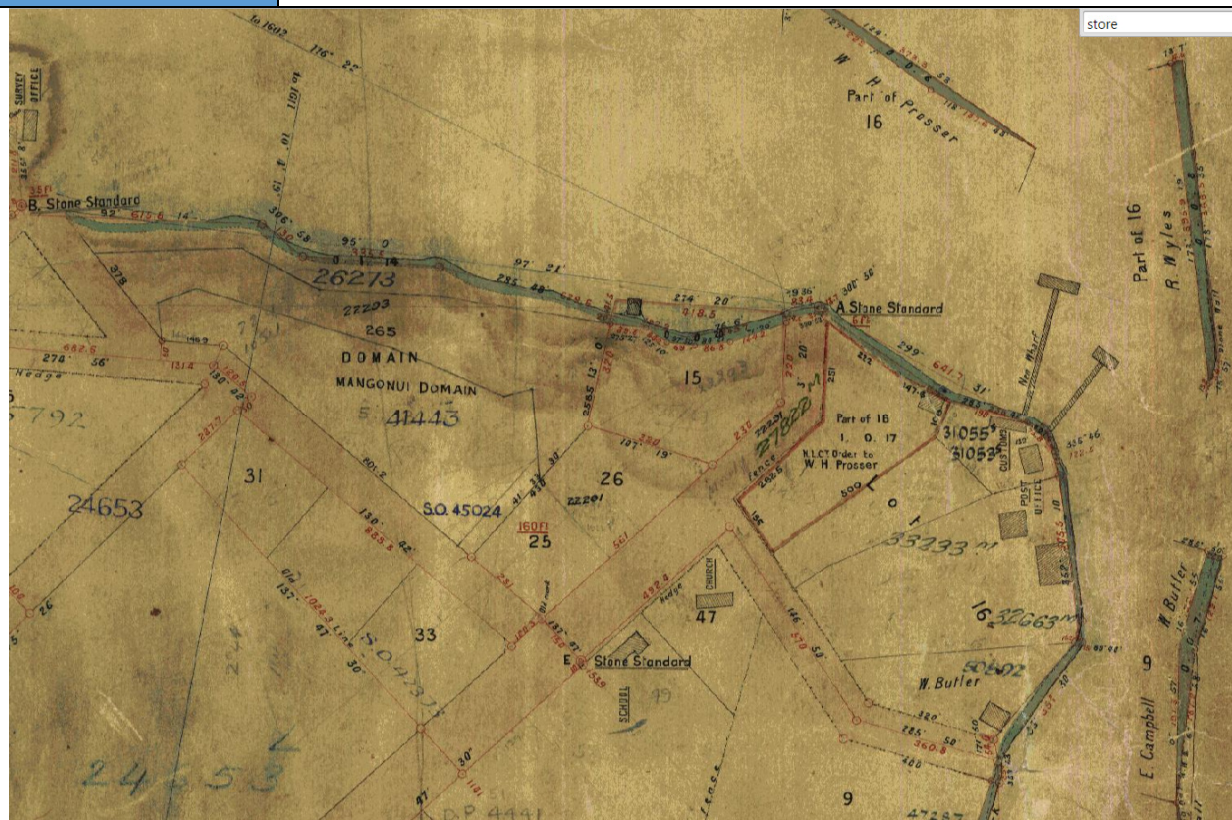
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Excerpt from SO 3737, dated 1884, the early Mangonui township had formed, with a church, store, hotel, post office and customs shed, along with wharves. The store is not yet built (Source: LINZ records)



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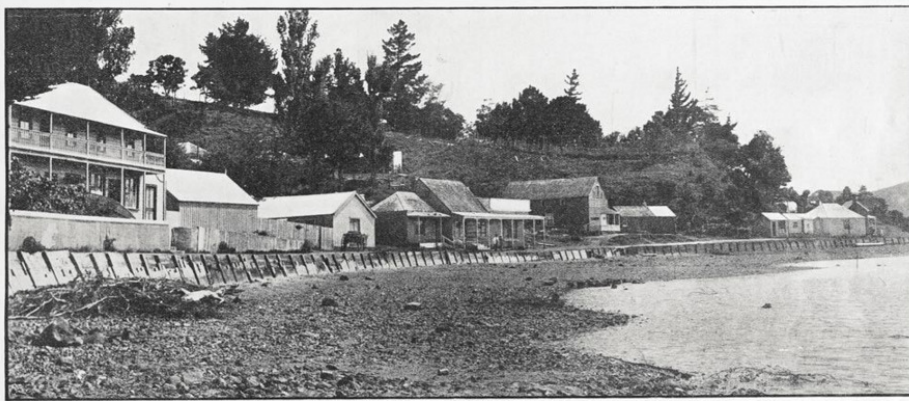
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Photo c. 1902, note the store has not been built (image source: AWNS 19020626-6-3)



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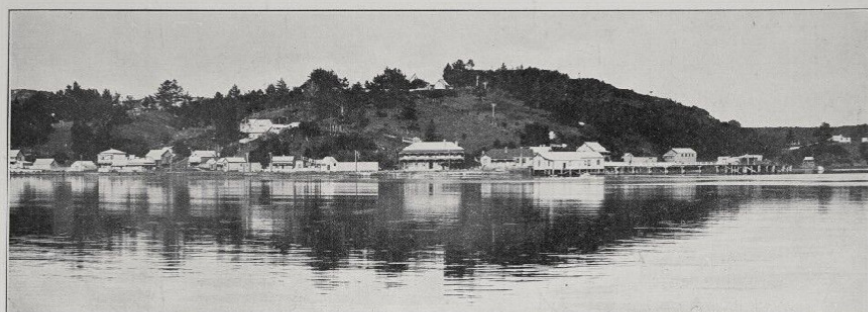
Photo c. 1905, note the store has not been built (image source: AWNS 19050727-15-2)



A CORNER OF MANGONUI HARBOUR, NORTH AUCKLAND.

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Photo c. 1912, note the store has been built (image source: AWNS 19121107-5-1)



THE MOST NORTHERLY 'OWKE IS THE DOMINION: A VIEW OF MANGONUI, DOUBTFUL BAY, 134 MILES NORTH OF AUCKLAND CITY. A. Searwood, Photo.

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Photo c. 1910s - the shop is on the left, post office and courthouse on the right (image source: Alexander Turnbull Library, Ref 1/1-004909-G)

**Source Material:**

Waterfront Mangonui, 1947, showing the store and jetty (Whites Aviation Ref: WA-05149-F)

**Source Material:**

Waterfront Mangonui, 1951, showing the store and jetty (Whites Aviation Ref: WA-27197-G)



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Source Material:	Waterfront Mangonui, 1966, showing the store and only part of jetty intact (Whites Aviation Ref: WA-65647-F)
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Source Material:	Waterfront Mangonui, 1975, showing the store (Whites Aviation Ref: WA-72643-F)
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Source Material:	Waterfront Mangonui, 1983, showing little change to the store (Whites Aviation Ref: WA-76626-F)
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Lisa J Truttman. 27 March 2016. Historical Background Research: Mangonui Four Square. Report for Clough & Associates.

115 Waterfront Drive, Mangonui

Mangonui Four Square

Background

Mangonui is one of the oldest settlements from the colonial era in Northland. Kauri gum digging from the 1840s, along with timber milling at Mill Bay from the 1880s, provided for early commercial development in the area with the establishment of stores. Early claims to land purchased directly from iwi were settled, and Government land sales arranged by the 1850s-1860s.¹ By 1884, the early Mangonui township had formed, with a church, store, hotel, post office and customs shed, along with wharves.² The township further developed with the appearance of specialist retailers and service providers, such as jewellers and solicitors, from 1900.³

The building

Documentation is scarce for this structure, believed to have been built c.1907⁴ just after a period of road reconstruction and reclamation.⁵ Richard Theophilus Wrathall applied to the Marine Department in 1907 for a 14-year licence *“to use and occupy part of the foreshore of Mangonui Harbour as site for a building to be used as a warehouse and offices.”*⁶ The Marine Department reported in the 1908-1909 year that a plan had been examined and approved for *“Mr Wrathall’s house”* at Mangonui.⁷ According to the area’s local history, Wrathall leased space in the building to dentist Hubert Henry Dacre, a fruiterer and a tailor, before it was taken over from c.1910 by storekeeper Alexander McKay.⁸

Part of Wrathall’s early life involved work as a carpenter;⁹ in early directory listings for Mangonui he is referred to as a contractor.¹⁰ He arrived in Mangonui in 1905,¹¹ and went on to serve on the Mangonui County Council, as Chairman from 1911-1913, and Chairman of the local hospital board from 1923-1926.¹²

His daughter Phoebe Wrathall worked in the store for McKay and subsequent owners from November 1918 for more than 60 years. *“In her early days there her ability to count in Maori was a great advantage. She recalls that kauri gum was brought at high tide to the jetty Mr McKay [Alexander’s son Chappie] had built at the rear of the shop, some arriving in Mr McKay’s gumboat.*

¹ Neva Clarke McKenna, *Mangonui, Gateway to the Far North*, 1990, pp. 6-10

² SO 3737, LINZ records

³ McKenna, p. 51

⁴ McKenna, photo caption, p. 54

⁵ *NZ Herald*, 27 May 1902 p. 7

⁶ Archway database, for record of file BBAO 5544 A78 R16235722, Archives New Zealand

⁷ Marine Department report, 1909, H-15 pp. 11-12, *Appendices to the Journals of the House of Representatives*

⁸ McKenna, p. 106

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¹⁰ *Wises Directory* 1910, p. 574

¹¹ *Auckland Star* 25 October 1905, p. 10

¹² McKenna, p. 106

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*Maori from Tae Maro Bay and Waimahana paddled across the inner harbour and collected their supplies from the back of the shop. A speciality of the business was mutton birds, which were kept in large kegs.*¹³

Alexander McKay arrived in New Zealand in 1892, and took up 150 acres at Fairburns. He moved to Mangonui in 1901, leasing a two-storied building next to the courthouse as a dwelling and store, before shifting across to Wrathall's building from c.1910. His son Chappie McKay is credited with building the service jetty at the rear of the store, *"for the convenience of customers who arrived by water, for bringing gum in on the family gumboat, and for berthing his launch, the Merita, on which he delivered orders to as far off as the Wilkin family at Broadies Creek on Karikari Peninsula ... When the beachfront road was widened, Chappie McKay was given the contract to build the concrete wall, and with the help of others, was responsible for the planting of the lovely pohutukawas which grace Mangonui village."* Chappie McKay died in 1965,¹⁴ so after this the store changed hands, the jetty began to be removed by at least the early 1960s,¹⁵ and it is now a Four Square store.

The original Wrathall building was enlarged and altered, probably at the time the rear jetty was constructed,¹⁶ and further alterations to the northern (offices) side of the building between 1947 and 1951.¹⁷

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¹³ McKenna, p. 106

¹⁴ McKenna, pp. 149-151

¹⁵ See image WA-65647-F, Alexander Turnbull Library

¹⁶ See image WA-05149-F, ATL

¹⁷ See image WA-27197-G, ATL