

memorial underwritten or indorsed hereon subject also to any existing right of the Crown to take and lay off roads under the provisions of any Act of the General Assembly of New Zealand) in the land hereinafter described as the same is delineated by the plan hereon bordered green be the several admeasurements a little more or less that is to say All that parcel of land containing by admeasurement one (1) acre and three and eight-tenths ($3\frac{8}{10}$) perches more or less being lot number 4 (four) on a plan deposited in the Land Registry Office at Napier under No. 125 which said piece of land is part of suburban section number 84 (eighty-four) delineated in the public map of the Town of Napier.

EDWIN BAMFORD District Land Registrar.

Z1088 By deed of appointment under "The Religious Charitable and Educational Trust Act 1856" dated 30th September 1895 the estate and interest of the Right Reverend Edward Craig Stuart above named in within land has become vested in the Right Reverend William Leonard Williams Bishop of Waiapu.

Produced and entered 1st December 1897 at 10.40 a.m.

THOS. HALL D.L.R.

EXHIBIT No. 8.

SIRS,—

28th July, 1900.

As directed by yours of the 4th May last, I herewith hand you the plan of my survey of the different pieces of land which are effected by the proposed exchange.

The portions of the estate which it is proposed to exchange with the Rev. Mr. Williams are three in number, containing 315 acres 2 roods 1 perch.

The area of the parts of the Pouputahi, Rotoatara, and Otukotorewhere Blocks which the Rev. Mr. Williams purposes handing over to the trustees has not been defined on the plan, but I have marked in red the portion which Mr. Allen Williams estimated would include about an equal quantity to the parts of the College estate lying between the main road and the Rev. Mr. Williams's freehold. The pencil-line from the Wainuiarapa Stream to the railway can be pegged out either to give an equal acreage or to include an area equal in money value to the portions of the College estate for which it is proposed to make the exchange.

There is some difference on the eastern boundary between the Crown grants of the College estate and the Rotoatara Block.

The College estate's grant shows the boundary as almost straight from Roto-a-kiwi southward, and seems to have followed the course of a drain as shown by the blue lines on the plan, whilst the Rotoatara Crown grant follows the edge of the swamp at the foot of the hills as shown by a black line on the plan.

The area between the drain and the edge of the swamp is about 10 acres. As the trustees hold the prior grant, the probability is that the 10 acres belong to them. This raises a question that must be decided before the exact area of the land which the Rev. Mr. Williams is to give in exchange can be set out.

I have not been asked for an opinion on the subject of the proposed exchange, but I wish to state that I think it will be an advantage to the trustees' property if the exchange is carried out. My reason, put briefly, is that the trustees will secure a good homestead-site for their 1,745-acre block, also obtaining access by road to Te Aute and Pukehou railway-stations.

The only flat suitable for a homestead on the 1,745-acre block is situated on the eastern side, to which a road would have to be made over the hills.

Part of College Estate. (Valuation.)

	£	s.	d.
Southern portion—17 acres 1 rood 23 perches at £7 per acre	121	15	1
Middle portion—			
120 acres at £14 per acre	1,680	0	0
158 acres 3 roods 6 perches at £9 per acre	1,429	1	9
Northern portion—19 acres 1 rood 12 perches at £16 per acre	309	4	0
Total area, 315 acres 2 roods 1 perch	£3,540	0	10

Part of the Rev. Mr. Williams's Estate. (Valuation.)

(This includes the 10 acres between the drain and the edge of the swamp.)

	£	s.	d.
40 acres at £16 per acre	640	0	0
85 acres drained and partly drained at £12 per acre	1,020	0	0
201 acres 3 roods undulating and arable land at £10 per acre	2,017	10	0
Total area, 326 acres 3 roods	£3,677	10	0

The buildings standing on the northern and middle portions of the College estate have not been included in the valuation.

Should any further information or details be required I shall have much pleasure in giving them.

Yours, &c.,

HORACE BAKER,
For Baker and Tabuteau.

The Trustees, Te Aute College Estate.