

Youngman's Homestead, Waitekauri



Location: 2 Golden Cross Road, Waitekauri (opposite twin bridges)

Heritage Status

Historic Places Trust Registration Number:

Historic Places Trust Category:

HDC Heritage Category: **A** - Heritage Feature. National or Outstanding Regional Significance

Other:

Physical Description: Former Mine Engineer's Homestead, located opposite the Waitekauri Twin Bridges. The house is a timber bay villa with hipped roof and a veranda on two sides. The veranda has a curved corrugated iron roof. It also features scalloped barge boards, a spindle and a triple opening faceted bay window.

Other known names:

Notable features: Built of kauri with kahikatea ceilings. Some of the original wallpaper remains. The bay appears to be a later addition.

Style: Victorian villa with bay addition

Materials: timber (kauri and kahikatea)

Date of Construction: 1896

History: While there had been mining activity in the Ohinemuri township of Waitekauri since the late 1870's it was not until the formation of the Waitekauri Gold Mining Company in 1895 that the town began to "boom". It was almost certainly about this date that the Miners' Union Hall was built. By the beginning of the twentieth century the "boom" was coming to a close and most of the population, along with many of the buildings, moved away from Waitekauri.

District Plan Schedule

Number: **HAU111**

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Heritage Type:

- Wahi Tapu
- Cultural Landscape
- Building
- Group of Buildings
- Structure
- Monument
- Historic Place
- Archaeological Site
- Other

Date Period:

1881-1910

Significance:

- Archaeological
- Architectural
- Cultural
- Historic
- Scientific
- Technological

Thematic Context

- Maori
- Early Settlement
- Industry
- Extraction
- Forestry
- Agriculture
- Transport
- Communication
- Commerce
- Residential
- Social/Cultural
- Civic
- Health
- Educational
- Church/yard
- Other

Historic Heritage Inventory



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The house was originally built in 1896 by Mr. E Corbett. Corbett was the Mine Engineer for the Waitekauri Battery which he also built. The house was built of kauri with kahikatea ceilings.

It originally had a veranda almost all the way around but one of the wings of the building was removed altering the plan. It had four small rooms and a pantry built onto the outside wall. Three of the rooms were bedrooms. The maid's room was at the back of the house.

After the Corbetts left, the Thorntons moved in. They wallpapered all of the rooms including the ceiling of one of the bedrooms. They also added a wash-house and laid on cold water. The house has since been restored.

Architect:

Designer:

Builder:

Engineer:

History of changes: Bay probably a later addition, replacing the wing and part of the veranda. Washroom added later. Recently restored to near original appearance.

Condition: Good

Integrity: altered sympathetically

Current Uses: Residential

Former Uses:

Registered owner: Mr & Mrs P. Youngman

Legal Description: Pt Sec 11 Blk XIV Ohinemuri SD

Reference Source: H.B. Stubbs; Victoria Hall Association (2005) *Waikino – Beside the Ohinemuri River*.

Associated Pictures: