Craigieburn

Conservation and Heritage Legacies of Subsistence Farming in Dunedin

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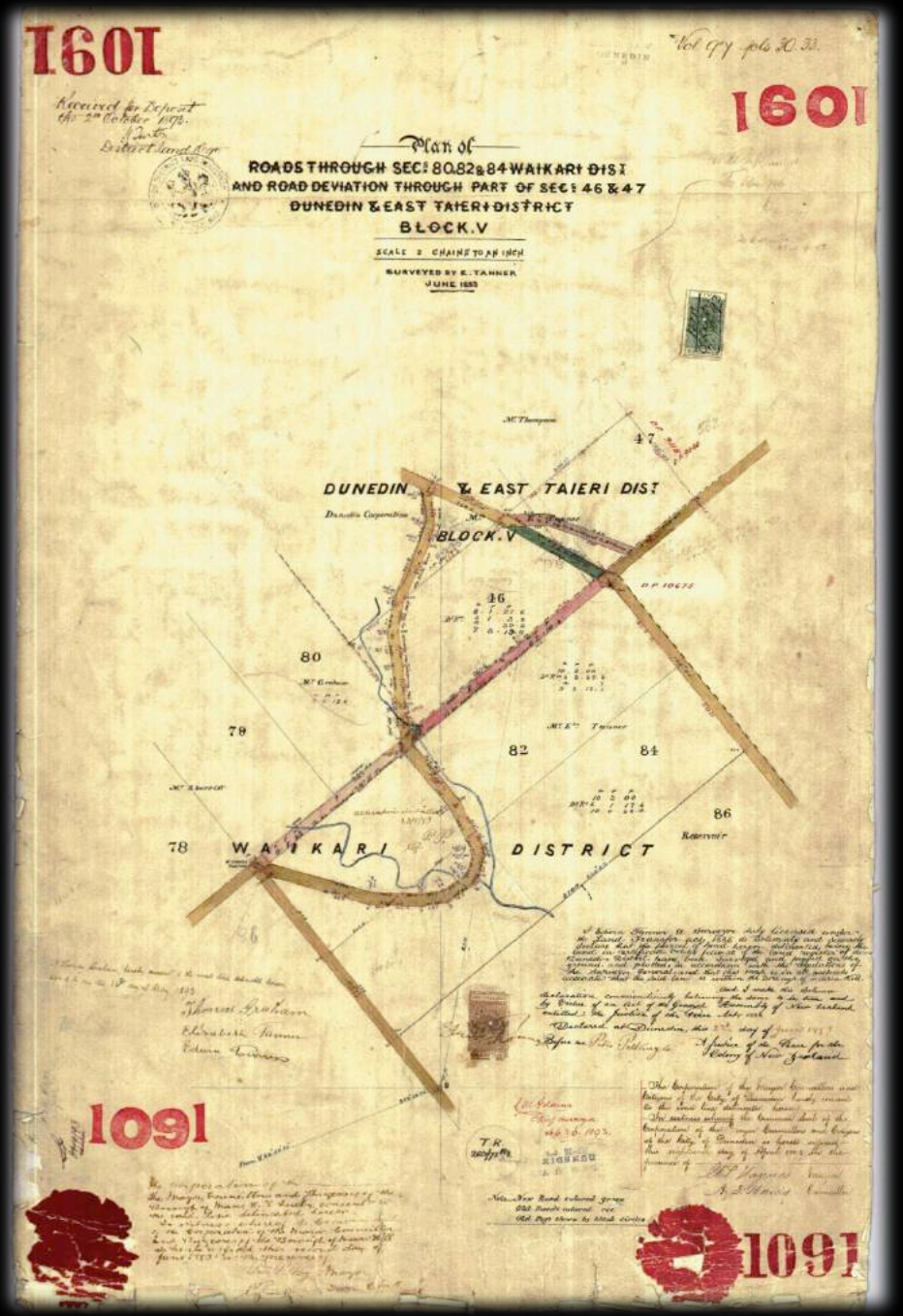
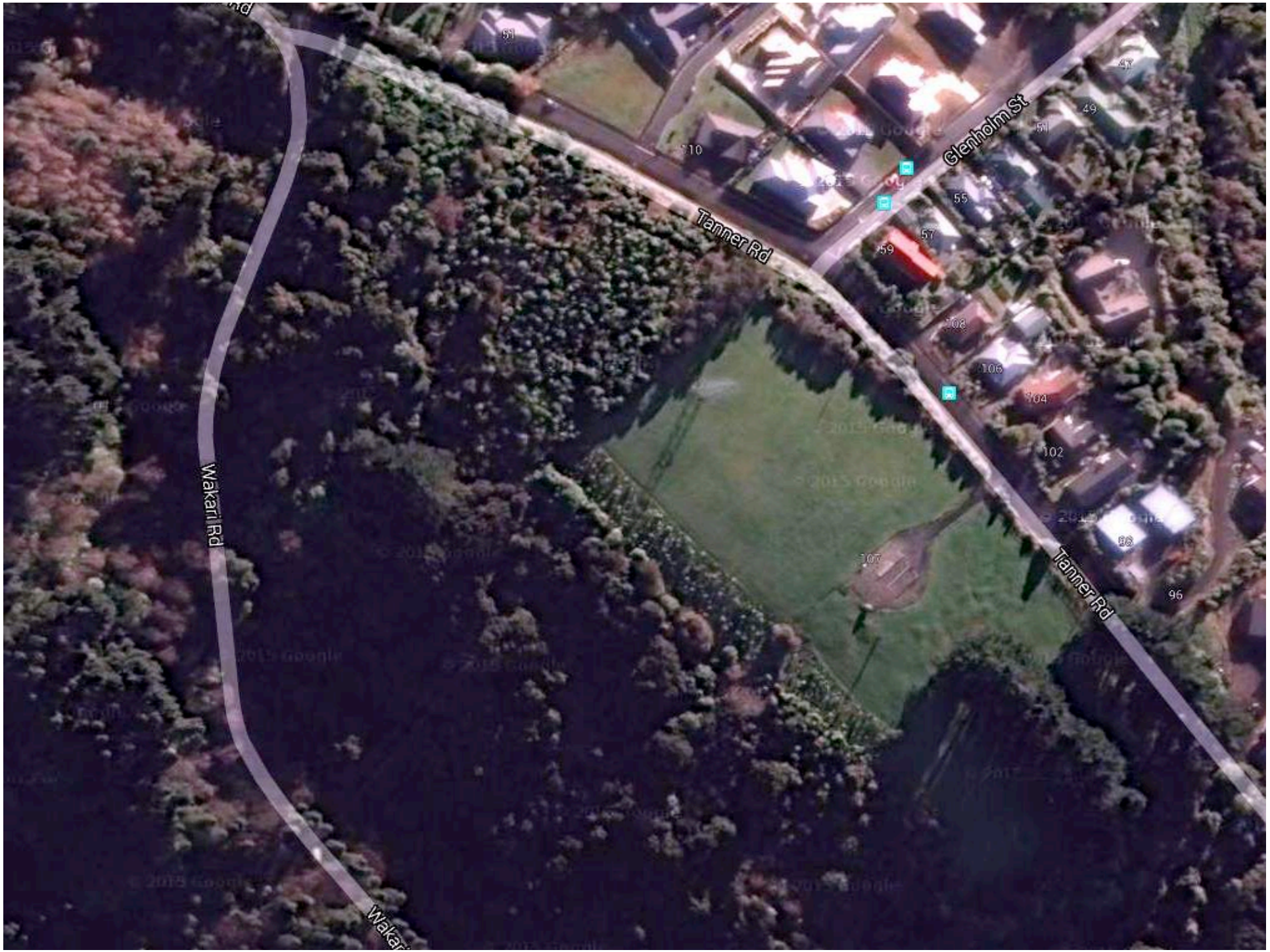


- Robert & Elizabeth Rankin arrived from Scotland on the Robert Henderson with their daughter Betsy in 1860 as "*assisted immigrants*."
- They purchased the bush block and began breaking it in living in a 3 walled barn before building their first house.
- Robert died in 1871 and Elizabeth remarried Edwin Tanner in 1879
- Betsy married Robert Sherriff and had 10 children and lived on the property until her death in 1949.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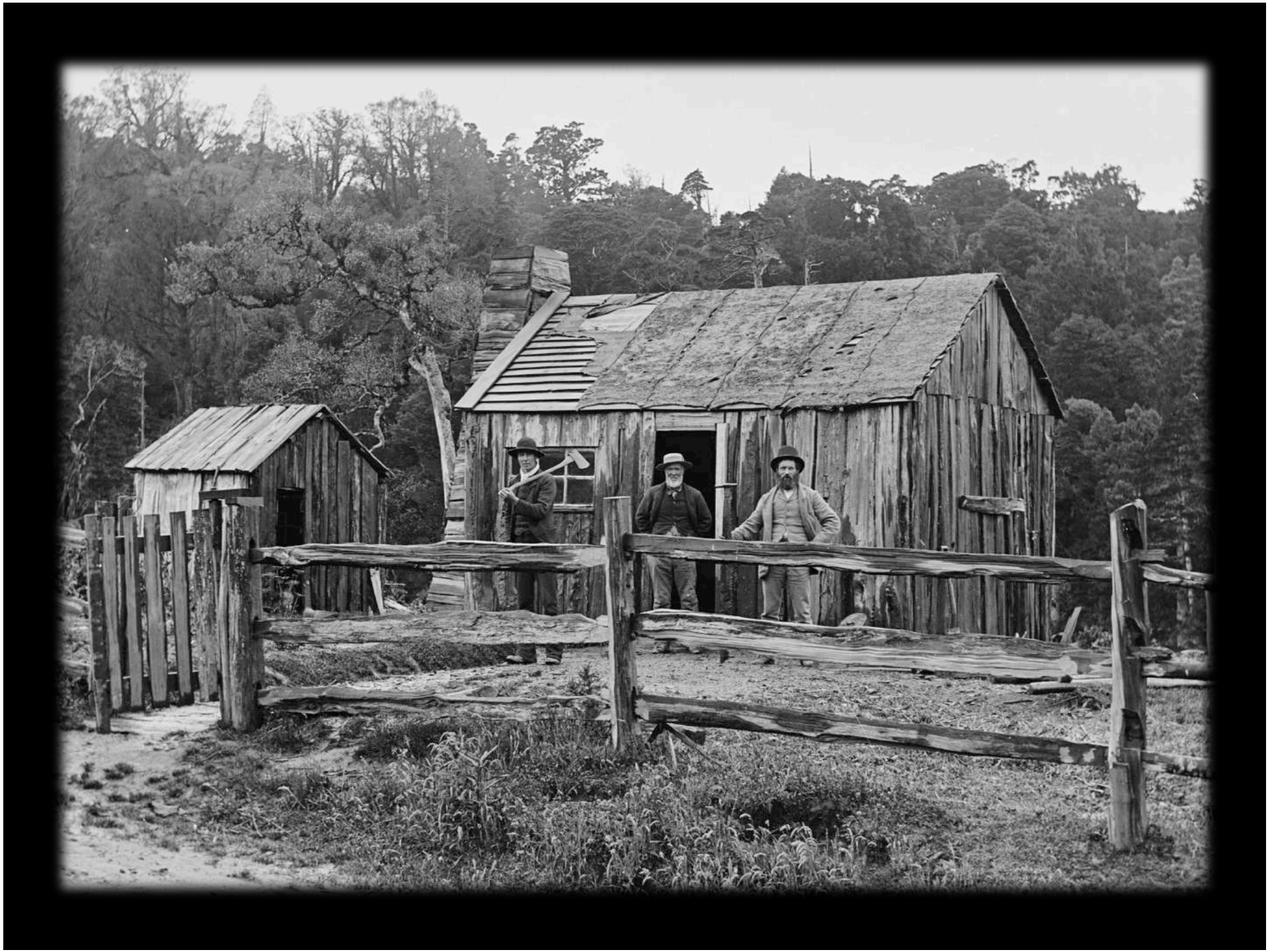
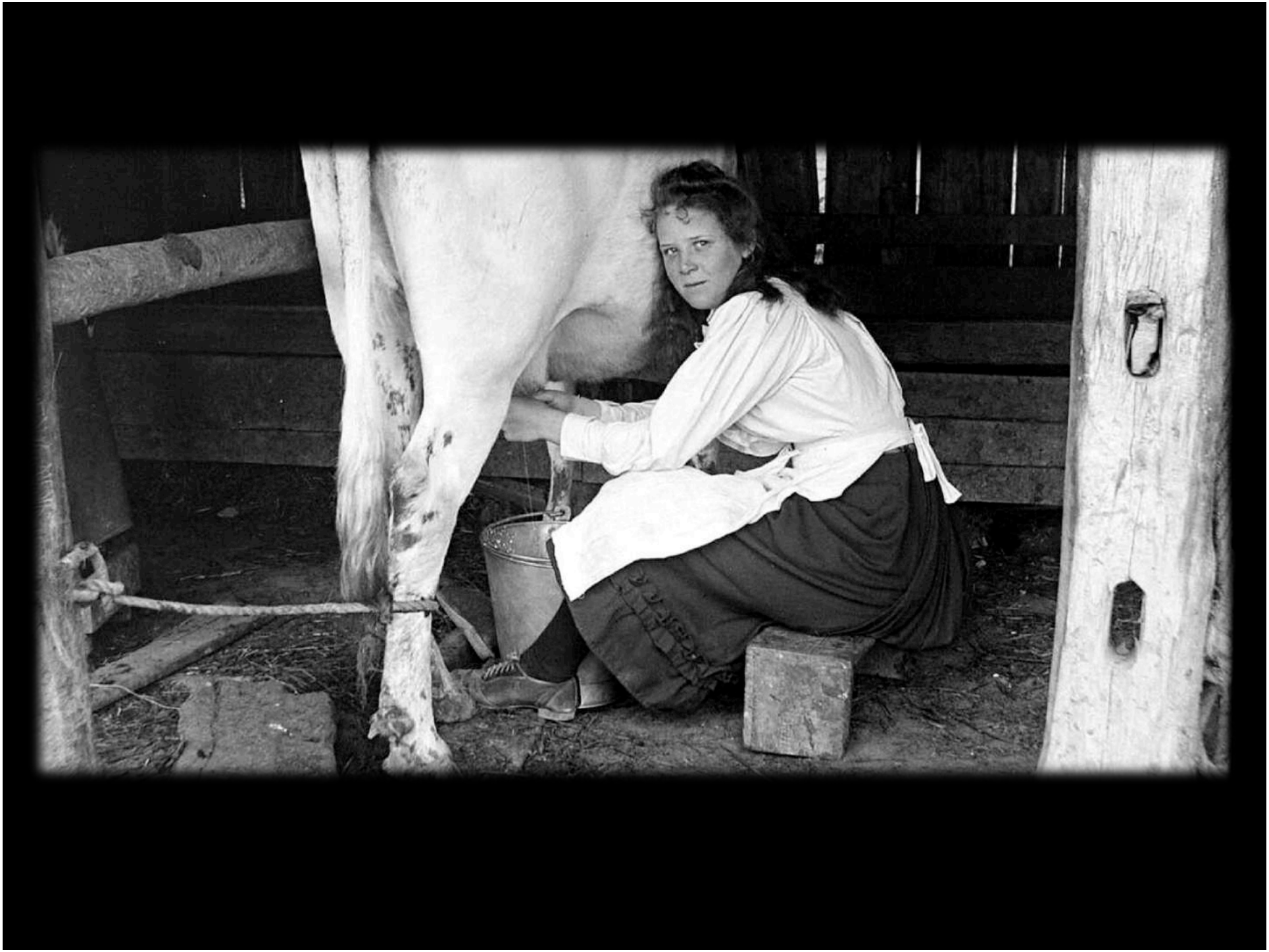


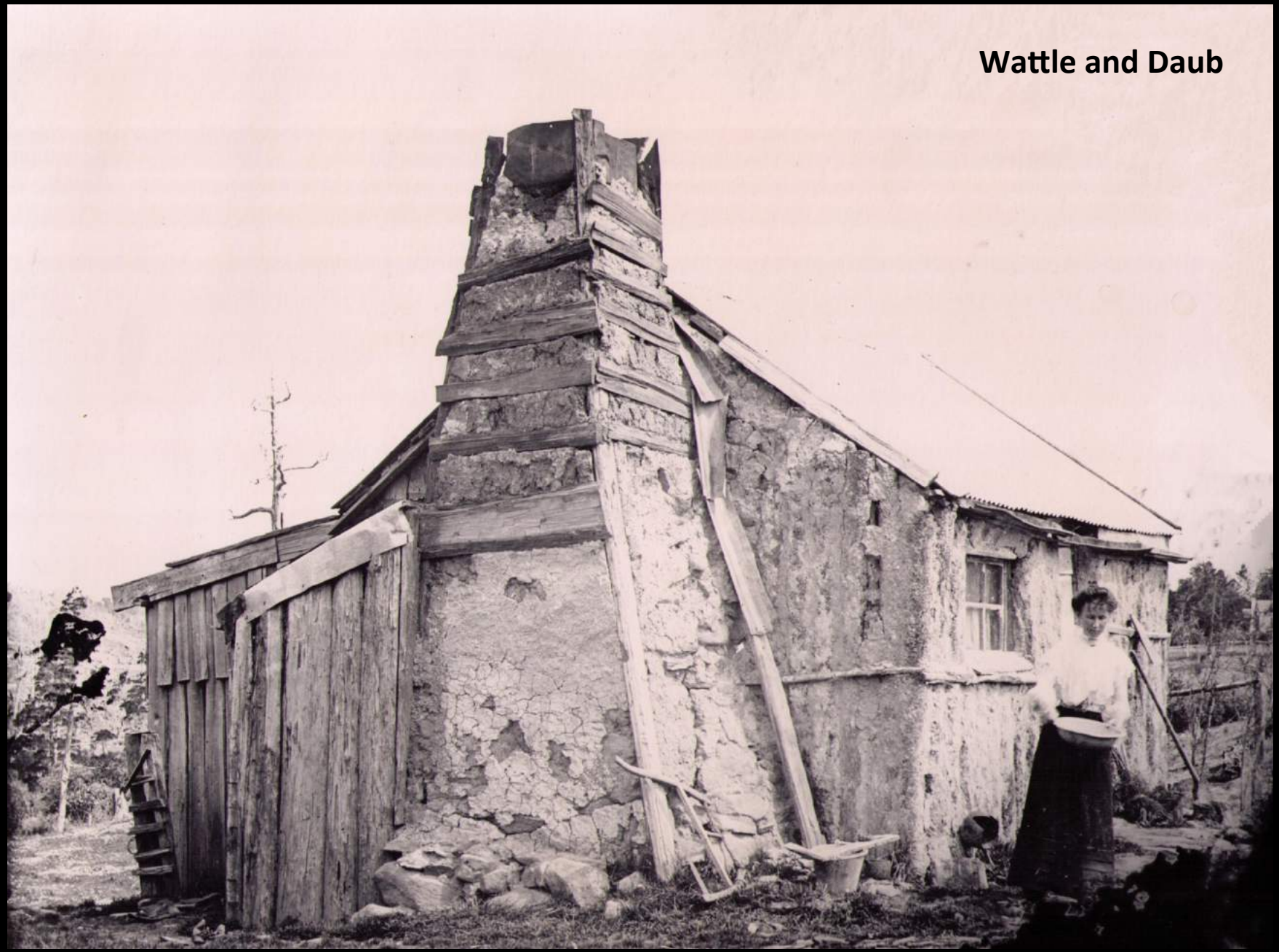
Felling rimu in the Leith Valley

Moving a bullock train Leith Valley

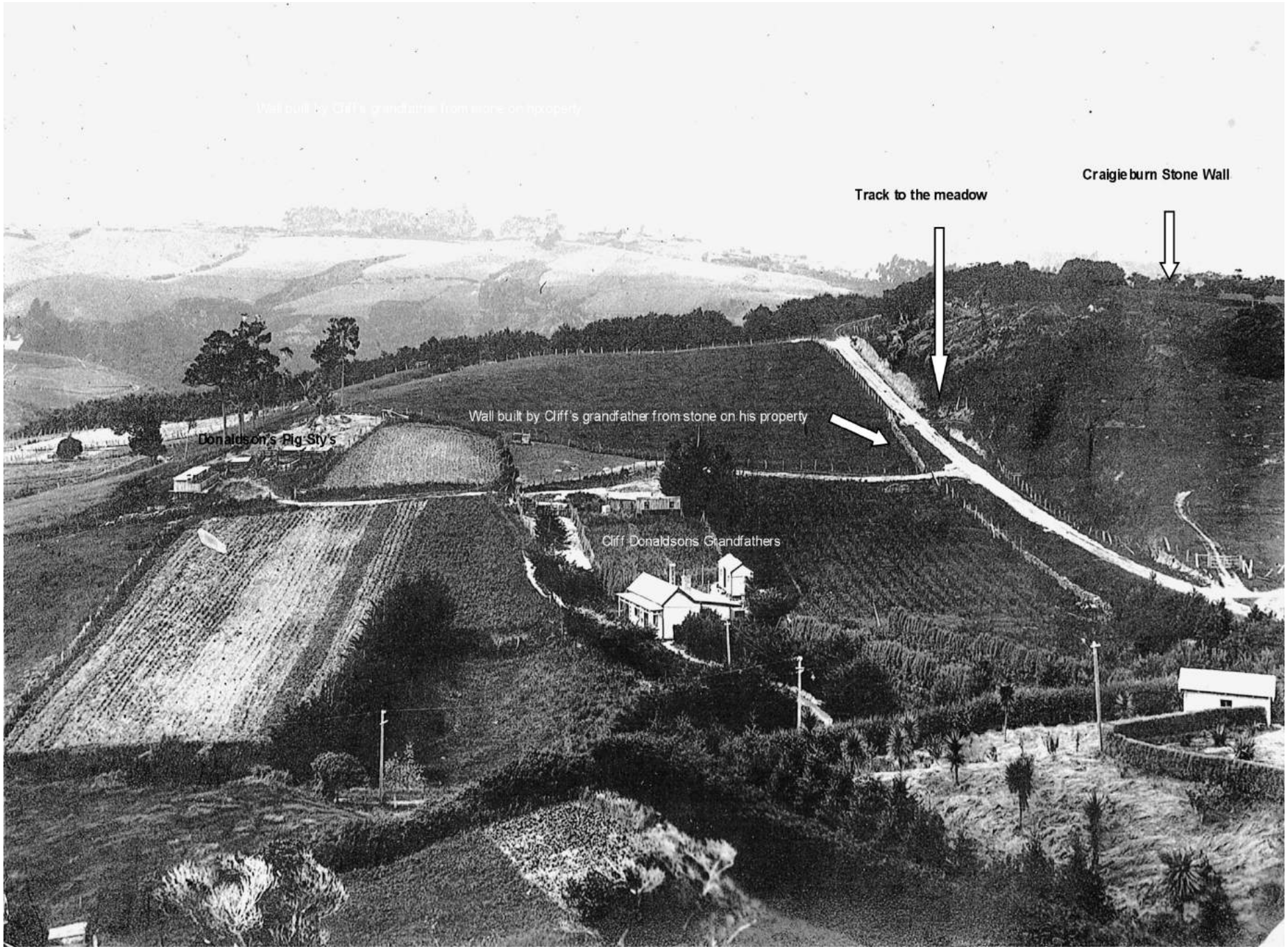


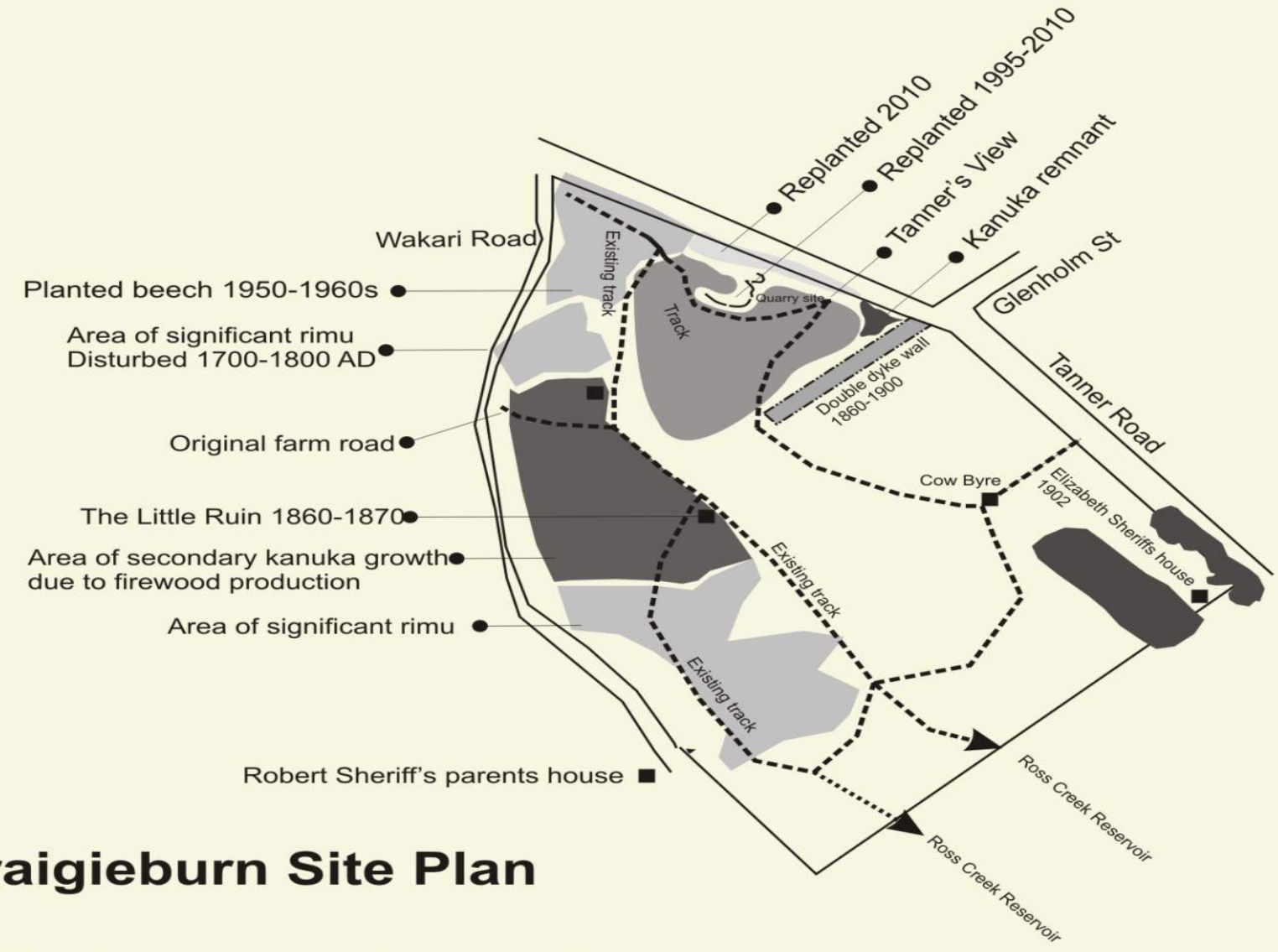
School Creek 1890's
Elderly man making walking sticks

A fern tree house
Wakari Road


Wattle and Daub

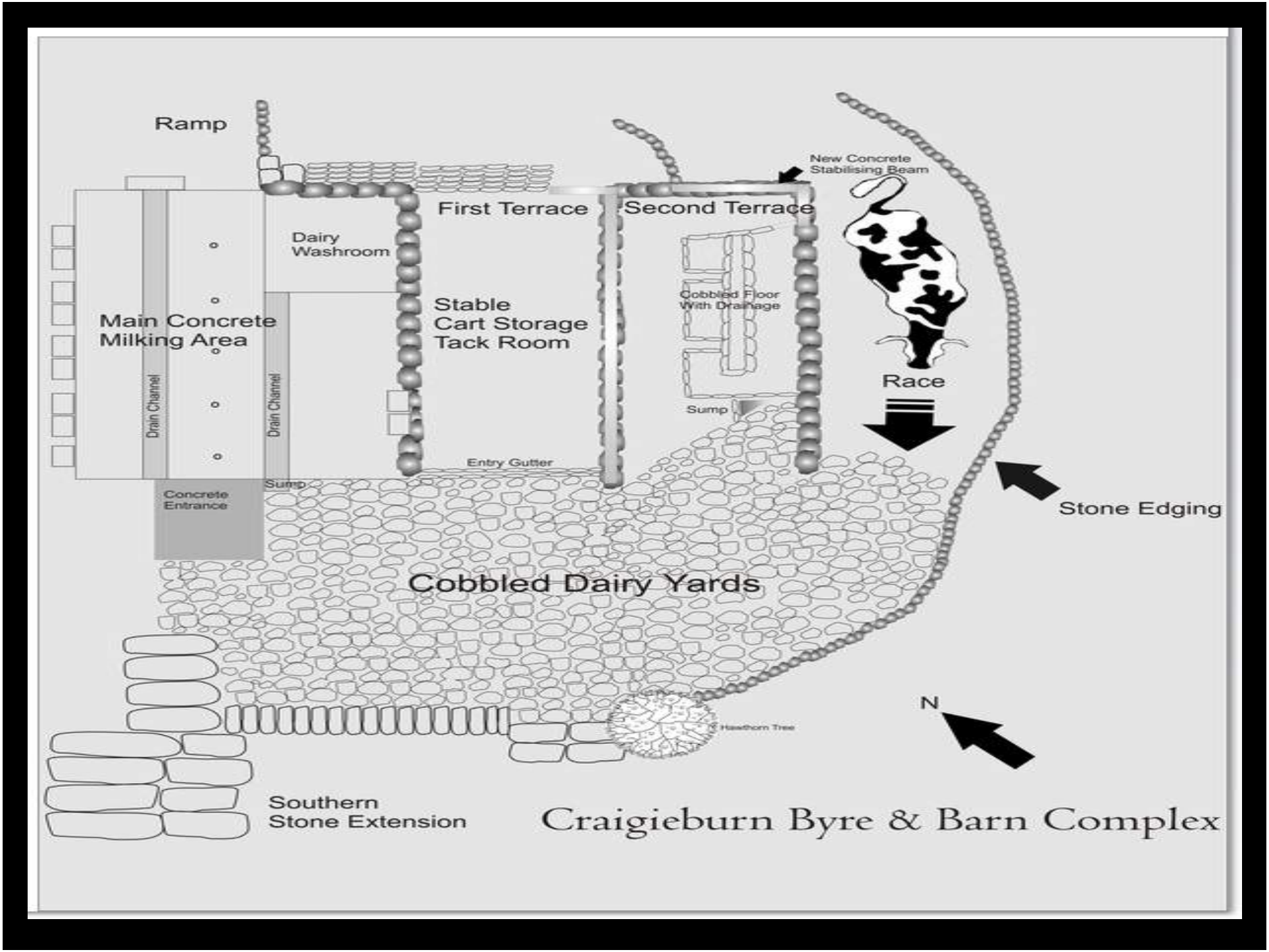
Robert Sherriff at Craigieburn
Circa 1900


Craigieburn Stone Wall
Track to the meadow
Wall built by Cliff's grandfather from stone on his property
Donaldson's Pig Sty's
Cliff Donaldsons Grandfathers



Craigieburn Site Plan

A Cultural Landscape History.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New Concrete
Stabilising Beam
First Terrace
Second Terrace
Dairy
Washroom
Stable
Cart Storage
Tack Room
Cobbled Floor
With Drainage
Main Concrete
Milking Area
Drain Channel
Drain Channel
Race
Sump
Entry Gutter
Concrete
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Craigieburn Byre & Barn Complex

The Little Ruin – First Arrival

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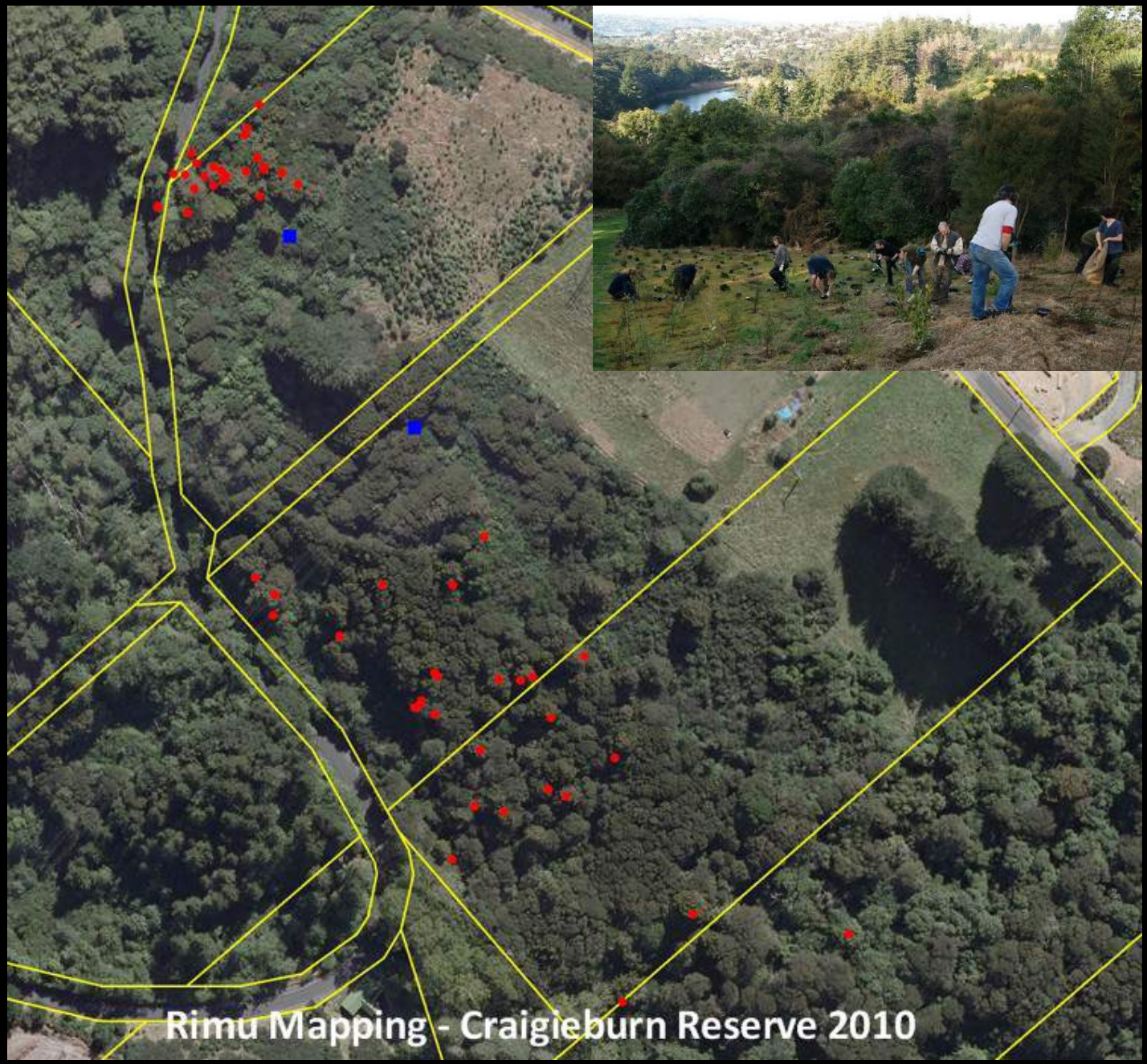

Rimu Mapping - Craigieburn Reserve 2010

The Craigieburn Rimu
Their Place in New Zealand History

1270-1300 AD

Oldest rimu dates from 1278 AD
1 specimen

1280-1300 the first Pacific voyagers arrive in N.Z.

1340-1380 AD

5 rimu 640-670 years old

Pacific voyagers begin to establish

1425-1510 AD

11 rimu 500 - 590 years old

The moa hunting period begins in N.Z.

1520-1600 AD

13 rimu 415 - 490 years old

1620-1675 AD

15 rimu 340-390 years old

Expansion of Maori and the development of iwi

1642 Abel Tasman sights N.Z.

1720-1785 AD

5 Rimu 230 - 300 years old

Ngai tahu begin their migration to the south

1769 Cook arrives in N.Z.

1840-1870 AD

2 Rimu 155 - 170 years old

1814 Marsden arrives in N.Z.

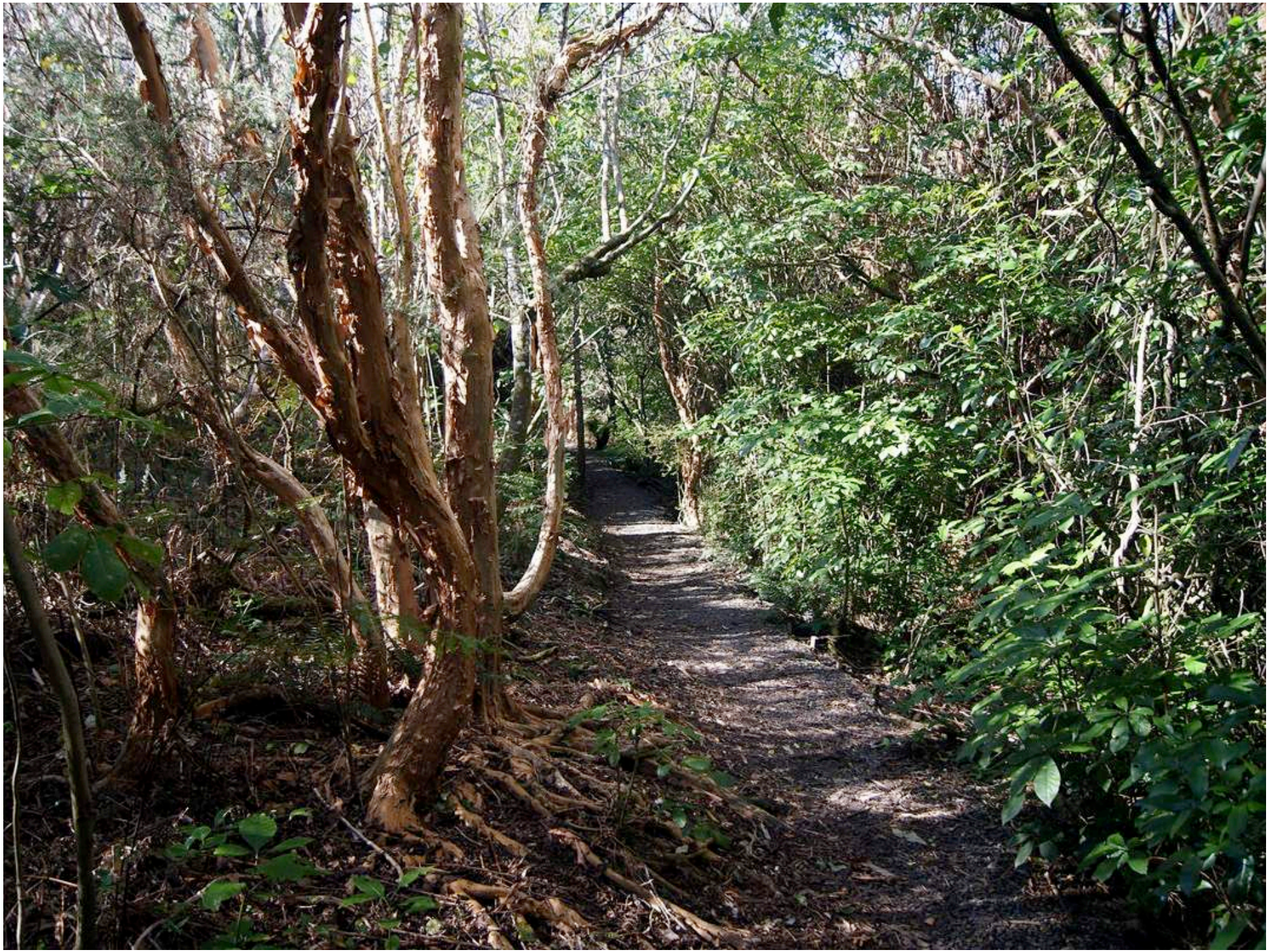
1840 Treaty of Waitangi

1848 Establishment of Dunedin

1860 The Rankins settle on Craigieburn

There are 52 rimu on the Craigieburn Reserve which have had their circumference measured and diameter calculated ($D=C/\pi$). By counting the rings from a rimu sample recovered from a dead tree and comparing it to the living trees from Craigieburn, a reasonably accurate estimate of the age of each rimu can be calculated. The largest rimu has a diameter of 100 cms, which makes it a staggering 737 years old!

Rimu sample



Conclusions