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Pascoe St

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Origins as a farm track

For some reason the excellent and incredibly detailed local publication Historic Tahuna by B.E. Dickinson does a nifty by-pass of the immediate Pascoe St area.

Here is what I managed to glean -

Quarantine Road appeared on the earliest maps (mid-1840's). However, it must have been wishful thinking because the big estuaries which crossed it would have made road-building extremely difficult.

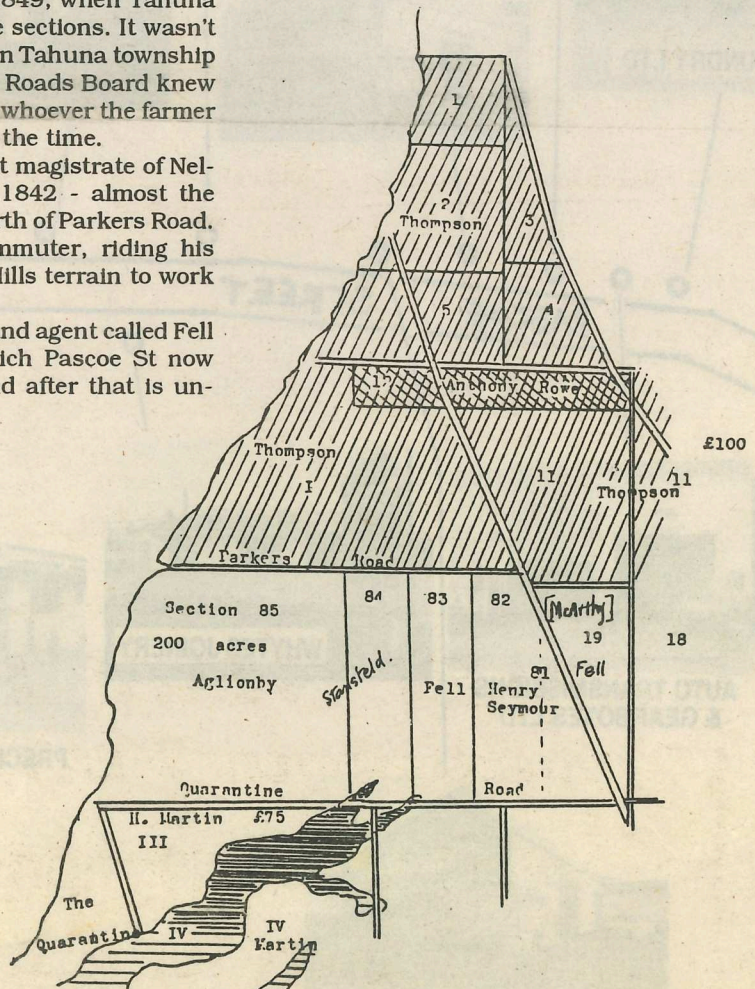
Parkers Rd was not on the original maps of Tahuna. It was formed in 1849, when Tahuna was divided up into 50-acre sections. It wasn't named until the 1900s, when Tahuna township was formed. Until then the Roads Board knew it as Greens Rd, Foys Rd, or whoever the farmer was who owned the land at the time.

Henry Thompson, the first magistrate of Nelson, bought 645 acres in 1842 - almost the whole of Tahuna, in fact, north of Parkers Road. Henry was a latterday commuter, riding his horse over the rough Port Hills terrain to work every day.

It appears that in 1847 a land agent called Fell purchased the land on which Pascoe St now stands. What befell the land after that is unclear....

During the 1850's there occurred an interesting little piece of history. Trading vessels from Queensland used the present Golf Links site to off-load cows. It would be fair to say Pascoe St back then was a well-fertilised piece of land.

Edward Green bought some of the flat land in Tahuna from Thompson in 1867. He ran sheep, and leased land to farmers and the captain of the trading vessels, who continued to off-load cattle at the bottom of Parkers Rd. It was a busy few decades for the area.



Tahuna sections in 1847 showing the extent of Thompson's land.
- from Historic Tahuna by B.E. Dickinson