

# The Peters Estate

Walter Rankin Peters and his wife were Scottish and arrived in Auckland around 1870. He was a master baker and owned a business in Auckland prior to coming to Kaiaua in the early 1880's.

Mr Peters purchased over 1200 acres and this block of land ran in a direct line from opposite Vinings farm on the Mangatangi Road to the coast, a mile south of New Brighton.

The original road ran through this property from Vinings to the coast and this area was known as Kaiaua.

The Post Office and store was operated by the Peters family and land was also given for the site of the first Kaiaua School.

Because of the confusion of names, mail and goods bound for New Brighton were often sent off to New Brighton near Christchurch and so the name Kaiaua was transferred to the New Brighton area.

A son, Walter, ran the farm and after his death it was sold in the mid 1930's to Mr Mac Gordon.

Mr Gordon later sold the top 560 acres to Mr J. de Jongh now owned by Mr Claude de Jongh.

Mr Gordon also sold 240 acres to Charlie Douglas after World War II. This portion of land was later sold to de Jonghs about 1952 and is now farmed by Mr Ces de Jongh.

The balance of the front coastal portion was later sold by Mr Gordon to Mr Doug McCartie in 1959.

This property while having the distinction of being the original site of Kaiaua was also noted during the 1920s as being the farm where several noted race horses were bred and trained by Mr Jim Peters. Among them were 'Llewelyn' and 'Pride of Kaiaua'.



The original Peters homestead. Behind this building were the original post office and store.