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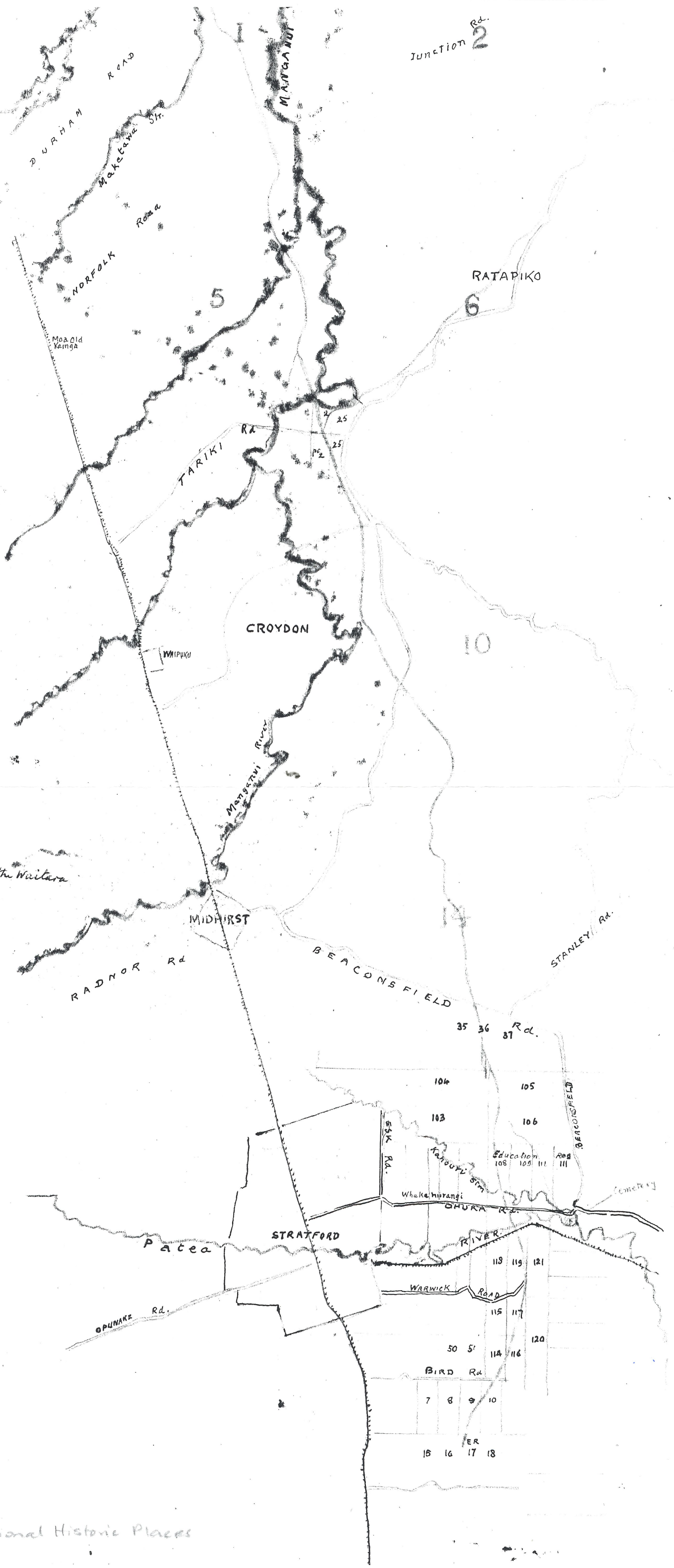
A branch at the Patea River (2 miles E of Stratford) led NE about the general line of the present Railway, and joined the Tihi-Manuka track at Tangarakau, and thence onward into upper Mokau to Te Kuiti and Waipa Country of the Ngatumaniopoto Tribe.

C/5 Pg 64 Whakahurangi alludes to the ascent to a height as the great mountain is approached.

See Garvan's History of Whanganomona Pp 5, 10-12. for the story of — a Chieftainess of Ngaeruanui tribe of Patea Ruapu tahanga, a much married and venturesome lady who (Circa 1560 AD) on her return home to Patea camped for the night on the Summit of a low ridge about 3 m — 2 mile East of Midhirst (on the Cross Rd. (about Secs 45 or 4 Blk 14. Huiroa S.D. and marked Whakahurangi on the map) She camped for the night on the summit of a low ridge. She lay on her back with her face up to the clear starlit sky, and hence the name of that place and the origin of the name of the track. = "to turn towards the heavens."

A branch trail leaves the main track north of the Tariki Road (or See pt 2 South of the Circular loop of the Wanganui River and runs roughly NE. direction of the Tariki Rd to Tarata. where it joins the Waitara the track to Pukerangiora.



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