

Birketts: In 1905 there is another reference to the State School at Birketts and yet this school does not show up on the National register of State Schools. Birketts was on the corner of Blairlogie –Langdale Road and Langdale Road on the way to Riversdale Mr. Birkett was a carpenter. There is a church on the corner 38 Kilometres from Masterton.

. The Wellington Education Board called the Whareama School, Blairlogie originally. The whole matter of Birketts, Blairlogie and Whareama is a bit of a jigsaw puzzle of schools

1st December 1896 A new school has been erected at Birkett's. Mr W. Birkett was the contractor, and a very neat job he has made of it PP

27th January 1897 The application of W. J. G. Cox (Owner of Te Mai) for an aided school at Mai, near Ti Nui, was agreed to, subject to the Chairman approving of the arrangements. Mr. Buchanan brought up a similar application from Birkett, which was treated in the same manner.

5th February 1897 A FEMALE TEACHER is required for a small school at Birketts, near Blairlogie salary, £10, and free board. Applications to be sent to this office not later than the 16th instant. A. DORSET, Secretary. Wellington Education Board

17th April 1902 Good progress has been made with metalling on the Blairlogie-Homewood road. The work being now complete as far as Birkett's, and as there is a £1000 still available it should not be long before there is a good metalled road so far as Kohiwai

27th March 1903 The sum of £15 was voted for the removal of the school at Birkett's across the intervening creek to Blairlogie Settlement.

26th June 1903 A short time ago a Langdale settler wrote as follows to the member for this district: " We are in the centre of these large holdings—Kahawai, Ica and Blairlogie , totalling about 60,000 acres, and, would you believe it, this sixty thousand acres does not send one child to the public school. Surely this is radically wrong. If so vast an area cannot produce one child for public education, it is time there was an alteration. Could any

country possibly advance under such a state of affairs? I think not, and I am sure you agree with me. ... I maintain that it is shameful that 60,000 acres of land, of which it great portion is good, cannot raise one child, I commend this to your most serious attention as a fact worth mentioning in the interests of settlement. . . . Again I repeat Langdale (Whareama) is an island of successful settlement, completely surrounded by an ocean of land monopoly, and I trust before long there will be an alteration.

Blairlogie: 1897-1898 A sheep station on the Masterton to Riversdale Road about half way along the Awatoitoi Whareama section. About 25 Kilometres from Masterton . The Blairlogie school morphed into the Whareama School through Birkett's Corner

Blairlogie School was certainly at Birkett's rather than at Blairlogie Station or the building was moved to Birketts from the Station

An application for a school at Blairlogie was introduced at a Wellington Education Board meeting on 29th April 1896. Applications for aided schools at Clifton Grove and Blairlogie were referred to next meeting 26th May 1897 Blairlogie School was listed as one of the 96 schools in the Wellington Education Board District

29th March 1898 School committee elections were going to be held at Blairlogie School

25th June 1898 A call for a teacher at Blairlogie School salary, about £50

1896		Blairlogie	Not yet Open	
1897	12	Blairlogie	Mousely	Annie
1898	14	Blairlogie	Calders	Helen B

See Whareama for log entries