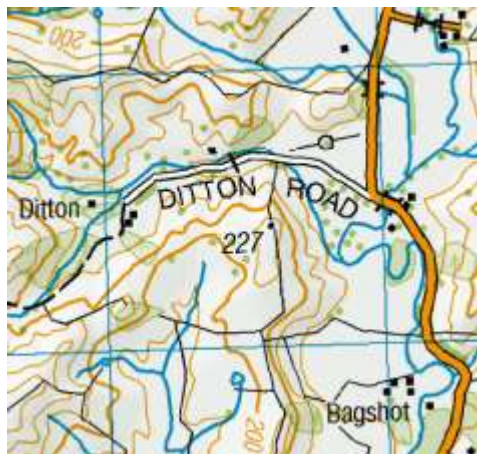


**Ditton** : 1890-1897 On the Wangaehu Valley Road a small school on Ditton Station 20 Kilometres from Masterton Later reopened as Bagshot School.



10<sup>th</sup> March 1891 Inspector Lee is in Masterton today He examines the Ditton School on Thursday

Ditton school opened in 1890 with Harriett Hickson as the teacher . Miss Hickson resigned in April 1892

19<sup>th</sup> May 1892 The .Inspector's report of his examination of Ditton School has just been received. Mr Lee says: The instruction la good. Excellent recitation is taught, and very good singing, I am much pleased with the results as a whole; and it is evident that Miss Hickson has taught the children "faithfully and intelligently." Thirteen children were presented, and all passed without a single failure. The numbers were: Standard IV —3; Standard III-2; Standard II-5 Standard I—3.

In addition there were six young children, in the infant class; The percentage passes was sixty-eight; of failures nil. In class Subjects,' the percentage, was sixty-five. Especially favourable records, wore

made in the "Additional Subjects" , and, with a possible maximum of 20, the following were the results Repetition and Recitation, 20; Singing 20 Needlework, 20 Subject-matter of Reading Lessons, 17; Drill and Exercise, 5. Miss Hickson and the parents of the pupils are to be congratulated on the efficiency of Ditton School

The Wellington Education Board were advertising for a teacher in January 1894 . Apply to S. Mawley. Ditton by Masterton

31<sup>st</sup> January 1894 Applications for the positions of head teacher at Judgeford and Ditton and pupil teacher at Paraparaumu were opened today by the Board of Education. Appointments were made subject to the approval of the committees interested

1<sup>st</sup> February 1894 The Education Board. has. approved of the appointment of Miss Forest as mistress of the Ditton aided School

2<sup>nd</sup> April 1896 School Committee elections called for Ditton

16<sup>th</sup> February 1897 Mr. Robert Lee, Inspector of Schools, will inspect the under mentioned schools as follows Bideford, 2nd March Ditton 3<sup>rd</sup> March

The last teacher was at the school in 1897 though it looks like an unsuccessful effort was made in 1899 to reopen the school

29<sup>th</sup> March 1899 Election of school committee

20<sup>th</sup> March 1899 The closing of the small school at Ditton announced.

1890		Ditton	Hickson	Harriett M
1891	18	Ditton	Hickson	Harriett M
1892	18	Ditton	Hickson	Harriett M
1893	10	Ditton	Closed	
1894		Ditton	Closed	
1895	5	Ditton	Bland	Eliza
1896	7	Ditton	Bland	Eliza

1897      Ditton   Closed

[Mawley, Septimus](#), Sheepfarmer, “Ditton,” Wangaehu. Mr. Mawley possesses a magnificent property of some 3700 acres of fine limestone country, laid down in English grasses, and well planted with shelter trees. “Ditton,” which may be safely said to have very few superiors in the Wairarapa district, affords pasturage for about 8000 Lincoln sheep and 400 head of cattle. Between two bush-crowned hills lies the snug homestead, with cotages for the manager and his staff, and the usual farm buildings. Mr. Mawley, who was one of the pioneers in the Wangaehu district, was born in London in 1846. Educated at Tunbridge school with a view to adopting his father's profession as a surveyor and architect, Mr. Mawley spent nine years in his father's office, afterwards joining Mr. F. W. Porter, the well-known London architect. In 1873 Mr. Mawley decided to come to the colonies, and after some time in Melbourne he came to New Zealand. After spending some years in gaining colonial experience, during the earlier part of which he was on Mr. Williams's station in Hawkes Bay, he acquired his present property. As a public man, Mr. Mawley is chairman of the Ditton School Committee, and a member of the Wellington Agricultural and Pastoral Society. An enthusiast in cricket, he was a member of the first cricket club formed in Masterton. Mr. Mawley has two sons, one of whom is at the Wanganui College.

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