

## Methodist Church of New Zealand Archives Northland District Baptism Registers

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The Methodist Church of New Zealand Archives is the approved repository for Methodist baptism registers once completed by parishes. They are part of the parish and church records held.

Registers can date from the first Wesleyan missionaries time in New Zealand during the 1830s, through to the present day.

They include all branches of Methodism in New Zealand: Primitive Methodist, Wesleyan, United Free Methodist, and Bible Christian.

Some registers, particularly those still in use, are held by parishes. Details of how to contact parishes are on the Methodist Church website [www.methodist.org.nz](http://www.methodist.org.nz)

In the case of union or combined parishes, registers containing Methodist baptisms may be held by other repositories such as the Presbyterian Archives and Anglican Archives.

The format of baptism registers varied over the years. Early registers often only contained the name of the person being baptised, the date of baptism, the district they lived in and the name of the minister performing the baptism.

Later on, when standard baptism registers were printed and distributed by the Methodist Church, more information was added, such as birth date, names of parents, their address and the parish or circuit in which the baptism was taking place.

This information varies from register to register – the most basic register is a notebook ruled with lines and often these registers carried on being used until they were full.

In most cases, there is no name index to baptism registers, and to find information, requires reading carefully through registers.

While access to registers held at the Methodist Archives in Christchurch is free, a research fee is charged if researchers are unable to visit in person and Archives staff are requested to search through registers on their behalf. Fees and charges are outlined on our website, along with our opening hours and contact details. See [www.methodist.org.nz](http://www.methodist.org.nz)

Please note that most of these registers are fragile and require careful supervised handling. To ensure their long term preservation, we do not photocopy from baptism registers. A verified transcript of an entry can be provided for a fee.

This list is arranged in code number order, which is loosely geographic. These numbers uniquely identify each Church. A catalogue number, also uniquely identifies each register.

### **Northland District Baptism Registers – other holdings**

Northland District baptism registers are also held by the Auckland office of the Methodist Church of New Zealand Archives.

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Name	Date	Description	Quantity	Catalogue number	Code numbers	Notes
Kaitaia Union/ Mangonui County Union Parish and Kaeo Kerikeri Union Parish	1883-1911	Baptism register, Whangaroa and Mangonui Circuit	1 volume	B1	1010, 1040	Photocopy held in Methodist Archives Auckland. Handwritten transcription made. Previously called Mangonui Whangaroa Circuit. See also B300 for early Northland baptisms
Kaikohe Union Parish/Bay of Islands Co-op Parish	1921-1971	Baptism register, Kaikohe, Kawakawa, Bay of Islands Parish	1 volume	B2	1020, 1030	Photocopy held in Methodist Archives Auckland. Handwritten transcription made. Previously called Kawakawa Kaikohe Union Parish
North Hokianga Community Church/South Hokianga Co-op Parish	1906-1918	Baptism register, Hokianga Circuit	1 volume	B3	1050, 1060	Photocopy held in Methodist Archives Auckland. Handwritten transcription made. Previously called Hokianga (North and South) Circuit
Whangarei Uniting Parish	1866-1945	Baptism register, Whangarei Circuit	1 volume	B7	1080	Photocopy held in Methodist Archives Auckland. Handwritten transcription made. Now called St Andrews Uniting Parish
Whangarei Uniting Parish	1945-1972	Baptism register, Whangarei Parish	1 volume	B6	1080	Photocopy held in Methodist Archives Auckland. Handwritten transcription made. Now called St Andrews Uniting Parish. See also B5 Kamo Church baptism register 1961- 1971
Whangarei Uniting Parish	1929-1935	Baptism register, Portland Circuit and Whangarei Parish	1 volume	B4	1080	Photocopy held in Methodist Archives Auckland. Handwritten transcription made, First page damaged by silverfish. Previously called Portland Circuit
Dargaville Parish	1884-1910	Baptism register, Dargaville- Wairoa Circuit and Northern Wairoa Circuit and Dargaville Parish	1 volume	B11	1090	Handwritten transcription made. Previously called Northern Wairoa Circuit
Kaihu Home Mission Station	1897-1906	Baptism register, Kaihu Home Mission Station. Also includes baptisms in Sydney 1886, Auckland 1898-1903, Greymouth 1897	1 volume	B12	1090-5	Photocopy held in Methodist Archives Auckland. Handwritten transcription made. Gabriel Elliot, Home Missionary, performed baptisms. Previously called Kaihu Home Mission Station. Includes baptisms in Sydney 1996, Auckland 1898-1903, Greymouth 1897

Kaihu Home Mission Station	1927-1928	Baptism register, Kaihu Home Mission Station	1 volume	B13	1090-5	Photocopy held in Methodist Archives Auckland. Handwritten transcription made with Kaihu Home Mission Station labelled Kaihu Tangiteraria. Volume consists of one page affixed to covers.
Paparoa Parish	1882-1905	Baptism register, Paparoa Parish	1 volume	B8	1110	Photocopy held in Methodist Archives Auckland. Handwritten transcription made
Wellsford Co-op Parish/Mahurangi Parish	1882-1949	Baptism register, Port Albert Circuit, 1911-1949, Mahurangi Circuit, 1882-1896, 1906-1909	1 volume	B14	1120, 2290	Photocopy held in Methodist Archives Auckland. Handwritten transcription made.
Kamo Church	1961-1971	Baptism register, Kamo-Whangarei Circuit and Kamo Church	1 volume	B5	1141	Photocopy held in Methodist Archives Auckland. Handwritten transcription made, Previous code number 1082. Now called St Pauls Church Centre