

Methodist Church of New Zealand Archives Otago and Southland Districts Baptism Registers

Holdings at September 2009

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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

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

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.

Otago and Southland District Baptism Registers – other holdings

Hocken Collections in Dunedin is the approved repository for Otago and Southland Methodist Church Parish records. Their catalogue, Hakena, can be searched at www.library.otago.ac.nz/hocken

| Name | Date | Description | Amount | Catalogue number | Code number | Notes |
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| Dunedin Parish and Mission | 1897-1898 | Baptism register, Central Methodist Mission, Dunedin | 1 volume | B256 | 9020 | 1 page only |
| Woodhaugh Church/North East Valley Church. | 1908-1944 | Baptism register, Woodhaugh Church and North East Valley Church. | 1 volume | B259 | 9020-1, 9020-3 | Handwritten transcription made. |
| St Clair Church | 1933-1960 | Baptism register, St Clair Church | 1 volume | B254 | 9020-4 | Handwritten transcription made |
| Palmerston Church | 1904-1972 | Baptism register, Palmerston Church | 1 volume | B262 | 9020-9 | Handwritten transcription made. Copy sent to Hocken Collections. |
| Dundas Street Church | 1976-1910 | Baptism register, Dunedin Primitive Methodist Circuit | 1 volume | B258 | 9022 | Handwritten transcription made |
| Dundas Street Church | 1913-1970 | Baptism register, Dundas Street Circuit and Church | 1 volume | B257 | 9022 | Handwritten transcription made |
| Abbotsford Church | 1909-1959 | Baptism register, Abbotsford Primitive Methodist Church | 1 volume | B255 | 9025 | Entries not in chronological order. Handwritten transcription made |
| Otakou Church | 1871-1960 | Baptism register Otakou Church | 1 volume | B260 | 9030 | Ex-Hocken Library, presented by Ngai Tahu 1995 |
| Mornington Church | 1877-1913 | Baptism register, Mornington Circuit | 1 volume | B261 | 9031 | Handwritten transcription made |
| Waikouaiti Church | 1840-1859 | Baptism register, Waikouaiti Mission Station. Missionaries Rev James Watkins, Rev Charles Creed and Rev W Kirk. Includes marriages 1841-1859 and burials 1841-1856 | 1 volume | B289 | 9036 | Partial handwritten transcription made. Includes marriages 1841-1859 and burials 1841-1856. Sometimes called James Watkins Register |
| Waikouaiti Church | 1877-1910 | Baptism register, Waikouaiti Circuit. Includes marriages 1851-1857 | 1 volume | B290 | 9036 | Includes marriages 1851-1857. Becomes Port Chalmers Circuit |

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| Trinity Church | 1905-1909 | Baptism register, Trinity Church. Copy taken from original register for Kaiapoi Co-operating Parish | 1 volume | B210 | 9038 | Original in register B210. |
| Lawrence Parish | 1868-1905 | Baptism register, Lawrence Circuit. Includes one page of deaths, 1869-1904 | 1 volume | B263 | 9230 | Fragile, use photocopy which also includes 1 page of deaths, 1869-1904, probably copied from Membership Roll |
| Lawrence Parish | 1905-1972 | Baptism register, Lawrence Circuit | 1 volume | B264 | 9230 | Handwritten transcription made. Photocopy sent to Hocken Collections |
| Lawrence Parish | 1909-1912 | Baptism register, Milton Circuit | 1 volume | B265 | 9230 | Handwritten transcription made. Photocopy sent to Hocken Collections |
| Lawrence Methodist Parish | 1912-1972 | Baptism register, Milton Circuit | 1 volume | B266 | 9230 | Handwritten transcription made. Photocopy sent to Hocken Collections |
| Balclutha Parish | 1862-1878 | Baptism register, Balclutha Circuit | 1 volume | B267 | 9090 | Handwritten transcription made. Photocopy sent to Hocken Collections |
| Balclutha Parish | 1879-1911 | Baptism register, Balclutha Circuit, 1879-1901, 1904-1911 | 1 volume | B268 | 9090 | Cover states 'record damaged in great flood'. Entries 1-22 copied from other registers. Handwritten transcription made. Photocopy sent to Hocken Collections |
| Balclutha Parish | 1939-1971 | Baptism register, Balclutha Circuit | 1 volume | B269 | 9090 | Handwritten transcription made. Photocopy sent to Hocken Collections |
| Kaitangata Church | 1914-1942 | Baptism register, Kaitangata Church | 1 volume | B270 | 9090-1 | Handwritten transcription made. Photocopy sent to Hocken Collections |
| Gore Parish | 1881-1911 | Baptism register, Tapanui Circuit and Gore Circuit | 1 volume | B288 | 9100 | |
| Gore Parish | 1911-1971 | Baptism register, Gore Circuit and Tapanui Circuit | 1 volume | B272 | 9100 | Handwritten transcription made. See B271 for further entries |
| Gore Parish | 1970-1992 | Baptism register, Gore Parish | 1 volume | B271 | 9100 | |
| Tapanui Church | 1905-1906 | Baptism register, Tapanui Circuit | 1 volume | B274 | 9100-1 | Handwritten transcription made |
| Edendale Church | 1910-1962 | Baptism register, Edendale Circuit. | 1 volume | B273 | 9100-2 | Handwritten transcription made |

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| Winton Church | 1906-1917 | Baptism register, Winton Church | 1 volume | B275 | 9110-5 | Handwritten transcription made |
| Invercargill North Church (St Marks) | 1953-1970 | Baptism register, Invercargill North Church | 1 volume | B277 | 9111 | Handwritten transcription made. |
| Elles Road Church (St Peters) | 1898-1936 | Baptism register, Elles Road Primitive Methodist Church Circuit (Invercargill II) | 1 volume | B278 | 9112 | Handwritten Transcript made. Annotated as "Invercargill II PM" |
| Elles Road Church (St Peters) | 1908-1971 | Baptism register, Teviot Street Church 1908-1915, St Peters Church 1936-1971 | 1 volume | B279 | 9112 | Handwritten transcription made |
| Invercargill Central Church (St Pauls) | 1869-1913 | Baptism register, St Pauls Leet Street Church | 1 volume | B280 | 9113 | Handwritten transcription made |
| Invercargill Central Church | 1874-1967 | Baptism register, Invercargill Primitive Methodist Church, Don Street Primitive Methodist Church, 1874-1919, Invercargill Central Church 1920-1967 | 1 volume | B276 | 9113 | |
| Invercargill Central Church | 1967-1971 | Baptism register, Invercargill Central Church | 1 volume | B281 | 9113 | Handwritten transcription made |
| Newfield Church | 1963-1973 | Baptism register, Newfield Church | 1 volume | B282 | 9115 | Handwritten transcription made. Closed 22 December, 1985 |
| Riverton Church | 1904-1970 | Baptism register, Riverton Church | 1 volume | | 9120 | MISSING. First noticed it was missing in 2003. Not held Hocken Collections |
| Otautau Church | 1905-1972 | Baptism register, Waiau Circuit 1910-1926, Otautau Circuit 1905-1972 | 1 volume | B283 | 9131 | Waiau Circuit entries pasted in front of register, 1910-1926 |
| Roxburgh Church | 1871-1883 | Baptism register, Roxburgh Circuit | 1 volume | B284 | 9161 | Handwritten transcription made. Property sold 1996. Following register (1906-1964) held at Hocken Collections, Otago University. See B263 for Roxburgh burials. |

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| Roxburgh Church | 1886-1908 | Baptism register, Roxburgh Circuit | 1 volume | B287 | 9161 | Handwritten transcription made. Property sold 1996. See Lawrence 9081 (1884-1885) for missing years. Following register (1906-1964) held at Hocken Collections, Otago University. |
| Alexandra-Clyde Union Parish | 1901-1965 | Baptism register, Cromwell Circuit | 1 volume | B285 | 9170 | Handwritten transcription made |
| Port Chalmers Union Parish | 1863-1877 | Baptism register, Port Chalmers Circuit | 1 volume | B286 | 9180 | Handwritten transcription made. Continues in Waikouaiti register 1877-1910. B290 |