

Methodist Church of New Zealand Archives Taranaki and Wanganui Districts 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

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.

Taranaki and Wanganui Districts Baptism Registers – other holdings

New Plymouth Methodist Parish still hold baptism registers. See www.methodist.org.nz for contact details

Wanganui Methodist Parish still hold baptism registers. See www.methodist.org.nz for contact details

Name	Date	Description	Amount	Catalogue number	Code number	Notes
Taranaki-Wanganui District	1841-1905	Baptism, marriage and burial register for Taranaki District. European baptism 1841-1905, Maori baptisms 1841-1896, burials 1841-1871	1 volume	B80	4000	Very fragile, do not handle, badly damaged by water. See B295 which is a nineteenth century part transcript of this register. See also B304 for other early baptisms
Taranaki-Wanganui District	1841-1856	Nineteenth century excerpt of register of baptisms, marriages and burials for Taranaki District. Baptisms 1841-1845, 1852-1856 by Rev Creed and Rev Whiteley. Marriages 1841-1843 by Rev Creed. Marriages 1842, 1844-1848, by Rev Turton. Burials 1841-1871	1 volume	B295	4000	See note in front of register explaining the history of this transcript. Fragile, handle with care
New Plymouth Methodist Parish	1844-1882	Baptism register, New Plymouth Primitive Methodist Church Circuit	1 volume	B124	4010	Handwritten transcription made. Handle with care
New Plymouth Methodist Parish	1907-1912	Baptism register New Plymouth Primitive Methodist Church Circuit	1 volume	B39	4010	Handwritten transcription made
Waitara Parish	1882-1897	Baptism register, Waitara Circuit	1 volume	B40	4020	Handwritten transcription made
Waitara Parish	1897-1900	Baptism register, Waitara Circuit	1 volume	B41	4020	Handwritten transcription made
Waitara Parish	1905-1966	Baptism register, Waitara Parish	1 volume	B42	4020	Handwritten transcription made
Waitara Parish	1966-1971	Baptism register, Waitara Parish	1 volume	B310	4020	

Stratford Parish	1890-1918	Baptism register, Stratford Primitive Methodist Church Parish	1 volume	B38	4030	Handwritten transcription made
Stratford Parish	1903-1924	Baptism register, Primitive Methodist Church East Egmont Mission and Strathmore Church, including baptisms at Huiroa Chapel, Douglas Chapel, Huiakama Chapel, Kohurahihi Hall. Stratford Circuit Primitive Methodist Church (Strathmore District) East Egmont Mission	1 volume	B43	4030	Handwritten transcription made
Stratford Parish	1905-1968	Baptism Register, Stratford Parish	1 volume	B313	4030	
Stratford Parish	1968-1977	Baptism register, Stratford Circuit	1 volume	B44	4030	Handwritten transcription made
Eltham Kaponga Co-op Parish	1900-1912	Baptism register, Eltham Primitive Methodist Church Circuit and Eltham Parish	1 volume	B45	4040	Handwritten transcription made
Eltham Kaponga Co-op Parish	1902-1947	Baptism register, Eltham Wesleyan Parish	1 volume	B46	4040	Handwritten transcription made. Additional pages stuck in front of register
Kaponga Church	1907-1947	Baptism register, Kaponga Primitive Methodist Church Circuit and Kaponga Church	1 volume	B47	4043	Handwritten transcription made
Hawera Parish	1874-1903	Baptism register Hawera Parish. Includes Patea Church	1 volume	B48	4050	Handwritten transcription made
Hawera Parish	1905-1973	Baptism register, Hawera Parish	1 volume	B49	4050	Handwritten transcription made
Patea Church	1906-1965	Baptism register, Patea Circuit and Church	1 volume	B52	4079	Handwritten transcription made
Wanganui Parish	1859-1973	Wanganui Parish index of names in baptism registers	1 volume	B306	4090	

Taihape Parish, Wanganui Parish	1945-1963	Baptism register, Raetihi-Ohakune Circuit and Wanganui Parish and Taihape Parish	1 volume	B51	4090, 4100	Handwritten transcription made. Ceased to be a circuit 1979
Taihape Parish	1905-1971	Baptism register, Taihape Parish	1 volume	B53	4100	Handwritten transcription made
Taihape Parish	1971	Baptism register Taihape Parish	1 volume	B54	4100	Only 7 entries in register
Inglewood Parish	1907-1970	Baptism register, Inglewood Primitive Methodist Church Waitara-Inglewood Circuit	1 volume	B56	4110	No transcripts. Index by name held at Inglewood Parish
Inglewood Church	1894-1911	Baptism register, Inglewood Primitive Methodist Church	1 volume	B55	4111	No transcripts