

## **Methodist Church of New Zealand Archives Waikato 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.

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

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

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Hamilton Methodist Parish still hold baptism registers. See [www.methodist.org.nz](http://www.methodist.org.nz) for contact details.

Name	Date	Description	Quantity	Catalogue number	Code numbers	Notes
Waikato Bay of Plenty District/Cambridge Union Parish	1867-1910	Baptism register, Waikato District 1867-1881 and Cambridge Circuit 1882-1910	1 volume	B26	3000, 3070	Handwritten transcription made. See also B302 and B303 for Waikato baptisms
Thames Union Parish	1874-1913	Baptism register, Thames Primitive Methodist Church Circuit	1 volume	B28	3010	Handwritten transcription made.
Thames Union Parish	1913-1915	Baptism register, Thames Union Church including baptisms at Thames Primitive Methodist Church, and at Puriri, Turua, Wharepoa, Omahu, Hikutaia	1 volume	B29	3010	2 pages only
Thames Church	1870-1906	Baptism register, Shortland Church, Thames	1 volume	B27	3011	Handwritten transcription made
Hauraki Plains Co-op Parish	1929-1967	Baptism register, Hauraki Plains Circuit	1 volume	B32	3020	Photocopy made for Auckland Archives. Handwritten transcription made
Waitekauri Church	1901-1902	Baptism register page, Waitekauri Church	1 page	M170	3040-4	One page photocopied from Waitekauri marriage register M170. B number not allocated because this is not an original register
Cambridge Church	1911-1912	Baptism register, Cambridge Primitive Methodist Church Circuit Includes Fencourt Church, Goodwood Church, Leamington Church, Cambridge Church	1 volume	B33	3071	Handwritten transcription made

Frankton Junction Church and Fairfield-Wesley Church	1927-1973	Baptism registers for Frankton Junction Church (St James) April 1927-July 1973 and Fairfield-Wesley Church (Claudelands Church) 1944-1973	3 fiche	B299 MF74	3083 3102	Original registers held Hamilton Parish. Other Hamilton registers held Hamilton Parish.
St Johns Union Parish	1909-1930	Baptism register, Opotiki District and St Johns Union Parish	1 volume	B34	3240	Handwritten transcription made
St Pauls Co-op Parish, Taumaranui	1915-1971	Baptism register, Taumaranui Circuit and St Pauls Co-op Parish	1 volume	B35	3280	Handwritten transcription made
Ohura Parish	1906-1971	Baptism register, Ohura Circuit, Kaitieke-Mokau Circuit, King Country Circuit	1 volume	B36	3300	Handwritten transcription made. Previously known as Kaitieke-Mokau, King Country Circuit, Main Trunk Line Mission
Coromandel Parish	1892-1905	Baptism register, Coromandel Circuit	1 volume	B37	3320	Handwritten transcription made. Location of original register in Circuit Schedule book 1884-1892