

Methodist Church of New Zealand Archives

Otago and Southland Districts Baptism Registers

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

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 alphabetical order by name of parish or church. A catalogue number uniquely identifies each register and should be used if referring to individual registers.

Other Methodist registers

The Hocken Archives in Dunedin is the approved repository for Methodist Church records for Otago and Southland districts. Other Methodist baptism registers for these areas are held by the Hocken Archives.

Maori baptism records

Most registers dating from prior to 1860s-1870s, can include Maori baptism entries. However once the Methodist Maori Mission was well established, (which is part of the Methodist Church in New Zealand), it had its own chapels, preaching places and churches, and most had their own baptism registers.

Registers from the Methodist Maori Mission are held by Te Taha Maori. Contact Te Taha Maori, 409 Great South Road, Auckland. Phone 09 525 4179. Registers are described in the Auckland District baptism registers descriptive list under Te Taha Maori.

Name	Inclusive dates	Description of register	Quantity	Catalogue number	Parish code number	Notes	Box number
Abbotsford Church	1909-1959	Baptism register, Abbotsford Primitive Methodist Church	1 volume	B255	9025	Entries not in chronological order. Handwritten transcript made of original register and available at Methodist Church of NZ Archives Christchurch	Box 21
Alexandra-Clyde Union Parish	1901-1965	Baptism register, Cromwell Circuit	1 volume	B285	9170	Handwritten transcript made of original register and available at Methodist Church of NZ Archives Christchurch	Box 23
Balclutha Parish	1862-1878	Baptism register, Balclutha Circuit	1 volume	B267	9090	Handwritten transcript made of original register and available at Methodist Church of NZ Archives Christchurch. Photocopy sent to Hocken Archives	Box 22
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 transcript made of original register and available at Methodist Church of NZ Archives Christchurch. Photocopy sent to Hocken Archives	Box 22
Balclutha Parish	1939-1971	Baptism register, Balclutha Circuit	1 volume	B269	9090	Handwritten transcript made of original register and available at Methodist Church of NZ Archives Christchurch. Photocopy sent to Hocken Archives	Box 22
Dundas Street Church	1913-1970	Baptism register, Dundas Street Circuit and Church	1 volume	B257	9022	Handwritten transcript made of original register and available at Methodist Church of NZ Archives Christchurch	Box 21
Dundas Street Church	1976-1910	Baptism register, Dunedin Primitive Methodist Circuit	1 volume	B258	9022	Handwritten transcript made of original register and available at Methodist Church of NZ Archives Christchurch	Box 20
Dunedin Parish and Mission	1897-1898	Baptism register, Central Methodist Mission, Dunedin	1 volume	B256	9020	1 page only from register	Box 20
Edendale Church	1910-1962	Baptism register, Edendale Circuit	1 volume	B273	9100-2	Handwritten transcript made of original register and available at Methodist Church of NZ Archives Christchurch	Box 22

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Elles Road Church (St Peters)	1898-1936	Baptism register, Elles Road Primitive Methodist Church Circuit (Invercargill II)	1 volume	B278	9112	Handwritten transcript made of original register and available at Methodist Church of NZ Archives Christchurch. Annotated as Invercargill II (Primitive Methodist second circuit in Invercargill)	Box 22
Elles Road Church (St Peters)	1908-1971	Baptism register, Teviot Street Church 1908-1915, St Peters Church 1936-1971	1 volume	B279	9112	Handwritten transcript made of original register and available at Methodist Church of NZ Archives Christchurch	Box 22
Gore Parish	1881-1911	Baptism register, Tapanui Circuit and Gore Circuit	1 volume	B288	9100		Box 22
Gore Parish	1911-1971	Baptism register, Gore Circuit and Tapanui Circuit	1 volume	B272	9100	Handwritten transcript made of original register and available at Methodist Church of NZ Archives Christchurch. See B271 for further entries.	Box 22
Gore Parish	1970-1992	Baptism register, Gore Parish	1 volume	B271	9100		LF Box 12
Invercargill Central Church	1869-1913	Baptism register, St Pauls Leet Street Church	1 volume	B280	9113	Handwritten transcript made of original register and available at Methodist Church of NZ Archives Christchurch	Box 23
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		LF Box 12
Invercargill Central Church	1967-1971	Baptism register, Invercargill Central Church	1 volume	B281	9113	Handwritten transcript made of original register and available at Methodist Church of NZ Archives Christchurch	Box 23
Invercargill North Church (St Marks)	1953-1970	Baptism register, Invercargill North Church	1 volume	B277	9111	Handwritten transcript made of original register and available at Methodist Church of NZ Archives Christchurch	Box 22
Kaitangata Church	1914-1942	Baptism register, Kaitangata Church	1 volume	B270	9090-1	Handwritten transcript made of original register and available at Methodist Church of NZ Archives Christchurch. Photocopy sent to Hocken Archives	Box 22
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 a membership roll	Box 21

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Lawrence Parish	1905-1972	Baptism register, Lawrence Circuit	1 volume	B264	9230	Handwritten transcript made of original register and available at Methodist Church of NZ Archives Christchurch. Photocopy to Hocken Archives	Box 21
Lawrence Parish	1909-1912	Baptism register, Milton Circuit	1 volume	B265	9230	Handwritten transcript made of original register and available at Methodist Church of NZ Archives Christchurch. Photocopy sent to Hocken Archives	Box 21
Lawrence Parish	1912-1972	Baptism register, Milton Circuit	1 volume	B266	9230	Handwritten transcript made of original register and available at Methodist Church of NZ Archives Christchurch. Photocopy sent to Hocken Archives	Box 22
Mornington Church	1877-1913	Baptism register, Mornington Circuit	1 volume	B261	9031	Handwritten transcript made of original register and available at Methodist Church of NZ Archives Christchurch	Box 21
Newfield Church	1963-1973	Baptism register, Newfield Church	1 volume	B282	9115	Handwritten transcript made of original register and available at Methodist Church of NZ Archives Christchurch. Closed 22 December 1985	Box 23
Otakou Church	1871-1960	Baptism register, Otakou Church	1 volume	B260	9030	Photocopy. Original in Hocken Archives which was presented by Ngai Tahu 1995	Box 21
Otautau Church	1905-1972	Baptism register, Waiau Circuit 1910-1926, Otautau Circuit 1905-1972	1 volume	B283	9131	Waiau Circuit baptisms pasted in front of register, 1910-1926	Box 23
Palmerston Church	1904-1972	Baptism register, Palmerston Church	1 volume	B262	9020-9	Handwritten transcript made of original register and available at Methodist Church of NZ Archives Christchurch. Copy sent to Hocken Archives	Box 20
Port Chalmers Union Parish	1863-1877	Baptism register, Port Chalmers Circuit	1 volume	B286	9180	Handwritten transcript made of original register and available at Methodist Church of NZ Archives Christchurch. Continues in Waikouaiti register 1877-1910. B290	Box 23
Riverton Church	1904-1970	Baptism register, Riverton Church	1 volume		9120	MISSING. First noticed missing in 2003. Not held Hocken Archives	

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Roxburgh Church	1871-1883	Baptism register, Roxburgh Circuit	1 volume	B284	9161	Handwritten transcript made of original register and available at Methodist Church of NZ Archives Christchurch. Property sold 1996. Following register (1906-1964) held at Hocken Archives, Otago University. See B263 for Roxburgh burials	Box 23
Roxburgh Church	1886-1908	Baptism register, Roxburgh Circuit	1 volume	B287	9161	Handwritten transcript made of original register and available at Methodist Church of NZ Archives Christchurch. Property sold 1996. See Lawrence 9081 (1884-1885) for missing years. Subsequent register (1906-1964) held at Hocken Archives, Otago University	Box 23
St Clair Church	1933-1960	Baptism register, St Clair Church	1 volume	B254	9020-4	Handwritten transcript made of original register and available at Methodist Church of NZ Archives Christchurch	Box 20
Tapanui Church	1905-1906	Baptism register, Tapanui Circuit	1 volume	B274	9100-1	Handwritten transcript made of original register and available at Methodist Church of NZ Archives Christchurch	Box 22
Trinity Church, Dunedin	1905-1909	Baptism register, Trinity Church. Copy taken from original register for Kaiapoi Co-operating Parish	1 volume	B210	9038	Photocopy. Original in register B210 for Kaiapoi Parish	Box 21
Waikouaiti Church	1840-1859	Baptism register, Waikouaiti Mission Station. Missionaries Rev James Watkin, Rev Charles Creed and Rev W Kirk. Includes marriages 1841-1859 and burials 1841-1856	1 volume	B289	9036	Partial typed transcription made and held in copies filing cabinet. Includes marriages 1841-1859 and burials 1841-1856. Original transcript in Rev M A Rugby Pratt's papers. Sometimes called James Watkin's register	Box 21
Waikouaiti Church	1877-1910	Baptism register, Waikouaiti Circuit. Includes marriages 1851-1857	1 volume	B290	9036	Includes marriages 1851-1857. Becomes Port Chalmers Circuit	Box 21
Winton Church	1906-1917	Baptism register, Winton Church	1 volume	B275	9110-5	Handwritten transcript made of original register and available at Methodist Church of NZ Archives Christchurch	Box 22

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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 transcript made of original register and available at Methodist Church of NZ Archives Christchurch	Box 20