

Methodist Church of New Zealand Archives

Wellington District 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.

Wellington District Methodist Registers held in other repositories

The Alexander Turnbull Library is a designated repository for Methodist Church records. Baptism registers are held in their collection. See their catalogue on the website www.natlib.govt.nz

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
Brooklyn Co-op Parish	1913-1978	Baptism register, Brookland Church, Taranaki Street Church, Wellington	1 volume	B98	6270		Box 10
Eketahuna Union Parish	1891-1905	Baptism register, Eketahuna Circuit	1 volume	B121	6210	Handwritten transcript made of original register and available at Methodist Church of NZ Archives Christchurch	Box 10
Epuni Church	1954-1963	Baptism register, Epuni Church	1 volume	B114	6120-3	Handwritten transcript made of original register and available at Methodist Church of NZ Archives Christchurch	Box 9
Featherston-St Andrews Union Parish	1925-1926	Baptism register, Featherston Parish	1 volume	B119	6170	3 entries only in register	Box 10
Greytown-St Andrews Union Parish	1867-1873	Baptism register, Greytown Parish	1 volume	B117	6160	Handwritten transcript made of original register and available at Methodist Church of NZ Archives Christchurch	Box 9
Greytown-St Andrews Union Parish	1885-1911	Baptism register, Wesleyan Church, Greytown Parish	1 volume	B118	6160	Handwritten transcript made of original register and available at Methodist Church of NZ Archives Christchurch	Box 9
Johnsonville Union Parish	1917-1928	Baptism register, Johnsonville-Ngaio Parish	1 volume	B109	6070	Handwritten transcript made of original register and available at Methodist Church of NZ Archives Christchurch. From Junior Roll 1914-1945. See earlier baptisms in B106	Box 9
Johnsonville Union Parish	1928-1970	Baptism register, Johnsonville-Ngaio Parish	1 volume	B107	6070	Handwritten transcript made of original register and available at Methodist Church of NZ Archives Christchurch	Box 9
Karori Church	1920-1971	Baptism register, Karori and Northland Thorndon Circuit	1 volume	B100	6021	Handwritten transcript made of original register and available at Methodist Church of NZ Archives Christchurch	Box 8
Karori Church	1971-1994	Baptism register and confirmation register, St Johns Methodist Church	1 volume	B96	6021	Handwritten transcript made of original register and available at Methodist Church of NZ Archives Christchurch	LF Box 8

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Kuripuni Church	1926-1931	Baptism register, Kuripuni Church	1 volume	B292	6200-1	Handwritten transcript made of original register and available at Methodist Church of NZ Archives Christchurch. Copy sent to Masterton Parish. Original baptismal register recorded in Church membership roll 1926-1959. R277	Box 10
Levin Parish	1905-1966	Baptism register, Levin-Otaki Circuit	1 volume	B122	6220	Handwritten transcript made of original register and available at Methodist Church of NZ Archives Christchurch	Box 10
Levin Parish	1967-1971	Baptism register, Levin Parish	1 volume	B123	6220		Box 10
Lyll Bay Church	1943-1984	Baptism register Lyall Bay Church	1 volume	B111	6038	Handwritten transcript made of original register and available at Methodist Church of NZ Archives Christchurch. Previously called Maranui Methodist Church	Box 9
Miramar Uniting Parish	1936-1994	Baptism register, Miramar Church and Worsler Bay Church	1 volume	B110	6050	Handwritten transcript made of original register and available at Methodist Church of NZ Archives Christchurch	Box 9
Nae Nae Church	1954-1971	Baptism register, Nae Nae Church	1 volume	B113	6120-2	Handwritten transcript made of original register and available at Methodist Church of NZ Archives Christchurch	Box 9
Northland Church (Ward Memorial Church)	1931-1995	Baptism register, Wellington West circuit and Northland Church	1 volume	B99	6022	Handwritten transcript made of original register and available at Methodist Church of NZ Archives Christchurch	Box 8
Porirua Parish	1965-1982	Baptism register, Porirua Parish	1 volume	B108	6090	Handwritten transcript made of original register and available at Methodist Church of NZ Archives Christchurch. See earlier register B106	Box 9
Stokes Valley Church	1960-1976	Baptism register, Stokes Valley Church	1 volume	B116	6125	Handwritten transcript made of original register and available at Methodist Church of NZ Archives Christchurch	Box 9
Sydney Street Church	1847-1895	Baptism register, Sydney Street Primitive Methodist Church	1 reel	B297 MF72	6020-2	Original register held in the Alexander Turnbull Library, Wellington	

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Taita Union Parish	1947-1993	Baptism register, Taita Union Parish and Church	1 volume	B64	6130		LF Box 8
Thorndon Church	1893-1970	Baptism register, Thorndon Church	1 volume	B101	6024		Box 8
Trinity Newton Church	1926-1973	Baptism register, Wellington South Circuit and Trinity Newton Church	1 volume	B105	6032	Handwritten transcript made of original register and available at Methodist Church of NZ Archives Christchurch	Box 9
Waiwhetu Church	1931-1973	Baptism register, Taita Church and Waiwhetu Church	1 volume	B115	6122	Handwritten transcript made of original register and available at Methodist Church of NZ Archives Christchurch	Box 9
Waiwhetu Church	1973-1998	Baptism register and confirmation register, Waiwhetu Church	1 volume	B112	6122	Handwritten transcript made of original register and available at Methodist Church of NZ Archives Christchurch	LF Box 8
Wellington District	1887-1890	Baptism register, United Methodist Free Church, Wellington Chapel	1 volume	B97	6000	Handwritten transcript made of original register and available at Methodist Church of NZ Archives Christchurch	Box 8
Wellington District	1907-1959	Baptism register, Wellington Primitive Methodist Church Circuit 1907-1930, Wellington South Primitive Methodist Circuit includes Donald McLean Street Church, Kilbernie Street Church, Maranui Church, Wesley Church, Island Bay, Worser Bay Church, Tinakori Road Church, Happy Valley Church, Hataitai Church. Wellington South Parish. 1930-1959. (Wellington III)	1 volume	B104	6000	Handwritten transcript made of original register and available at Methodist Church of NZ Archives Christchurch. Numbered Wellington III	Box 8
Wellington District/Porirua Circuit	1907-1968	Baptism register, Wellington Primitive Methodist Church Second Circuit 1907-1912. Includes Tawa Flat Church and Porirua Church. Johnsonville Circuit including Tawa Flat Church, Plimmerton Church, Pukerua Bay Church and Porirua Church 1912-1953. Porirua Circuit including Tawa Flat Church, Pukerua Bay Church, Porirua Church, Plimmerton Church, Elsdon Church 1953-1968	1 volume	B106	6000, 6090	Handwritten transcript made of original register and available at Methodist Church of NZ Archives Christchurch. Starts as Wellington District and continues as Johnsonville Circuit then Porirua Circuit. Originally numbered Wellington II. From 1953 Tawa Flat Church entries in separate register not held in Archives	Box 8

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Wellington South-Lyall Bay Union Parish	1891-1926	Baptism register, Wellington South Circuit	1 volume	B102	6030	Handwritten transcript made of original register and available at Methodist Church of NZ Archives Christchurch	Box 9
Wellington South-Lyall Bay Union Parish	1907-1914	Baptism register, Wellington Suburban Circuit and Wellington South-Lyall Bay Union Parish	1 volume	B103	6030	Handwritten transcript made of original register and available at Methodist Church of NZ Archives Christchurch	Box 9
Wesley Church Taranaki Street	1840-1926	Baptism register, Manners Street Church and Wesley Church 1840-1926. Includes marriage register 1872-1873, 1876-1877.	1 reel	B221 MF71	6011	Handwritten transcript of baptisms made. Original held at Alexander Turnbull Library, severely damaged by fire. Microfilm version held MCNZA Christchurch	
Wesley Masterton Church	1879-1906	Baptism register, Wairarapa Circuit including Masterton Church	1 volume	B120	6193	Handwritten transcript made of original register and available at Methodist Church of NZ Archives Christchurch, copy sent to Masterton Parish. See also B68 register of the Scandinavian Mission	Box 10