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Holds Methodist Church parish records for Northland, Auckland, Waikato, Bay of Plenty including manuscripts and archives, publications, newspapers, architectural drawings, photographs and oral history recordings. Archives of the Overseas Mission Department and activities in the Pacific (particularly Solomon Islands). Home and Maori Mission records. Wesley Historical Society archives.



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Te Hahi Weteriana o Aotearoa



Researching Home Missionaries

Fact sheet: researching Home Missionaries

- Contact:** Archivist, Methodist Church of New Zealand Archives
PO Box 931, Christchurch 8140, New Zealand
- Storage facility:** Unit 7, 515 Wairakei Road, Christchurch (Wednesdays only 1-4 pm, bookings required as seats are limited)
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- Open:** Wednesdays 1-4 pm at our storage facility

Before visiting the Archives, please contact the Archivist first to discuss your research requirements. The Archives is closed over Christmas—New Year and Easter Tuesday.

Sources of biographical information about Home Missionaries held in the Methodist Church of New Zealand Archives Christchurch.

The Methodist Church law books define a Home Missionary as “a Local Preacher who is employed as a full time agent of the Methodist Church of New Zealand and is in receipt of remuneration for his services.”

Home Missionaries were allowed to use the title “Reverend” without having been ordained. However they still had to pass exams to be a Home Missionary.

Home Missionaries were directed by the New Zealand Methodist Conference as to where they would be stationed. They were paid at a lesser rate than ministers.

The first Home Missionaries in New Zealand were appointed about 1875. The last died in 1995.

Home Missionaries’ files are held in the Methodist Church Archives Auckland.

Please note that access to personal files is restricted if individuals are still alive due to the Privacy Act.

General information about Home Missionaries can be found in the book *Out of the common way* by E W Hames, p 53.

Printed resources and indexes

- People information file
- Methodist newspapers index of baptisms, marriages, deaths and obituaries 1870—2000
- Methodist newspapers historical index 1870—2000
- *A history of Methodism in New Zealand* by William Morley
- Wesley Historical Society publications index
- Church histories collection
- *Minutes of the New Zealand Methodist Conference* (published)
- Name index of Home Missionaries’ files by Rev Doug Burt

Resources for in depth research using original documents

Photograph collection

Baptism registers, marriage registers, membership rolls.

Parish archives collection

Personal papers and historical records collection

Home Missionaries’ files (held at the Methodist Archives Auckland)

