

Fact sheet: *internet sites for researching New Zealand Methodist history*

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Note: if any of the links are broken or do not work, search for the name of the repository and find what you are looking for from their home page.

List of internet sites

Methodist Church of New Zealand Archives Collection

While few documents have been yet been digitised, our descriptive catalogue lists of the Archives Collection are available:

http://www.methodist.org.nz/archives/archives_collection

New Zealand Methodist newspapers 1870-1948

Digital copies of these can be word-searched. The John Kinder Theological Library hosts this site. They can include information about births, marriages, deaths and obituaries:

<http://kinderlibrary.recollect.co.nz/>

New Zealand newspapers

All newspapers can also include information about the New Zealand Methodist Church and its people. These can be searched on the National Library's PapersPast site:

<https://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/>

New Zealand Methodist publications

Many books have been digitised by international libraries or internet companies such as Google, which have information about the New Zealand Methodist Church. Of particular interest is William Morley's *A history of Methodism in New Zealand*:

<http://www.archive.org/details/historymethodis00morlgoog>

The Wesley Historical Society of New Zealand, has also digitised publications about the history of the Methodist Church, mostly published by the Wesley Historical Society:

http://www.methodist.org.nz/organisations/wesley_historical_society/history/history_index

Other useful sites

Repositories holding New Zealand Methodist archives and manuscripts

Alexander Turnbull Library

Holds records of joint or union parishes in the Wellington region, ministers' papers, Wesleyan missionary records, photographs and artworks. Their on-line catalogue is called Tiaki

<https://tiaki.natlib.govt.nz/#home/>

Auckland City Library Sir George Grey Collection

Holds records for Pitt Street Methodist Church, Hokianga Mission Station

<http://www.aucklandlibraries.govt.nz/>

Hocken Heritage Collections

Holds records of Methodist parish archives for Otago and Southland, manuscripts of Methodist ministers, photographs

<http://hakena.otago.ac.nz>

John Kinder Theological Library

Holds publications, manuscripts and archives, photographs

<http://www.kinderlibrary.ac.nz/>

General sites for New Zealand research

Births, marriages, deaths

<https://www.bdmhistoricalrecords.dia.govt.nz/Home/>

Advice on New Zealand family history research

<http://www.genealogy.org.nz/>

National Library of New Zealand

Holds publications relating to the Methodist Church

<http://natlib.govt.nz/>

Archives New Zealand

Holds records of the New Zealand Government including government departments

<http://archives.govt.nz/>

Digital NZ

Photographs and other references

<http://www.digitalnz.org/>

Index to Maori Land Court minute books

<https://collections.library.auckland.ac.nz/mlcmbi/>

Digitised nineteenth century New Zealand books

<http://www.enzb.auckland.ac.nz/>

Information about records held in museums and community archives

<http://thecommunityarchive.org.nz/>

NZ Copyright

<http://www.copyright.org.nz/infosheets.php>

United Kingdom Methodist Research

For information about nonconformist records (which include the Methodist Church) use the National Archives research guide:

<http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/help-with-your-research/research-guides/nonconformists/>

Methodist Heritage is the site for research, particularly linking to digitised publications:

<http://www.methodistheritage.org.uk/research-online-books-periodicals.htm>

The Proceedings of the UK Wesley Historical Society, which will be of great interest to anyone studying the Wesley family, Methodism and modern church history are now available in PDF for free open access from Volume 1 (1897) to Volume 55 (2006) at the location shown below.

http://www.biblicalstudies.org.uk/articles_whs_01.php

Sites for providing details of people, chapels and places concerned with Methodism, Primitive and Wesleyan Methodism:

www.mymethodisthistory.org.uk

www.myprimitivemethodists.org.uk

www.mywesleyanmethodists.org.uk

www.mybiblechristians.org.uk

Pacific Islands

Pacific Islands Monthly magazine has been digitised by the National Library of Australia. The archive covers August 1930 to June 2000.

The following link takes you to an article which provides interesting background information to this magazine and a link to the PIM archive.

http://asopa.typepad.com/asopa_people/2017/03/the-venerable-pacific-islands-monthly-gets-new-digitised-life.html

Australia

Search for Uniting Church of Australia records on the internet as this is what the Methodist Church is called in Australia. Records are held within state boundaries.

The Mitchell Library (State Library of New South Wales) has significant holdings:

<http://www.sl.nsw.gov.au>