

Fact sheet: *Researching Wesleyan missionaries and mission registers*

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Wesleyan missionaries

Believing it was their Christian duty to take the Wesleyan faith to the far reaches of the world, the British Wesleyan Missionary Society sent missionaries and their families to New Zealand. 1822 is accepted as the date for the first Wesleyan missionary stationed in New Zealand. Samuel Leigh was stationed at Whangaroa.

Missionaries arrived with two essential pieces of stationery – baptism registers and marriage registers.

These documents record first contact with Māori and are historically of national significance.

Māori who converted to Christianity were baptised, often in groups by missionaries, and then in some cases married on the same day.

Registers also include pakeha baptisms and marriages, but missionaries commonly kept two registers, one for Māori and one for pakeha by about the 1850s. Sometimes a register was used for both events.

Spelling, despite early adoption of literacy by Māori and missionaries having access to Maori dictionaries was often as the missionary heard it. Researchers are advised to also check names that are similar rather than focus on a specific spelling.

Researching Wesleyan missionaries

General sources:

- Morley, William. *The history of Methodism in New Zealand*. McKee, 1900
- Phillipps, Donald. *Companion to William Morley's history of Methodism in New Zealand*. Wesley Historical Society, 2006
- Laurenson, George I. *Te Hahi Weteriana. Three Half Centuries of the Methodist Māori Missions 1822-1972*. Published as Vol 27 no 1 and 2 of the Proceedings of the Wesley Historical Society of New Zealand, 1972
- <https://teara.govt.nz/en> Encyclopaedia of New Zealand history
- <https://teara.govt.nz/en/interactive/27494/methodist-missions-1840s> map showing places of missions and images of buildings

Records held in the Methodist Church of New Zealand Archives about missionaries

Typescripts of missionary reports and correspondence (1817-1859) are within the Personal Papers and Historical Records Collection (our catalogue number MS-39). These can be seen at the Methodist Archives in Christchurch, the Alexander Turnbull Library (National Library) Wellington and the John Kinder Theological Library Auckland.

Wesleyan missionaries stationed in New Zealand reported to the Wesleyan Missionary Society in England until 1854 and reports and correspondence were sent there. These reports and correspondence were borrowed in the 1937 and typescript versions made. Later the original documents were microfilmed. The microfilm is held at the National Library of New Zealand.

Digital scans of the original letters and reports can be viewed online at the National Library of Australia website: <https://nla.gov.au/nla.obj-742488699/findingaid>

Search our Personal Papers and Historical Records Collection for other records relating to Wesleyan missionaries <https://www.methodist.org.nz/whakapapa/archives/archives-collection/>

Wesleyan missionary papers are also held in the Alexander Turnbull Library, National Library of New Zealand: <https://natlib.govt.nz/>

When the New Zealand Wesleyan District became part of the Australasian District in 1855, reports were then made to the Australasian Conference. These reports and details of stationing appointments are printed in the published minutes of Conference. Sets of these are held in the Methodist Church of New Zealand Archives, National Library of New Zealand, and the John Kinder Theological Library. Some sets are also held in New Zealand University library collections within the serials section.

Records of New Zealand District meetings (incomplete) are held within the records of the New Zealand Methodist Conference, and those dated after approximately the 1870s, catalogued as part of the Parish Archives Collection.

Within the Methodist Church of New Zealand Archives Collection, the parish code number is used to identify records of a different format but which relate to the same entity. Baptism and marriage registers we hold that relate to individual mission stations can be identified by using this. See our list of registers <https://www.methodist.org.nz/whakapapa/archives/archives-collection/>

Methodist Church of New Zealand Archives Wesleyan Missionary Registers Index

This volunteer project started in 2016 and is on-going. The index is held in the Reading Room of the Methodist Archives and is arranged by last name.

The index is **not** a transcript of the entry and the original register will need to be checked for the full entry.

Registers indexed include any that were started prior to 1850.

Some missionary registers are held by Methodist Church of New Zealand Te Taha Māori in

their archives. This collection is not part of the Methodist Archives and whakapapa researchers are advised to contact them:

Te Taha Māori

Methodist Church of New Zealand

409 Great South Road, Penrose, Auckland

Phone 09 525 4179

Registers held at the Methodist Church of New Zealand Archives

Please see our website for inventories of baptism and marriage registers held. Marriage registers are restricted post 1920.

<https://www.methodist.org.nz/whakapapa/archives/archives-collection/>

Research

If you are unable to visit in person, a limited written research service is available. Research fees are \$30 per half hour.

Wesleyan missionary baptism registers

Sometimes these registers were notebooks, rather than the pre-printed registers. In the case of adult baptisms, parents were not recorded. When children were baptised usually there are parent's names given, but not always recorded with last names or surnames.

Māori would sometimes take a Wesleyan name – for example Pumipi is Māori for Bumby – Rev John H Bumby.

Wesleyan missionary marriage registers

In 1836 the Marriage Act and the Registration Act were passed in Britain which led to the creation of the office of the Registrar General. These acts provided for the proper keeping of records and a system of issuing certified copies. In 1842 an ordinance was issued decreeing that a marriage was valid if solemnised by any minister of any Christian denomination. These Acts were why missionaries could perform marriages in New Zealand.

It is uncommon in the 1830s-1850s to have parent's names recorded of the individuals being married, but occasionally witnesses are noted.

Despite marriage being a civil function, it was not until after 1854 that marriage information was lodged with the Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages.

Wesleyan Missionary marriage registers prior to this date may contain marriages that were not registered.

For more information see

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

For an understanding of Māori and Pakeha marriage to each other, see Wanhalla, Angela. *Matters of the heart. A history of interracial marriage in New Zealand*. 2013

Pre 1856 New Zealand Marriage records

Collection of marriages that took place before compulsory civil registration. Contact New Zealand Genealogical Society www.genealogy.org.nz

Names of Wesleyan missionaries in New Zealand

ALDRED, John, 1818-1894, b Suffolk, England

1839	Entered ministry
1840-1842	Port Nicholson
1843-1848	Nelson
1849-1853	Wellington
1854-1849	Canterbury
1860-1863	Wellington
1864	Otago
1865-1866	Dunedin
	Superannuated

BUDDLE, Thomas, 1812-1883, b Durham, England

1835	Entered ministry
1840-1844	Waipa
1845-1853	Auckland
1854-1860	Manukau
1861-1865	Auckland
1866-1869	Christchurch (Durham Street)
1870-1872	Wellington
1873-1875	Nelson
1876-1881	Auckland (Three Kings College)

BULLER, James, 1812-1884, b Cornwall, England

1837	Entered ministry
1837	Mangungu and Waima
1838	Newark
1839-1840	Kaipara
1841-1853	Wairoa and Kaipara
1854	Auckland
1855-1859	Wellington
1860	Thames (Shortland)
1860-1865	Canterbury
1866-1869	Auckland
1870-1872	Thames
1873-1875	Christchurch (Durham Street)

BUMBY, John H, 1808-1840, b Thirsk, Yorkshire, England

1829	Entered ministry
1839-1840	Mangungu and Waima
	Chairman of New Zealand District
1840 June 26	Drowned in Hauraki Gulf

BUTTLE, George, 1810-1874, b Yorkshire, England

1838	Entered ministry
1840-1842	Kawhia and Mokau
1843	To Sydney, New South Wales
1844	New Plymouth (North)
1845-1848	Whaingaroa (Raglan)
1849-1857	Waipa
1857-1862	To England
1862-1864	Supernumerary at Otahuhu

CREED, Charles, 1812-1879, b Somerset, England

1837 Entered ministry
 1839 Kaipara Heads
 1840 Kaipara (Wairoa)
 1841-1843 New Plymouth (North)
 1844-1853 Waikouaiti
 1854-1855 Wellington and Hutt
 1856 Kawhia and Aotea
 1857 To Australia

HOBBS, John, 1800-1883, b Kent, England

1824 Entered ministry
 1824-1829 Whangaroa
 1830-1831 Hokianga
 1832-1839 Launceston, Tasmania
 1839 Mangungu and Waima
 1840 Newark
 1841-1845 Mangungu and Oruru
 1846-1854 Mangungu and Whangaroa
 1855 Governor, Three Kings College
 1856 Supernumerary

IRONSIDE, Samuel, 1814-1897, b Sheffield, England

1837 Entered ministry
 1839 Mangungu and Waima
 1840-1843 Cloudy Bay
 1843-1849 Port Nicholson
 1849-1855 Nelson
 1855-1858 New Plymouth (European)
 1858 To Australia

KIRK, William, 1825-1915, b Epworth, England

1846 Entered ministry
 1847 Auckland
 1848 Waima (Newark)
 1849-1852 Wanganui (Ohinemutu)
 1853 Christchurch (short time)
 1854-1856 Waikouaiti
 1857-1859 Wanganui (Kai Iwi)
 1860-1862 Whangaroa (Mangonui)
 1863-1866 Nelson
 1867-1869 Wellington
 1870 Christchurch (Durham Street)
 1871-1872 Christchurch (St Albans)
 1873-1875 New Plymouth
 1876-1878 Auckland
 1879-1881 Wellington
 1882-1884 Richmond
 1885-1914 Supernumerary, Petone

LAWRY, Henry H, 1821-1906, b New South Wales, Australia

1845 Entered ministry
 1845 Manukau (Pehiakura)

1846 Auckland
 1847-1848 Manukau (Pehiakura)
 1849 Auckland
 1850-1853 Manukau
 1854 Wairoa and Kaipara
 1855-1861 Hokianga
 1862-1863 Auckland (Three Kings College)

LAWRY, Walter, 1793-1859, b Cornwall, England

1817 Entered ministry
 1844-1853 Auckland
 General Superintendent of Wesleyan Missions in Australasia and Polynesia

LEIGH, Samuel, 1785-1852, b Staffordshire, England

1812 Entered ministry
 1822-1825 Whangaroa

REID, Alexander, 1821-1891, b Edinburgh, Scotland

1848 Entered ministry
 1849-1857 Auckland (Three Kings College)
 1858-1863 Waipa
 1864-1866 New Plymouth (Maori)
 1867-1869 Christchurch (Durham Street)
 1870-1872 Dunedin
 1873-1875 Auckland
 1876-1878 Wellington
 1879-1881 Christchurch (Durham Street)
 1882-1884 Auckland (Pitt Street)
 1885-1891 Auckland (Three Kings College)

SKEVINGTON, John, 1814-1845, b Nottingham, England

1839 Entered ministry
 1842 Waipa (West)
 1843-1845 Taranaki South

SMALES, Gideon, 1817-1894, b Whitby, England

1829 Entered ministry
 1840 Waima
 1841-1842 Newark
 1843 Nelson, Port Nicholson for short periods
 1843 Mokau
 1844-1849 Kawhia and Mokau
 In England
 1855 Kawhia and Aotea
 1856 Supernumerary

STACK, James, 1801-1883, b Southsea, England

1825 Entered ministry
 1825-1827 Whangaroa
 1830-1831 Hokianga
 1831 Joined the Church Missionary Society

STANNARD, George, 1803-1888, b Yorkshire, England

1844 Entered ministry

1844	Newark
1845-1847	Waima and Newark
1848	Auckland
1849	Taranaki South
1850-1853	Waitotara
1854-1856	Waimate and Waitotara
1857-1858	Otago
1859-1862	Hokianga
1863-1864	Raglan and Aotea
1865	Supernumerary in Wanganui

TURNER, Nathaniel, 1793-1864, b Cheshire, England

1821	Entered ministry
1823-1827	Whangaroa
1827-1830	Tonga
1831-1834	Hobart, Tasmania
1835-1836	Hokianga
1837-1838	Mangungu and Waima
1839	To Tasmania

TURTON, Henry Hanson, 1818-1887, b Bradford, England

1839	Entered ministry
1840-1842	Aotea
1843	Taranaki (North)
1845	New Plymouth (North)
1846-1854	New Plymouth
1855	New Plymouth (Maori)
1857	Kawhia
1858	Manukau
	Retired from the Mission

WALLIS, James, 1809-1895, b Blackwell, England

1833	Entered ministry
1834-1836	Hokianga
1837	Kaipara
1838-1844	Whaingaroa (Raglan)
1845-1862	Whaingaroa
1863-1865	Manukau
1866-1867	Auckland
1868	Supernumerary

WARREN, John, 1814-1883, b Norfolk, England

1836	Entered ministry
1840	Kaipara Heads
1840-1854	Waima
1855-1859	Nelson
1860-1862	Auckland
1863-1865	Auckland (Pitt Street)
1866-1869	Manukau
1870	Supernumerary at Otahuhu

WATKIN, James, 1805-1886, b Manchester, England

1830	Entered ministry
1840-1843	Waikouaiti

1844-1848 Port Nicholson
 1848-1853 Wellington *
 1854 Wellington and Hutt
 1855 To Australia

*Known to have visited Rapaki and Pigeon Bay, 1851: see baptism register B-221

WHITE, William, 1874-1875, b Durham, England

1822 Entered ministry
 1822-1826 Whangaroa
 1827-1829 In Australia and England
 1830-1835 Hokianga
 Retired from the Mission

WHITELEY, John, 1806-1869, b Nottinghamshire, England

1832 Entered ministry
 1832-1833 Hokianga
 1834 Waipa
 1835-1836 Hokianga
 1837 Newark
 1838 Kaipara
 1839-1854 Kawhia, Aotea, Mokau
 1855 Auckland
 1856-1864 New Plymouth (Maori)
 1865-1866 Taranaki (Maori)
 1867-1869 Taranaki
 1869 Feb 13 Killed

WOON, William, 1803-1858, b Cornwall, England

1832 Entered ministry
 1833-1834 Friendly Islands (Tonga)
 1834- New Zealand
 1836-1838 Mangungu and Waima
 1839 Newark
 1840 Mangungu and Waima
 1841-1845 Mangungu and Oruru
 1846 Manukau (Pehiakura)
 1847-1852 Waimate and Patea
 1853 Supernumerary in Wanganui

Source of this list and places stationed: CHAMBERS, W A. *Samuel Ironside in New Zealand*. [Auckland] Ray Richards in association with the Wesley Historical Society of New Zealand [1982] p268

Names and locations of Wesleyan Mission Stations

Northland District

Hokianga Wesleyan Mission Circuit

J Hobbs 1829-1833
 J Stack (assistant missionary) 1829-1832
 W White 1830-1836
 J Whiteley 1833-1837
 W Woon 1833-1845

J Wallis 1836-1837
 N Turner 1835-1839
 J Buller 1836-1839
 J Hobbs 1838-1840
 J Bumby 1839-1840

[For full list of stationing appointments – refer Donald Phillipps *Companion to William Morley's history of Methodism in New Zealand*]
 Waima mission house burnt down 1876
 Circuit in 1889 see p180, *The history of Methodism in New Zealand*
 European missionary withdrawn 1894

Parish code number: **1065**

Sources:

Laws, C H. *The Methodist mission in New Zealand. First years at Hokianga, 1827-1836.*
 [Auckland] Wesley Historical Society. Proceedings: v4 ns2&3. 1945

Registers held Methodist Church of New Zealand Archives:

Baptism, marriage and burial register for Hokianga Wesleyan Mission Circuit, Mangungu Wesleyan Mission Station. Includes Maori and European baptisms and marriages. Baptisms 1830, 4 September 1833-28 April 1844; marriages 19 November 1834-24 July 1854; two burials 1848 and 1849. Catalogue number B-410

Baptism register Hokianga Wesleyan Mission Circuit 1844-1855 held Te Taha Maori. B-423

Mangungu Mission Station (Hokianga Mission Circuit)

Appointments as per Hokianga Mission Circuit

Cemetery

Mission house removed to Onehunga and returned to site and is a museum

Parish code number: **1065**

Registers held Methodist Church of New Zealand Archives:

Baptism, marriage and burial register for Hokianga Wesleyan Mission Circuit, Mangungu Wesleyan Mission Station. Includes Maori and European baptisms and marriages. Baptisms 1830, 4 September 1833-28 April 1844; marriages 19 November 1834-24 July 1854; two burials 1848 and 1849. Catalogue number B-410

Baptism register Hokianga Wesleyan Mission Circuit 1844-1855 held Te Taha Maori. B-423

Mangamuka (part of Hokianga Mission Circuit) church built 1880s

Piripiri Rakena minister 1882-1908

Parish code number **1050-2**

Pakanae Mission Station (Newark) (Hokianga Mission Circuit)

J Whiteley 1836-1838

J Buller 1838-1839

W Woon 1839-1840

J Hobbs 1840-1841

G Smales 1841-1843

G Stannard 1843-1848

W Kirk 1848

Property managed by Mission and Educational Trust Board

Parish code number: **1067**

Registers held Methodist Church of New Zealand Archives:

Baptism, marriage and burial register for Hokianga Wesleyan Mission Circuit, Mangungu Wesleyan Mission Station. Includes Maori and European baptisms and marriages. Baptisms 1830, 4 September 1833-28 April 1844; marriages 19 November 1834-24 July 1854; two burials 1848 and 1849. Catalogue number B-410
Baptism register Hokianga Wesleyan Mission Circuit 1844-1855 held Te Taha Maori. B-423

Waima Wesleyan Mission Station (Hokianga Mission Circuit)

J Warren 1840-1855
 First church built 1842
 Waima Oak planted nearby
 H H Lawry 1855-1863
 Responsible for Whangaroa and Kaero
 Mission house burned 1876
 Property managed by Mission and Educational Trust Board

Parish code number: **1066**

Registers held Methodist Church of New Zealand Archives:

Baptism, marriage and burial register for Hokianga Wesleyan Mission Circuit, Mangungu Wesleyan Mission Station. Includes Maori and European baptisms and marriages. Baptisms 1830, 4 September 1833-28 April 1844; marriages 19 November 1834-24 July 1854; two burials 1848 and 1849. Catalogue number B-410

Baptism register Hokianga Wesleyan Mission Circuit 1844-1855 held Te Taha Maori. B-423

Baptism register Waima Mission Station 1840-1914. Rev John Warren, Lawry, Buddle, Stannard. Catalogue number B425

Whangaroa/Kaero Mission Station (Wesleydale) (Hokianga Mission Circuit)

Choice of site 1822
 Samuel Leigh 1822-1823
 James Stack 1823-1827
 William White 1823-1827
 Nathaniel Turner 1823-1827
 J Hobbs 1824-1827
 Wesleydale Mission station destroyed 1827
 Under Hokianga Mission 1829 onwards
 Wi Warena Pewa ministry 1879-1889

Parish code number: **1040-2**

Registers held Methodist Church of New Zealand Archives:

No baptisms or marriages were recorded at Whangaroa Mission Station before it was destroyed.

Sources:

Laws, C H. *The Methodist mission to New Zealand. Toil and adversity at Whangaroa*. Published by the Wesley Historical Society (New Zealand Branch) as vol 3, nos 1 and 2 of its Proceedings. 1944

Kaipara Mission Station (Tangiteroria)

(located on the upper reaches of Wairoa River in the rohe of Tirau)

Established 1837
 J Wallis 1837-1838
 J Buller 1839-1854
 Supply C Creed 1839-1840
 Wooden chapel 1842
 Grant for and erection of school building 1848
 Maori church and settlement at Otamatea 1851
 Methodist presence post 1860 Maori ministers
 Maori chapel (also called Kakaraea Church administered by Otamatea Marae trustees since 1989)

Parish code number: **1110-3**

Registers held Methodist Church of New Zealand Archives:

Baptism register Kaipara Mission Station also called Tangiteroa Mission Station, Otamatea Maori Church, 1839-1898. Catalogue number B-300

Marriage register, Kaipara Wesleyan Mission Station 1839-1868. Marriages performed by Rev James Buller and Rev Charles Creed. Catalogue number M-1767

Sources:

Gadd, Bernard. *Rev James Buller*

Auckland District

Auckland Wesleyan Circuit and Mission station

High Street church opened 1843

G Buttle 1843-1844

House for Superintendent Official Bay 1844

Mission store and Maori church built at Official Bay 1844

T Buddle (responsible for Maori Missions) 1845-1854

H H Lawry 1846-1847

W Kirk 1847-1848

G Stannard 1848

New brick church 1848

J Buller 1854-1855

[For full list of stationing appointments – refer Donald Phillipps *Companion to William Morley's history of Methodism in New Zealand*]

Official Bay house handed over to Auckland Circuit and sold c1858

Decline of congregation and sale of land 1874

Used as magistrate's court

Three Kings College established 1844 for education of missionaries' children

Parish code number: **2010-4** for High Street Wesleyan Church

Parish code number: **2000** for Auckland Wesleyan Circuit Mission Station

Parish code number: **2011** Pitt Street Methodist Church

Parish code number: for Three Kings College

Registers held Methodist Church of New Zealand Archives:

B-412

B-9

B-344

B-411

M-1412

m-1411

Sources:

Chappell, A B. *Across a hundred years 1841-1941: a brief history of the beginning and early progress of Methodism in Auckland, NZ.* [Auckland: Wilson & Horton]. [1941]

Whyte, Ivan. *Commemoration Wesleyan Chapel High Street, 150th anniversary...* 1993

Hames, E W. *From Grafton to Three Kings to Parata. A history of Wesley College, Auckland, New Zealand from 1844 to 1982.* 1982

Hames, E W. *Wesley College: a centenary survey, 1844-1944.* Published in conjunction with the Wesley Historical Society (New Zealand Branch) as vol 3 no 4 and vol 4 no 1 of its Proceedings. [1944]

Pehiakura Mission Station also called Ihumatao Mission Station

Chapel built by Te Rangitaahua Ngamuka

H H Lawry 1847-1854

Deserted after land wars

Included Ihumatao (near present-day Mangere)

On 1855 preaching plan p 204 Morley

Near Kohekohe

Parish code number: **2400**

Parish code number: **2380**

Registers held Methodist Church of New Zealand Archives:

B-25

M-119

Sources: Luxton, C T J. *Methodist beginnings in the Manukau. The story of the Peihiakura Mission 1834-1867*

Waikato District

Waingarua Mission Station (also known as Raglan)

Opened 1835

J Wallis 1835-1836

Closed

Reopened 1838

J Wallis 1838-1863

[For full list of stationing appointments – refer Donald Phillipps *Companion to William Morley's history of Methodism in New Zealand*]

Parish code number: **3090**

Registers held Methodist Church of New Zealand Archives:

B-415

Sources:

Graham, V & Payne, D. *Cross currents: 125 years of settler Methodism in Kirikiriroa - Hamilton*. Hamilton: Hamilton Parish History Committee [1989]

Wesley Historical Society publications:

#57 1991 *A Pioneer Missionary - Cort Schnackenburg* by G E J Hammer (Mokau, Kawhia, Raglan)

#21 1965 *Rev James Wallis* by C T J Luxton

Mission circuit includes

Kawhia Mission Station

First station established at Papakawera late 1834

W Woon 1834-1836

Second station established at **Waiharakeke** 1835

J Whiteley 1835-1836

WMS closes Mission 1836

Mission re-opened at **Ahuahu** 1839

J Whiteley 1839-1855

Mission established at Mokau 1840 as part of Kawhia mission

Wooden chapel built by Te Awai-i-taia date unknown

Kawhia under Aotea Mission station missionary 1855-1856

[For full list of stationing appointments – refer Donald Phillipps *Companion to William Morley's history of Methodism in New Zealand*]

Parish code number: **3312**

Registers held Methodist Church of New Zealand Archives:

B-303

B-304

M-1766

Sources:

Leadley, Alan. *160 years of Methodism at Kawhia, 1834-1994*.

Mokau Mission Station opened 1841

G Buttle 1841-1842

C H Schnackenberg 1842-1858

Hone Eketone 1858-1863

Parish code number: **3310-1**

Registers held Methodist Church of New Zealand Archives:

Aotea Mission Station also called Beechamdale Mission Station

Founded 1841 p86 Morley
H H Turton 1841-1844
G Smales 1844-1856
Includes Kawhia 1855-1856
C H Schnackenberg 1856-1866

Parish code number: **3008**

Registers held Methodist Church of New Zealand Archives:

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Wakatumutumu

Frederick Miller (catechist) 1840-1848

Parish code number **3310-1**

Registers held Methodist Church of New Zealand Archives:

Sources:

Whakatumutumu (King Country) The story Frederick Miller and the Whakatumutumu Mission.
Wesley Historical Society publication #16(5) 1959

Sowing the Seed in Pioneer NZ - Frederick Miller of Whakatumutumu. By G Elliot

Waipa Mission Station and Te Kopua Mission Station

Station opened 1840
T Buddle 1840-1845
New site chosen at **Te Kopua 1841**
G Buttle 1845-1858
Ministry of Hamiora Ngarope 1857-1861
A Reid 1858-1864
Wiremu Patene 1862-1864
Reid forced to leave Waipa c 1864
Oversight of Schnackenberg from Waingarua 1864-1888
Station re-opened 1891
Wi Warena Pewa (Te Kopua) 1890-1906
Hamiora Kingi (Te Kopua) 1896-1900

Parish code number **3250-3**

Registers held Methodist Church of New Zealand Archives:

Sources:

Morley, William. *The History of Methodism in New Zealand.* McKee 1900.
<http://www.archive.org/details/historymethodis00morlgoog>

Lydford, David Paul. *Rose petals for God...being a history of Methodism in the Waipa-Pirongia-Te Awamutu. 150 years 1841-1991.* 1991

Taupo

Ministry of T Skinner (1849)

Parish code number: none

Taranaki District

New Plymouth Wesleyan Mission

C Creed 1841-1844

Purchase of church 1843 Courtney Street

H H Turton 1844-1856

European and Maori work divided 1854

Ngamotu – site purchased 1840 for Grey Institute

Parish code number: **4010**

Parish code number for Grey Institute Trust: **9308**

Registers held Methodist Church of New Zealand Archives:

B-80

B-295

B-124

Sources:

Maclean, Sally *A history of the Ngamotu Mission and the Grey Trust Institute* [sic]. New Plymouth: Grey Institute Trust. 1992

Wesley Historical Society publications:

In the Beginning. By T G Hammond. *Missionary work in South Taranaki 1837-1846*. Wesley Historical Society publication #1(4) 1942

Early Missionary Days in South Taranaki. By A B Chappell

The Land Wars and the Missions. The story of John Whiteley and the Land Wars. Wesley Historical Society publication #64 1996

John Whiteley - Land Sovereignty and the Land Wars of the 19th Century. By G Brazendale

Taranaki South Wesleyan Mission Circuit also called Heretoga Wesleyan Mission Station

J Skevington 1843-1845

Waimate South

Memorial boulder moved to Hawera Church 1942, cairn on site of station

W Woon 1846-1854

Waitotara

Opened 1848

G Stannard 1848-1856

Wooden chapel

Waingongoro

J Skevington 1842-1864

Taumaha (Manutahi)

Chapel built 1838

Worship conducted by W Woon 1848

Turangarere chapel – built early 1840s

Parish code number: 4000

Sources:

Skinner, W H. *Across a century; a glimpse at heroic beginnings. The Gospel comes to Taranaki.*
[Levin] Methodist Church of New Zealand [n.d.]

Manawatu/Wanganui District

Wanganui River Wesleyan Mission Station

Opening of station at Pipiriki 1844

Shipwreck of Hobbs, Kirk and Stannard 1848

Opening of station at Ohinemutu 1848

W Kirk 1849-1853

Station includes Patiarero, Manganui-o-te-aro, Tuhua

Parish code number: **4090**

Sources:

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Wellington District

Wellington Circuit Wesleyan Maori Mission

Bumby and Hobbs visit 1839

Land purchased

First church of raupo on east side of Te Aro Stream

J Aldred 1840-1843

Original church blown down

Original land exchanged for Market Reserve corner Manners and Cuba Streets

Quarterly Meeting formed 1842

G Buttle (2nd appointment) 1842-1843

G Smales at Porirua 1843

S Ironside 1843-1849

J Watkin 1844-1855

Second church built 1844 opened for worship 1845

Mission house built 1844

Ministry funded by Wesleyan Missionary Society until 1848

Church destroyed in earthquake 1848

J Aldred (2nd appointment) 1849-1850

Third church opened 1850

Parish code number: **6000**

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Marlborough District

Cloudy Bay Wesleyan Mission Station also called Port Underwood

S Ironside 1840-1843

Wooden chapel called Ebenezer built at Ngakuta

Closure of station after Wairau affray 1843

Local preacher Paramena left in charge

W Jenkins (catechist) 1845-1848

Parish code number: **7000**

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Otago District

Waikouaiti Mission Station (present day Karitane)

J Watkin 1840-1844

C Creed 1844-1853

W Kirk 1854-1859

Mission closed 1859

Parish code number: **9020-18**

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