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HISTORICAL SUMMARY  
1913 - 1977

METHODIST CHURCH  
OF NEW ZEALAND  
ARCHIVES (Auckland)

THE AUCKLAND METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOMES BOARD

AND THE

CHILD CARE COMMITTEE

OF THE

AUCKLAND METHODIST CENTRAL MISSION

Rev G I Laurence 1977.

## THE BEGINNINGS

1913 was the year of the Methodist Union in New Zealand. On August 23rd, a meeting was called to appoint a Provisional Committee to administer a property, purchased by Mr A. C. Caughey and his sister, Mrs W. H. Smith, and donated by them to the Methodist Church for use as an orphanage. With the property, Mr Caughey also gave one-hundred pounds per year for three years towards development and maintenance costs.

The property consisted of 2½ acres of land and a substantial house of 18 rooms.

The interim Board of Trustees consisted of the Reverends' George Bond, C. H. Garland, C. E. Beecroft; Messrs J. W. Shackelford, Arch Peak, A. H. White, J. E. Astley, J. E. Wheeler and W. Astley.

A Ladies' Furnishing Committee was also appointed.

The Wesley College Board transferred to the new Trust five-hundred pounds, plus one-hundred and seven pounds eight shillings and eight pence interest, accrued from a "Knox Bequest" held in trust by them, for the establishment of a Children's Home. Mr A.C. Caughey further donated the balance necessary to cover the sum of one-thousand and sixteen pounds - for necessary alterations.

The first Matron was Mrs E. J. Blight with her husband, Reverend Joseph Blight, as her assistant and House Father. Miss Ursula Blight (later Mrs E. E. Sage) was employed as a member of the staff in residence. Mr & Mrs Blight were paid one-hundred pounds per annum, plus board and residence.

The Government at this time was running an Industrial Home in Mt Albert and this was known as the Children's Home. It was at first proposed to call the new home the Methodist Children's Home but later, to save confusion as to the nature of the work, the name was changed to "The Methodist Orphanage, Mt Albert."

The opening function was held on December 20th, 1913 with six children then in residence. It was then decided that thereafter the Sunday prior to Christmas Day should be marked as Orphanage Sunday in Methodist Churches.

A cow in full milk was loaned to the Orphanage by a Mr Andrews of Mt Albert. In October the Matron reported that the cow on loan "had ceased to supply the lacteal fluid and they were buying milk." Later Mr William Winstone and Mr P. Collins each donated a cow to the Orphanage.

By May 26th, 1915 there were 22 children in residence and in 1916 there were 25. Mr Caughey extended his munificence that year by purchasing two acres of adjoining land and offered them at a peppercorn rental, with the option to purchase at any time for the price paid - six-hundred and fifty pounds. In 1918 Mr Caughey indicated that he would now donate the land.

IN 1923: Mr A. L. Caughey replaced Mr G. M. Fowlds as Treasurer of the Orphanage Board and Reverend Arthur Liversedge became Secretary in place of Reverend W. A. Burley.

IN AUGUST 1923: Miss Coatman was appointed House Mother when Mrs Hutchins resigned at Epworth.

Notice was received of a legacy of one-thousand pounds from the Estate of late Miss Emily J. Martin.

IN OCTOBER 1923: Miss Atkinson became a member of the permanent staff. At this time it was decided to hold an Annual Orphanage Demonstration to publicise the work of the Orphanages.

IN AUGUST 1924: Thought was given to procuring another home, in view of the growing need, and of the very promising proposal that had been raised.

Mr John Armitage at this time (September 1924) resigned as overseer.

IN OCTOBER 1924: It was decided to purchase a property in Buckland Road, Epsom for three-thousand, seven-hundred and fifty pounds. (Now call Buckley Road) Consisting of 2 3/4 acres of land adjoining a public reserve, a two-storied ten-roomed house, and also sections 21, 22 and 23 in the Dunkerron Estate.

IN FEBRUARY 1925: The Epsom Branch Home was opened by Lady Gunson, the Mayoress of Auckland. With 15 children in residence.

The Reverend Samuel Griffith became Secretary at seventy-five pounds per annum in place of Reverend A. Liversedge.

Mrs Armitage continued temporarily as Matron at Mt Albert.

Miss F. E. Smith was appointed Matron of Epsom, Buckland Road Branch. A widow, Mrs Everiss was added to the staff with her children as members of the home family. Also, a Miss Anderson was employed on the staff.

An extra section was bought at Epsom. The name now chosen for Epsom was THE EPSOM METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME AND ORPHANAGE.

IN APRIL 1925: The question was raised as to the need for separate homes for boys and girls. Structural alterations at Epsom were postponed while the policy was clarified.

IN AUGUST 1925: Miss Smith, the Epsom Matron, took ill and resigned. Mrs Everiss was appointed temporary Matron for three months. Applications for permanent position was widely advertised and drew 12 applications from all over New Zealand. Mrs Everiss was unanimously appointed.

The two homes at Mt Albert had 67 children; Epsom had 27 in residence.

IN OCTOBER 1925: That year there was an Influenza Epidemic and an infantile Paralysis Epidemic in the community, but the year passed with no sickness in the Epsom Home, owing to a Chickenpox Epidemic at the school, the Epsom children were quarantined at home, but school lessons had been continued at home, set by a visiting teacher from Roskill School. In addition extensive alterations had proceeded at the Epsom Home and the Matron received special commendation for the way she and her staff had maintained the home life.

Reverend S. Griffith was now appointed Secretary and Ministerial Treasurer, and Mr A. L. Caughey was appointed Lay Treasurer.

IN FEBRUARY 1926: Two additional Sections were purchased at Epsom facing Gorrie Avenue, containing a large stable and garage. The Epworth Mortgage of one-thousand three-hundred pounds was repaid. A bonus was paid to Miss May Armitage for her services in six years at Mt Albert.

CAPITAL AND LEGACY DEVELOPMENTS:

JULY 2, 1926: Report presented on bequests.

One-hundred pounds from Mrs Ann King, Pukekohe.

Five-hundred pounds subject to life interest of widow in Estate of James Kirby of Wellington.

Another unspecified sum in Estate of J. Whitford, subject to life interest of widow.

WILLIAM WINSTONE BEQUEST: Certain Trustees named to administer as a special trust the items of property forming the residue of the Estate and to realise on the assets. The Estate was requested to transfer such property and assets to these trustees.

Decision was reached to create an Endowment Fund of forty-thousand pounds. Interest only from this was to be used in general upkeep and maintenance. All donations and bequests of three-hundred and upwards, unless otherwise specified by donors and testators, were to be placed in this Account. This was to include the Winstone Bequest and other assets.

OCTOBER 22, 1926: Report that all three homes were full, with 110 children. Applications pending would quickly fill vacancies after Christmas changes.

Special resolutions of appreciation of the work of the Ladies Committee and the help of various societies such as Commercial Travellers and Warehousemen's Associations.

MARCH, 1927: Legacies reported:-

Two-thousand five-hundred pounds from the late Mrs Serre of Newmarket.

Fifty pounds from the late Mr R. W. Neal.

Mt Albert Dormitory for Girls was extended and six cubicles were made for Hostel Accommodation for older girls.

A Board of Trustees incorporated to facilitate transfer of bequeathed properties and the like.

(Hindsight now would show that this Incorporated Trust, being limited in its powers, caused endless confusion subsequently over the Boards own properties, held by Trustees under the Methodist Model Deed. The Incorporated Trust should have been the holding Trust for all present and subsequent purchases of property. G. I. L.)

At this date, discussion revealed much diversity of opinion as to admission of Maori children to the homes, and there were some strong reservations.

Excellent reports were received from the Headmasters of the day schools which the children attended.

DECEMBER, 1927: A sickroom for three beds was approved for Epsom.

Mrs Armitage's resignation after eight years was received and accepted with great regret.

The problem of accommodation for older boys was raised. A decision was to seek suitable private homes until provision for a boys' Hostel was made.

Further bequests notified or received:-

October 1927 Two-hundred pounds from Estate Mrs W. Hansen.  
Seven-hundred pounds from Estate Mrs Goldwyn Smith.

August 15, 1928 One-thousand pounds inscribed stock from Estate of James Trounson.

MARCH 23, 1928: Miss Margaret S. Johnston appointed Senior Matron at Wesley Home.

Miss Coatman, Junior Matron at Epworth Home.

Reverend & Mrs Blight resigned from the Orphanage Committee.

Miss Coleman left Wesley Home after five and a half years on the staff.

Further Bequests: S. J. Cox - One-hundred and fifty pounds.

Henry Almond - Half share in approximately two-thousand, three-hundred and twenty-three pounds, subject to a life four pounds per week annuity to the widow.

FEBRUARY 7, 1929: Deaths notified of Mr Hugh Caughey and Mr A. C. Caughey, both members of the Executive Committee.

Receipt of one-thousand sixty-four pounds from Estate of H. F. Winstone.

JUNE 20, 1929: Policy adopted regarding admission of children including Maoris (see page 275 of Minute Book for details).

Name changed from "Methodist Orphanage" to Auckland Methodist Children's Homes and Orphanage, Mt Albert and Epsom.

(These changes were compelled by the need to care for more than orphans. There was the growing problem of children from broken homes and children with one parent, whose solo parent is compelled to seek employment.)

Notifications of legacy of one-fifth of Estate Reverend W. S. Potter, subject to life interest of widow and daughter.

OCTOBER 30, 1929: Total roll now 106 with 20 vacancies.

Mr A. C. Caughey bequest notified five-hundred pounds payable in the year 1938.

JUNE 30, 1930: Miss Cutforth, Assistant Matron at Wesley Home, retired after ten years service.

AUGUST 1, 1930: Legacy notified five-hundred pounds from Estate of D. D. Hayes of Waiuku.

APRIL 24, 1931: Legacy notified five-hundred pounds from Estate of Mrs James Trounson.

Economic depression seriously affecting general income.

MARCH 17, 1932: Death recorded of Reverend George Bond, Member of Board since 1913 and the first Chairman.

Considering a 10% cut in salaries of staff, but referred back to Executive for further consideration.

JULY 4, 1932: Board resolved no power to restrict admissions to Methodist children. In case of children with both parents living, each case to be considered on its merits.

Resolved to cut staff salaries by 10% and to accept the offer of the Secretary to accept one-hundred pounds per annum instead of one-hundred and fifty pounds.

Legacies reported: Late George Winstone two-hundred and fifty pounds.

J. C. Wayby five-hundred pounds or more.  
Sara Andrew Estate five-hundred pounds or more.

OCTOBER 31, 1932: Letter from J. Marsden Caughey enclosing legacy from Estate of late A. C. Caughey of five-hundred pounds with interest, paid six years before due date in view of financial position of Board.

Appreciation recorded of work of Mrs Everiss during several periods of quarantine at Epsom Home, during which she conducted and taught school in the Home, including the sixth standard.

MARCH 20, 1933: Death recorded of Mr Arch Peak, Board's Solicitor and Board member since 1913.

Bequest notified - Mr John Sheat, Mt Eden of one-thousand and six-hundred pounds.

The Reverend S. Griffith resigned as Clerical Treasurer, replaced by the Reverend George Frost.

Executive empowered to advertise for and appoint successor to Mrs Everiss as Matron at Epsom.

AUGUST 1, 1933: Miss Doris Spooner selected from 31 applicant as Matron of Epsom.

Mr A. Williams replaced Mr Walter Ambury as Chairman of Epsom grounds and building Committee.

MARCH 12, 1934: Miss Johnston, Matron at Wesley, granted leave of absence to visit her dying sister in Canada. Her sister died before she arrived( she resigned and her resignation was accepted with great regret in April 23, 1934). Mrs Hutchins was appointed acting Matron in her absence.

Three-hundred and fifty pounds was received as two shares in a legacy of five-thousand pounds under the will of Mr John Scott of Dunedin for (Orphanages in the four centres of New Zealand.)

Miss Anderson, Assistant Matron at Epsom had personally rent a flat at Kohimarama so that some children could have a seaside holiday. Not sufficient country holiday homes had been obtainable for the total number of children in the Homes.

JULY 23, 1934: Mr & Mrs Wild of Palmerston North were appointed as Master and Matron at Wesley Home, Mt Albert.

The Reverend S. Griffith advised of his desire to be relieved as Secretary after ten years.

MARCH 28, 1935: A 21st Birthday Souvenir Booklet was written by the Reverend W. T. Blight at short notice.

Legacy of twenty-five pounds to Capital Fund interest only to be used, from Mr Enos Stevenson of Pukekohe. Public Trust as Executor.

JANUARY 31, 1935: Two old cottages at New-Market (Serre Estat) to be sold.

MARCH 28, 1935: The Reverend Arthur Hopper designated as Secretary as from July 1.

The Reverend W. T. Blight asked for:

- a. full detailed list of all legacies with explanatory statement.
- b. consideration of policy for sale of all old present homes and the establishment on a suitable suburban site of a suite of buildings to accommodate all the children under one administration.

The Treasurers were asked to report to the next meeting.

JUNE 26, 1935: Legacy reported of one-thousand pounds from the late Mrs Gilmore.

Tidying up of Trust Lists of Property: It was decided to revise the three Boards of Trustees of the various Homes with identical names for each property to replace many deceased trustees.

NOVEMBER 6, 1935: A question of criticism was raised of children from Epsom attending Mt Roskill School without boots or shoes.

Report of legacy of seventy-five pounds from Estate of J. J. Veale.

Also, that the Board could be a beneficiary under the will of Mr J. C. M. Mallach of Dunedin. (see also Trust Board Minutes of November 5, 1935)

JULY 13, 1936: Constitution of Ladies Committee approved.

Miss Spooner's resignation received but continuing in charge until her successor appointed.

The Reverend G. Frost appointed Manager of the Homes for the purposes of the Child Welfare Act of 1925, and its amendments.

Thirty pounds received from Estate of Sarah Andrews and placed to Capital Account.

Decision to place on the market two sections owned by the Board in Gorrie Avenue at a minimum of five-hundred pounds.

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING AUGUST 4, 1936:

Miss E. Coatman was appointed Matron at Epsom.

Decision to close Epworth Home, Mt Albert. All older boys of all Homes to be placed at Wesley. All girls and little boys at Epsom.

Miss Anderson appointed Sub-Matron.

Miss James appointed Sewing Mistress.



AUGUST 4, 1936: SPECIAL BUILDING AND POLICY COMMITTEE was set up to consider centralising of the Homes, sale of present sites and buildings, and purchasing of other section or sections.

NOVEMBER 9, 1936: Wesley Home, Mt Albert, has now 44 boys in residence.

Epsom Home has 29 girls and 12 boys. Totaling 85 children.

Miss James resigned after 11 years as Assistant and Sewing Mistress.

MARCH 3, 1937: Restoration of former rates of payments for staff, reduced during the Depression.

One-thousand pounds legacy received from Estate of Amy Hartley

MARCH 23, 1937: Special Board Meeting.

Two-hundred and fifty pounds donation from Lord Nuffield.

Devoted to:

- a. provision of a gymnasium for boys at Mt Albert,
- b. consideration of providing recreational facilities for the bigger girls at Epsom.

Mr A. C. Marshall engaged as consulting architect.

Interim expenditure authorised not more than fifty pounds on minor alterations at Epsom. New building prospect makes expenditure on older buildings uneconomic.

Balance of money to be reserved for provision of a play room in the new building to be known as the Lord Nuffield play room.

Call for urgency in carrying out the major building scheme. Additional names added to the Special Committee.

JUNE 21, 1937: Miss Coatman resigned as Epsom Matron after 15 years of service at Mt Albert and Epsom.

AUGUST 1, 1937: Special Meeting, Mrs Rosina Butterworth appointed Matron of Epsom as from September 1, 1937.

Visit of the Reverend and Mrs J. H. Litten from the National Children's Homes and Orphanages, England, had been greatly appreciated by both Homes. He had warmly advocated the Cottage group system of Homes as compared with large institutional buildings with their less homelike conditions and methods of administration.

Mr A. C. Marshall, Architect, had made a tracing of the plan of the Atherstoke modern type of home, lent by Mr Litten.

JANUARY 17, 1938: Death reported of the Reverend S. Griffith on 19 December 1937.

APRIL 12, 1938: Special Meeting to consider purchasing land a Three Kings from Wesley College Board for development of new centralised scheme of Homes.

This appeared very desirable but negotiations were delayed as the Government was seeking a larger block including the area desired by the Board, for State housing.

Also, the Crown Land Department was seeking the Buckland Road property for State Housing but the Board was not satisfied with the price being offered.

Lord Galway visited Epsom Home.

Nine-hundred thirty-three pounds, nine shillings and four pence was received from J. H. Hannan Estate.

NOVEMBER, 7, 1938: Death reported of Mrs Smith-Caughey Prest (Life member of Board and foundation benefactor)

APRIL 3, 1939: Legacy of one-fifth share in Income from twelve-thousand pounds residence of Estate of late Mr A. C. Hook. Resolved to seek the transfer of the share of Capital into the Board's hands.

Wesley College land at Three Kings now not available as total block purchased by the Government for State housing.

JULY 6, 1939: Offer of purchase of 10 to 12 acres of land at Winstone Park, Mt Roskill for one-hundred and seventy pounds per acre. To be inspected by Board members.

JULY 17, 1939: Special meeting to consider this. Also, offer of sections fronting Dominion Road Extension. Agreed to purchase, subject to satisfactory report from Mr James Tyler on possibility of drainage of swampy portion.

JULY 25, 1939: Further special meeting. Mr Tyler reported no insuperable problem in providing suitable drainage of whole area. Also, advised purchase of section 323 Dominion Road as front entrance to property. Decision made to purchase. Mr A. C. Marshall engaged as Architect to prepare and submit plans for layout and buildings.

OCTOBER 10, 1939: Death reported of Mrs Armitage.

Decision to request the separate groups of Orphanage Trustees (Wesley, Epworth and Epsom) to transfer title to all real estate held for the Orphanage Board to the Methodist Orphanage Trust Board (Inc.). That the Board of Management require and direct such transfer in terms of the deed of incorporation.

(Evidently this was not carried out for some unexplained reason, as the properties continued under Trustees under the Model Deed until 1976 when they were placed in the care of the Central Mission Incorporated Trust)

The former site and Building Committee was now discharged and a new Building Committee was appointed.

NOVEMBER 29, 1939: Decision made (inspite of emerging wide-spread conviction against large institutions for care of dependent children) to adopt proposals for erection of a home to accommodate 48 children and staff; together with recreation hall, drying room and laundry. Estimated cost fifteen thousand pounds. Mr Marshall to be the Architect to complete plans, specifications and estimates to submit to a special meeting of the Building Committee.

Miss Pethybridge, Sub-Matron of Wesley Home, resigned to care for her aged mother. Miss Mathieson was appointed Deputy Matron.

Resignation accepted of Secretary, the Reverend A. Hopper.

MAY 6, 1940: The Reverend A. E. Orr appointed acting Secretary

Decision to purchase section on Radnor Road for better main access entrance.

JULY 22, 1940: Legacy for Mt Albert of one-thousand nine hundred pounds from Estate of the late Mr John Sheat.

OCTOBER 21, 1940: Uncertainties of the War situation had caused delay in proceeding with new building - but Mr Marshall now given instructions to proceed with plans and specifications immediately.

NOVEMBER 8, 1940: Special adjourned meeting of Board members held to consider recommendations of Special Executive regarding duties of Officers of the Board.

Decisions: Clerical Treasurer to be Manager under terms of Child Welfare Act and its Ammendments, and to have charge of Board's finances. Secretary to be Chief Executive Officer of the Board.

APRIL 8, 1941: The Reverend Frank E. Leadley appointed Manager and Clerical Treasurer from April 1, 1941.

The Reverend George Frost available until June 30 at present salary for advice and information.

JULY 7, 1941: Plans deferred for six months owing to war.

INCORPORATED BOARD:- (still confused as to real functions and powers). The Reverend A. E. Orr recommended to Trust Board as a Trustee and that the Secretary of the Orphanage Board be Secretary of the Trust Board.

OCTOBER 20, 1941: Resignation of Mr and Mrs Wild. The Reverend and Mrs T.A. Joughin appointed Life Members of the Board.

JANUARY 26, 1942: Death reported of Mr Joughin, Mr & Mrs Cook appointed Master and Matron of Wesley.

APRIL 13, 1942: Smith Estate (C.F. Bennett Trustee) reported share in returns from eight-thousand pounds left to United Orphanage Council.

JULY 13, 1942: Record of appreciation of work of late Dr Cyril Griffin as Honorary Physician at Epsom Home.

FEBRUARY 8, 1943: Obituaries of late Mrs Joughin and Mr Alf Trenwith.

APRIL 14, 1943: Deaths reported of Messrs R. W. Gillon and J. R. Campbell, Board Members.

Gift by Warkworth Church people used to purchase 80 hymn books (words edition) and two Tune books for use of children attending Church Services.

Resolved to examine possible use of Epsom Home for older girl's Hostel. Small delivery van to be purchased for one-hundred pounds for use of homes to be kept at Wesley.

JULY 13, 1943: The Reverend A. E. Orr resigned as Board Secretary. The Reverend F. E. Leadley appointed Secretary-Treasurer, Mr D. E. Parton, Minute Secretary. Enquiries to be made as to possibility of using Pitt Street Parsonage or Martin Brothers Rest Home property as a Girl's Hostel.

Miss W. Anderson, Sub-Matron at Epsom resigned after 18 years' service.

OCTOBER 5, 1943: Resignation of Mr and Mrs B. Cooke, Master and Matron at Wesley Home accepted with extreme regret.

Resolved to sell Epworth Home for two-thousand one-hundred pounds owing to increasing maintenance costs and age of building.

Deaths of Mrs W. M. Winstone and Mrs Maurice Harding reported. One-thousand pounds now available as legacy from Maurice Harding Estate.

Resolution to proceed with alterations to Epsom Building for a Girl's Hostel, other prospects not proved suitable.

JANUARY 25, 1944: Growing support annually from Auckland Orphanages United Council. Eight-hundred and four pounds received as against four-hundred and thirty-four pounds the previous year.

John Currie Estate:- Joint legacy for Presbyterian and Methodist Churches for establishment of a separate Cottage Home in Auckland for destitute orphan children. Resolved to ask Conference to apply for division of the legacy between the two churches for maintenance and extension of present homes operated by those churches in the district.

APRIL 18, 1944: Mr and Mrs Maitland Jones appointed Master and Matron at Wesley Home, Mt Albert.

Death reported of the Reverend George Frost.

Hostel opening at Epsom fixed for May 20, 1944.

OCTOBER 17, 1944: Death of Miss Agnes Mason, Board Member.  
Miss Benton replaced Miss Anderson as Sub-Matron at Epsom.

JANUARY 23, 1945: Mrs Butterworth's resignation was accepted by the Executive with extreme regret. Miss Benton was appointed Matron at Epsom.

The old house at Railway Street, Newmarket was sold for seven-hundred and seventy-five pounds.

Legacies of three-hundred and sixty pounds were received during quarter.

APRIL 10, 1945: The Reverend F. E. Leadley seriously ill. Miss Rogers at the Mission Departments Office assisting with the secretarial duties in the meantime.

JULY 10, 1945: Sister Ivy Jones appointed Secretary-Manager to replace Mr Leadley.

OCTOBER 16, 1945: Death of Miss E. Waddingham, Board Member.

FEBRUARY 6, 1946: Members of Trust Board appointed but again action deferred on Constitution (again).

JUNE 26, 1946: Mr & Mrs Maitland Jones ceased work at Wesley Home. Miss Grove was appointed Matron.

FEBRUARY 11, 1947: Problem of number of children at Wesley not attending Mt Albert Sunday School owing to problems of accommodation and teaching staff.

Legacy notified Henry Wilson Estate, share should be about four-thousand pounds.

MAY 6, 1947: Deaths reported of Miss H. Astley, Mr W. Astley, Mrs Garlick Senior and Mr J. Astley.

OCTOBER 15, 1947: Legacy of one-thousand, two-hundred and ten pounds, fourteen shillings and four pence, received from Mary Thomas Estate.

Titles to Houses at 645 and 647 Mt Albert Road transferred to Board.

Legacy notified of five-hundred pounds from Estate of Mr F. M. Midford, Tutaenui, Marton.

MAY 10, 1948: Resignation of Miss Benton as Matron of Epsom. Miss F. Archer appointed for three month's trial.

JULY 20, 1948: Deaths of Messrs A. Williams and J. W. Shackleford notified.

Robbery of office and theft of seventy pounds of Board Funds. As a result of publicity, cheque received from Mr T. Kiddle of Taupiri as donation to cover the loss.

Sister Ivy given leave of absence owing to mother's illness. Mrs Edna Hemmings assisting temporarily with office work.

APRIL 5, 1949: Death of Mr Joel Hargreaves, Board Member.

JULY 12, 1949: Resignation from Board of Mr J. E. Astley and Mr G. W. Turley. Mr Astley recommended as Life Member.

Policy Board recommendation that the new home be for both boys and girls, not boys only.

AUGUST 30, 1949: Estate of E. T. Frost resolved to recommend acceptance of transfer of assets from this estate.

Estate of A. W. Powell. Letter received from the Connexional Secretary that a claim of five pounds five shillings per week had been lodged against this Estate of twelve thousand pounds.

NOVEMBER 15, 1949: Death notified of Mr D. E. Parton, Board Member. Appointment of Mr F. E. S. Long as Housemaster at Wesley Mt Albert from September 5th.

Mrs Hemmings appointed Board Member.

Legacy reported of John Hannah Estate of three-hundred and seventeen pounds, twelve shillings, and from Mrs Nesbitt Estate of six-hundred and ninety-six pounds four shillings and one pence.

AUGUST 16, 1950: Hold-up of plans for Roskill Home because of Railway Department plans for proposed Railway cutting through the building site. Mr Marshall leaving on trip to England. No possibility of adjusting siting of plan for building until his return early in 1951.

Annie Reid Estate. Property valued at seven hundred pounds, plus cash about sixty pounds, and sundry articles of furniture left to Mt Albert Home.

New names sought for Property Trustees.

DECEMBER 13, 1950: Registration Form for Trust Board signed. (still not clear whether incorporation ever completed)

Mr F. E. Long not continued as Wesley Housemaster. Temporary arrangement with Mr Blackmore in dual capacity - Master and gardener.

Legacy notified of one-hundred pounds from Elizabeth O'Kelly of Gisborne.

MARCH 5, 1951: The Reverend W. E. A. Carr appointed new Board Member.

ROSKILL SITE. Owing to Railway plans it had become necessary to vary plans and siting. This involved moving the building 20 feet further forward and two feet lower than originally planned.

Amended plans to be prepared, dropping Hostel section, and embodying provision for boys and girls. Estimates previously were twenty-thousand pounds, then twenty-three thousand pounds and now at least forty-thousand. Inflation was caused by the War.

Mr Blackmore left Wesley. A University student, Mr Tucker, was appointed temporarily.

The Reverend E. W. Hames overseas. The Reverend W. E. Allon Carr was appointed interim Chairman of the Board.

FINLAY ESTATE: Notice received that Mrs Finlay's home at 41 Milford Road had been left to the Board as a Holiday Home for children.

JOSEPH WILKINSON ESTATE: Legacy in Trust notified four-hundred pounds.

E. O'KELLY ESTATE: Legacy of one-hundred pounds received.

AUCKLAND ORPHANAGES UNITED COUNCIL: Cheque for eight-hundred and seventy-one pounds was received as share of year's efforts.

JUNE 19, 1951: Miss Grove, Matron at Wesley, resigned.

AUGUST 14, 1951: Mrs Butterworth appointed Matron at Wesley as from January 1, 1952.

Mrs A. H. White appointed Life Member of the Board.

SEPTEMBER 24, 1951: A decision was made to build on the new site for thirty boys and thirty girls. A kitchen and dining room was to be large enough for future extension of the work.

NOVEMBER 29, 1951: Miss Grove left after 5½ years service with the Board.

AUGUST 26, 1952: Mr James Tyler relinquished all activities with the Board through ill health. He was elected a Life Member.

NOVEMBER 26, 1952: Report of Conference at Nelson. A representative of the Board reported some criticism of plans to erect a large institution. A Conference Special Committee was set up to consider and advise the Church on policy regarding future Homes and child care.

It was resolved to send a request to the Government for a subsidy towards the building cost in view of delays caused by the War, and later delays because of the Railway proposals and the resulting escalation of costs.

This application had proved unsuccessful but it was decided to make further application to the Prime Minister.

Instead of selling the old properties it was decided to subdivide them into building lots and offer them for Glasgow leases.

JANUARY 27, 1954: Tenders closed for the new buildings.

FEBRUARY 3, 1954: Tender of the Northland Builders Limited was accepted.

APRIL 14, 1954: Foundation stone laying by the President of the Conference, the Reverend H.L. Fiebig, was sent for May 2, 1954.

JUNE 16, 1954: Two-thousand nine-hundred and eleven pounds, fifteen shillings and seven pence was received in cash from Estate of Mr John Sheat, together with a parcel of Government Inscribed Stock valued at three-hundred and fifty pounds.

Mrs Butterworth designated Matron of the new Home.

AUGUST 18, 1954: Mrs Butterworth accepted appointment as Matron, with Miss Archer and Miss J. Southern as Mothers for the boys and girls sections.

NOVEMBER 17, 1954: Death notified of Mrs Emerson, Life Member of the Board.

NOVEMBER 30, 1955: Resignation of Miss F. Archer after 7½ years on the staff.

MARCH 14, 1956: WESLEYDALE chosen as name for the new Home. Miss Robinson appointed House Mother for the Girl's Home.

RENTALS: It was reported that the ground rentals for the Epsom sections, for dwellings and shops, totalled nine-hundred and eighty four pounds, ten shillings per annum.

It was resolved that the old dwelling and outbuildings on the Mt Albert property be removed and the land also be sub-divided and offered on Glasgow leases.

After all the applications to the Government for special assistance, a grant of ten-thousand pounds was received from the Internal Affairs Department.

MAY 30, 1956: Death reported of Mr W. Faulkner, Life Member.

APRIL 22, 1956: Reverend W.E. Carr relinquished Chairmanship of the Board and Mr Russell Garlick appointed.

Reverend W. Walker resigned from the Board.

OCTOBER 23, 1956: New Board Members:- G.C. Riddell, Mrs Harri Chairwoman of the Ladies' Committee and Mrs Steale, President of the Methodist Women's Guild Fellowship.

Resignation of Mrs Butterworth, Matron at Epsom for seven years later at Wesley for six years and one year at Wesleydale.

MARCH 19, 1957: Death of Mrs A. White, Life Member of Board.

Miss Southern resigned as Boy's House Mother. Miss Kiddle was appointed.

Mrs Butterworth Acting-Matron until successor takes over.

Auction of Sections at Mt Albert produced one-thousand, four hundred and thirty pounds in Annual Glasgow Lease ground rents.



Miss Kiddle did not continue as House Mother, she was replaced by Miss Sandford.

Legacies:- One-hundred pounds from Estate of G. W. Turley.

Two-hundred and fifty pounds for Epsom and two-hundred and fifty pounds for Mt Albert from Estate of Mrs B. E. Brain.

Seven-hundred ninety-eight pounds, five shillings and two pence from Estate of F. E. King.

One-twentieth of Net Revenue from Estate of B. J. Walker, when property auctioned.

The Whangarei Light, Coal & Coke Company in liquidation and shares which had been written off had unexpectedly been repaid - 666 preference shares and 12/6 on 1000 ordinary shares.

Miss Ann Sharp was accepted for one year's service at Wesleydale, under the Order of St Stephen. It was also suggested that Sister Lynne Taylor be employed as an assistant. Miss Sandford resigned as House Mother of the Boy's Block.

MARCH 5, 1958: Miss Robinson, Assistant Matron and Mother of the Girl's block resigned. This left three vacancies on the staff including cook.

MARCH 12, 1958: Legacy notified 10/65ths in Estate of late Mr W. H. Faulkner, subject to life interest of the widow.

One-hundred pounds was received from Estate of Mrs J. E. Martin.

Miss Parker and Miss Knight were placed in charge of the boy's block and Miss Swindlehurst and Miss Manson in the girl's block.

JUNE 24, 1958: Word was received that Miss Ada Naylor had been awarded the M.B.E. as Headmistress of the Girls' High School in Fiji.

Office space to be sought in the new Central Mission Building with a view to bringing Children's Homes work into a closer relationship with Central Mission office and Administration staff.

Keith Rowe, a former Home boy who had been through Teachers' College, had turned his thoughts towards the Ministry and asked for permission to seek release from his bond under bursary from the Education Department.

OCTOBER 14, 1958: Legacy notified in Estate of E. M. I. White. The Auckland share of between one and eight-thousand pounds expected in about eight months' time.

The Director of Education urged that Keith Rowe complete his training as a teacher before taking up the Ministry.

Mr Buckley to be appointed Master of the Home.

DECEMBER 8, 1958: Mr Buckley attended as House Manager at a special staffing meeting, but was not continued as such.

Legacies:- Donation from Orange Hall Society of fifty pounds.

Notified legacy from Olaf Anderson of approximately one-thousand pounds.

Ex Home Missionary, T.W. Featherson approximately two-hundred pounds.

Mrs Durban approximately five-hundred and twenty-three pounds.

Ethel M.E. White approximately six-thousand pounds.

APRIL 10, 1959: A decision was made to invite Mr & Mrs Riley of Gisborne to fly to Auckland for an interview as Master & Matron.

APRIL 24, 1959: Mrs Riley to meet the Ladies of the Board on the Saturday. The position was to be offered to Mr & Mrs Riley.

Miss Jones resigned as Matron. Mrs Davis and Miss Robinson were asked to continue in the meantime.

Cheque of three-hundred and fifty pounds was received from Whangarei Lighting Company.

Legacy from Estate of Mrs A.E. Durbin of five-hundred and three pounds, fifteen shillings and five pence.

SEPTEMBER 30, 1959: Sister Ivy Jones gave notice of resignation.

AUGUST 13, 1959: Resignation of Mr & Mrs Wigglesworth from the Board.

Resignation of Mr B.R. Burton, transferred to Wellington.

Mr & Mrs A. Riley welcomed as Master & Matron of Wesleydale. A house is to be built for Mr & Mrs Riley as a Superintendants' residence on the Dominion Road Extension Section (1107).

Legacy notified of two-hundred pounds from Estate Miss D. Kent

Legacy received of one-hundred pounds from Estate Miss Fleming

DECEMBER 2, 1959: Mr G.C. Riddell appointed Deputy Chairman.

Legacy received of one-hundred and fifty pounds from Estate of G.I. Ellis and 1/36th of the Estate is to come to the Board.

DECEMBER 15, 1959: Mr R.K. Stacey appointed to position as Secretary Manager to replace Sister Ivy who would work alongside him for three months when the position would be reviewed.

(A special Conference Commission was appointed to visit all the Church's Children's Homes and to review and report on these and all related questions of the Church's task in child care.)

At Wesleydale Miss Yarrall was appointed Assistant Matron and Miss Morrison Mother of the girls block.

JANUARY 27, 1960: Special resolution - retirement of Sister Ivy Jones.

Special Committee appointed regarding the Finlay Holiday Home.

APRIL 5, 1960: Legacy received of two-hundred pounds from Estate of Diane Kent.

JUNE 7, 1960: Mr Stacey's appointment as Secretary-Manager confirmed.

Death reported of Mrs Ada Faulkner, life member.

Legacy of one-thousand pounds received from Estate of Mrs E. M. S. White.

AUGUST 16, 1960: Decision to sell Finlay Holiday Home property. (confirmed after solicitors advice that no legal bar existed)

NOVEMBER 2, 1960: Resignation of Mr Frank Penn from Board. Orphanage Trust Board membership to be examined.

Policy regarding placing of selected children in foster homes to be examined and reported on.

JUNE 6, 1961: Consideration of report of Conference Commission on Methodist Children's Homes.

Broad principles of child care discussed. Board members cautious regarding family homes.

AUGUST 1961: Mrs Harris, President, Miss C. Wagstff, Secretary gave 45th Annual Report of Ladies' Committee.

Mr & Mrs Riley's report:- Important changes are taking place in children's work. Our task should be, not how long can we keep children in our homes, but how many can we adjust and return to normal family life." Commendation of the influence of Wesley College on lives of boys sent there by the Board for their residential education.

JUNE 30, 1961: ANNUAL REPORT. Success of pilot scheme of placing some children in foster homes.

AUGUST 15, 1961: Procedure for children in care going to approved foster homes - Detailed rules 1-11 (see Minutes)

Mrs C. J. Burton resignation from Ladies' Committee.

Mrs Downes acting as Assistant Matron at Wesleydale.

FEBRUARY 27, 1962: Resignation of Mr R. T. Garlick as Board Chairman, and of Mrs Garlick from Board Membership.

MAY 29, 1962: G. C. Riddell in Chair.

Still battling for release of Keith Rowe from bond after teaching one year and leaving to train for Ministry.

Resignation of Mr Goode from Board.

Dr Elsie Davidge, new Board member.

JULY 17, 1962: Mrs Somers now Chairwoman of Ladies' Committee and Mrs Grover, Secretary in place of Miss Wagstaff retiring.

AUGUST 14, 1962: Mrs Ziesler new member of the Board.

APRIL 24, 1963: Meeting of Board with representatives of the Conference Commission on the care of dependent children.

DECEMBER 13, 1963: Appointment of Methodist Social Worker, Miss I. George.

MARCH 24, 1964: Decision to open negotiations regarding the future of Wesleydale property.

Plans sketched for possible building on the Milford Road property as a family Home.

MAY 6, 1964: Possibility of using part or all of Wesleydale for a working boy's Hostel.

Secretary of Oakley Hospital wrote asking to be given an opportunity to consider the lease of the property.

OCTOBER 8, 1964: Donation of fifty pounds from Mrs Barker, of Pukekohe.

Resignation of Mr A. C. Matthews as Board Member. Mr H. Clar named as new member.

MARCH 17, 1965: Miss M. Colmer appointed Matron at Wesleydale  
Resignation of Mrs Grover, Board Member, moving to Matamata.

Legacy of one-thousand fifty-one pounds, twelve shillings and six pence from Estate of Gabriel Lyon in Scotland.

JUNE 23, 1965: Resignation of Mrs K. Tibble, Board Member.

Resignation of Mr J. G. Rennie, Board Member and property supervisor of Boards Buildings for 11 years.

SEPTEMBER 9, 1965: First meeting under new name of "Care of Dependent Children Committee" General Committee.

New social worker, application from Miss J. Boniface.

OCTOBER 28, 1965: Plans developing for erection of new family Home on Milford property.

Resignation of Mr R. T. Garlick from Committee.

APRIL 13, 1966: Mr Smith appointed Master at Wesleydale.

Miss Colmer First Assistant; Mrs Smith Second Assistant and Mrs Waldock Third Assistant.

MAY 16, 1966: Mrs Waldock resigned.

MAY 28, 1966: Proposal to erect a receiving home for 20 children in part of Wesleydale building. Another wing to accommodate 12 children as a family unit.

1107 Dominion Road to be considered as a Family Home. Further expansion by erecting Family Homes on present property or other sites procured for the purpose.

DECEMBER 8, 1966: Resignation of Mr P. Dellow as Secretary-Treasurer.

MARCH 30, 1967: The Reverend A. R. Penn appointed as Secretary-Treasurer and Manager.

Mr Smith permitted to accept outside work during daytime but to be available for oversight and assistance in mornings and evenings. Reduced payment figure in recognition of services and expenses.

Mrs Smith appointed Matron. Assistant Matron, Miss Charman and other staff - Miss Colmer, Miss Kitchen (cook), Miss Davison, and Mrs Grafton.

NOVEMBER 23, 1967: Sister Anne Wilson joined Board as representative of the Maori Mission and people.

Miss Colmer, House Mother, resigned as from December.

Miss Dacey added to the Staff.

Legacy of \$2,400 from E. W. Tozer Estate.

Annual grant of \$100 from Walters Estate.

\$1,200 from J. R. McKenzie Trust.

MARCH 6, 1968: \$600 to General Fund from Robert Gibson Trust, and \$100 for support of a boy under care at Wesley College.

Gift of \$500 from Door of Hope Association.

Legacy from Sugden Estate of \$468.16

Legacy from Janet Ment of \$400.

Miss Fowler appointed cook.

Mrs Maxwell appointed House Mother.

Miss J. Boniface, Social Worker, reported on her visit to Melbourne for Australasian Child Care Conference.

JULY 31, 1968: Resignation of the Reverend A. R. Penn as Secretary-Treasurer and Manager on account of ill health and growth of work.

SEPTEMBER 18, 1968: Mrs Maxwell, a House Mother, resigned to return to Australia.

Mrs Naulls appointed in her place.

NOVEMBER 20, 1968: Death reported of Mr P. Dellow.

Mrs Divers appointed Secretary-Treasurer.

Sale of Milford Property for \$9,900 (Finlay Holiday Home)

Gift of \$250 from Door of Hope Association.

Grant of \$1,200 from J. R. McKenzie Trust.

Miss Charman left to be married. Mrs Johnston appointed new Assistant Matron.

Miss Fowler resigned as from December 20th.

DECEMBER 10, 1968: Resignations of Mr & Mrs Smith received and effective from 31 December.

FEBRUARY 5, 1969: Mr & Mrs Roy Bowden appointed Master and Matron as from February 20, 1969.

Resignation of Mr A. L. Caughey received but Committee appointed him Life Member.

Legacy notified of \$200 from Estate Miss M. A. Isbister.

Gertrude F. Daldy Estate - 1/6th of revenue from investment of Residue of Estate to come to this Board.

MARCH 14, 1969: Decision to hold Wesleydale in meantime as emergency receiving home for families. Other Child Care Agencies to be notified of this for short-term use.

APRIL 1969: Special Meeting of General Committee with representatives of Child Welfare Department ( Supervisor of Registered Children's Homes from Wellington, and Superintendent of Child Welfare Department, Auckland.)

Mr Bowden present for first time as Master of Wesleydale.

JUNE 4, 1969: Legacies:- Estate of Florence Lusty \$365.68  
Estate of Isabella Jane Holmes  
\$4,000.

Reported Bequest - 1/3rd of \$19,000 Estate of Robit Ewbank  
\$10,000 invested in Prince Albert College Trust.

JULY 2. 1969: Messrs Geof Peak, W. H. Elliot and A. Turner added to list of Trustees.

AUGUST 6, 1969: Further contribution from Isabel Jane Homes Estate of \$1,700.

Received Mabel Isbister Estate \$200, and Louisa Mary Westbur Estate of \$1,050.78.

OCTOBER 15, 1969: Resignation of C. K. Wigglesworth from Trust.

Legacy received from Estate of G. H. Fleming of \$1,000.

Legacy received from Estate of Leo Seifert of \$230.57.

RESOLVED TO INVEST WITH PRINCE ALBERT COLLEGE TRUST \$12,000 from Finlay Holiday Home Account and \$10,000 from General Account Also, on Maturity, Local Body Stock to be so invested.

NOVEMBER 20, 1969: Donation from Door of Hope Association of \$250.

Legacies received from Estate of Robert Ewbank of \$2,400 and \$900. " " " Estate of Bertha Avann of \$4,000.  
" " " Estate of J.C.M. Mallach of \$101.69.  
" " " Estate of A. C. Hook of \$129.

Partitioning of dormitories to allow sufficient room for Secondary School students to study. To cost \$4,500.

MARCH 4, 1970: Miss Boniface tendered her resignation as Social Worker.

Legacy received from Estate of Nora Buttle of \$200, and from Estate of Jessie Buttle \$200.

Grant from Auckland United Orphanages Council of \$2,867 and from Robert Gibson Trust (Hawera) of \$200.

Gift (further sum) from North Hokianga Methodist Circuit of \$20

APRIL 1, 1970: Sister Anne Wilson resigned from Board. Mr Len Parker appointed interim Social Worker.

APRIL 28, 1970: Duties of Social Worker defined. (see Minutes

JUNE 3, 1970: Mr L. P. Parker to be employed as Social Worker for one year. Also that terms of employment of Social Worker be investigated by the Staffing Committee.

Steam heating installation commenced at Wesleydale.

JULY 8, 1970: Grant from Auckland Savings Bank of \$200.

Legacy recieved form Estate of Robert Ewbank of \$2,500 and from Estate of Gertrude Daldy of \$550.

Decision to invite Dr John Peat, Mrs S. H. Bersford, Mr Geof Peak and Mr Maurice Copeland to consider appointment as Board Member for 1971.

SEPTEMBER 9, 1970: Decision to consider offering right to freehold to Glasgow Lease tenants of Board's residential sections.

Legacy received Estate G. V. Gow \$2,000.

Grant from Walter Farm Trust \$100.

Insurance arranged on pictures loaned to Wesleydale by Mr & Mrs L. P. Parker.

NOVEMBER 11, 1970: Mrs Divers tendered her resignation. Temporarily deferred and special committee appointed to examine administration and policy.

Legacies received: Estate G.V. Gow (further sum) of \$355.61.  
Estate of T.K.Parker (interim) of \$625  
Estate of T.K.Parker (further) of \$500  
Estate of R. Ewbank of \$2,700.

Grant received from Sutherland Self-Help Trust of \$1,000.

DECEMBER 2, 1970: 1107 Dominion Road House rented to Mr & Mrs J. A. Boniface.

Mrs Divers to continue as Secretary until June 30, 1971, when her resignation would be reviewed.

DECEMBER 9, 1970: Property purchased at 2 Hutt Road, Manurewa for \$15,500.

MARCH 15, 1971: Recommendation that the official name of the Board be "Auckland Methodist Children's Homes", with the name "Trust Board" added for Property matters and investments.

MARCH 10, 1971: Grant received from J. R. McKenzie Trust of \$1,000.

" " " Robert Gibson of \$4,000  
" " " Auckland United  
Orphanages Council of \$2,805.

Committee appointed to carry through alterations to Manurewa property as a Family Home.

E. H. Laursen to be engaged as Architect for this work.

MAY 5, 1971: Grant received from Robert Gibson Trust of \$400  
Miss Vera Chatfield appointed Assistant Matron at Wesleydale.

JUNE 2, 1971: Mr L.P. Parker appointed Social Worker for a further two years from 1 July, 1971.

JULY 7, 1971: The Reverend A. E. Orr appointed Statutory Manager.

Mr Copeland appointed Chairman of General Committee.

Bequests from Astley Holdings Share Certificate of \$1,881, and from Estate of Robert Ewbank of \$1,500.

SEPTEMBER 8, 1971: Deaths of the Reverend A. E. Orr and Mr R. T. Garlick.

Mr Copeland appointed Legal Manager; also appointed to the Model Deeds Trust. (still unresolved relationship of Trustees under Model Deed, and Incorporated Trust. G.J.L.)

Mrs G. Pratt appointed Office Secretary.

NOVEMBER 17, 1971: Resignations received of Mr & Mrs Bowden.

Mrs Pratt resigned as Office Secretary.

Consideration of Mr Bowden as Office Secretary.

Mr G. Peak resigned from the Board.

NOVEMBER 29, 1971: Mr & Mrs Hollis were appointed Master and Matron at Wesleydale on three month's trial 13.1.72

MARCH 2, 1972: Mr & Mrs Hollis relieved of appointment.

Mr & Mrs Bowden to return to Wesleydale.

MARCH 9, 1972: Mr & Mrs A. Huggins to commence at Wesleydale on approximately 27 March. Mr & Mrs Bowden to be at Wesleydale to assist them in settling in.



JUNE 7, 1972: Mr Bowden confirmed as Board Secretary.

Mr & Mrs Huggins confirmed as Master and Matron.

AUGUST 14, 1972: Mr & Mrs Huggins resigned as at 22 August 1972. Mr & Mrs Bowden to take responsibility for a minimum of 18 months, he to continue as Secretary.

OCTOBER 4, 1972: Retirement from the Board of Mr J. C. Caughey.

Mr B. Jackson, Social Worker at Central Mission, working in close co-operation with Board's staff.

DECEMBER 6, 1972: Office established at Wesleydale. Accounts being kept at Central Mission office by their staff.

Grant from J. R. McKenzie Trust of \$1,150.

The Manurewa Home project commenced.

Consideration of alteration of girls' wing at Wesleydale for use for boys and girls.

FEBRUARY 21, 1973: The Reverends J. B. Dawson and E. D. Grounds welcomed as Board Members.

Mrs D. Ziesler resigned from the Board.

Grant received from Auckland United Orphanages Council of \$1,320., and from the Sutherland Self-Help Trust of \$1,000.

The Reverends B. M. Chrystall and Owen Woodfield invited to be Board Members. The Reverend D. B. Gordon and Mr L. P. Parker to be Trustees under the Model Deed.

APRIL 11, 1973: \$25,000 deposited with the Prince Albert College Trust. Three months at 6½%.

\$1,000 deposit paid on Sunnynook Road Section, Takapuna.

Mrs Pratt invited to become Board Member.

Legacy received from Estate of I. McSaveney of \$2,000 and from Estate of W. M. Tichbon of \$223.

JUNE 20, 1973: Mr & Mrs Kapeli selected House Parents at Manurewa Home.

SEPTEMBER 26, 1973: Sections being considered in Lynfield area and two sections in Mangere Bader Drive area from Ministry of Works.

NOVEMBER 28, 1973: Mr & Mrs Bowden resigning from all duties.

FEBRUARY 12, 1974: Future of Wesleydale property under discussion again. Possible use as a Family Home as temporary measure. Also Dominion Road House to be developed as Family Home.

FEBRUARY 22, 1974: Miss Beth Sutton engaged for Dominion Road Family Home. (House-warming to be held on April 28, 1974)

New Board Members:- Mrs Dorothy Gibson, Mrs C. Malcolm, Mrs Marlene Foster, and Mr John Adams.

Legacy - Estate of Violet Ann Page. Approximately \$4,500 in Settlement.

APRIL 24, 1974: The Reverend G. I. Laurenson appointed Board Secretary.

Notification of share in Estate of late Reverend W. S. Potter. Final distribution of \$480 received from Estate of Mr McSavene

MAY 7, 1974: Clothing Depot for child care established at Pitt Street Church.

Planning for visit of Dr Alan Keith Lucas for seminars on child care, on July 16-19.

Adoption of policy regarding use of legacies, specified or unspecified, see Minutes of this Meeting.

JUNE 4, 1974: Executive and Finance Committee. Discussion regarding relationships between the Board's Social Worker, and the staff of A.M.S.S., and with special reference to the Director and his assistant. Mr Parker seconded to A.M.S.S. by the Board as one of the team with special responsibilities for the foster homes children.

Negotiations with Mr Kapeli regarding vehicle.

JULY 2, 1974: Mr Neville Ward welcomed to the Board as a liaison with A.M.S.S. and consultant.

Discussion on relationship of Model Deed Trustees and Incorporated Trust to the Children's Homes Board. (Clarification obviously long overdue)

Board Membership. Resignation of A. K. Petch and I. C. E. Ramage. Retirement of Mr G. C. Riddell due to ill health.

Annual Report included list of gifts and legacies received to 30 June 1974:

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| Estate of M. M. Anderson           | \$200      |
| Estate of Sarah M. Smith           | \$322.41   |
| Estate of M. T. B. Gibson          | \$500      |
| J. R. McKenzie Trust Board         | \$1,100    |
| Auckland United Orphanages Council | \$1,220    |
| Pukekohe Methodist Circuit         | \$100      |
| Estate of J. McSaveney             | \$498.37   |
| T. H. Sutton (Perry) Estate        | \$2,495.28 |
| V. A. Page Estate                  | \$4,815.87 |
| Pascoe Estate                      | \$200.00   |

SEPTEMBER 10, 1974: New Board Members: Mr Gordon Lawry, the Reverends W. D. Griffiths, and R. Hay.

Grant from Walters Farm Trust of \$100

" " Robert Gibson Trust, Hawera of \$500

" " Ladies Committee of \$200

NOVEMBER 12, 1974; Mrs Marlene Foster resigned from Board. Mrs Olive Shiffelbein appointed.

Notice of termination of employment to be given to Mr & Mrs Kapeli at Manurewa Family Home (unanimous).

FEBRUARY 11, 1975: Miss Woodward and Miss Firth appointed to succeed Mr & Mrs Kapeli.

Consideration of Incorporation of the Children's Homes Board. Committee appointed to draft constitution.

APRIL 15, 1975: L. G. Hanna appointed Secretary of the Board in joint engagement with Board of the New Citizen.

JUNE 10, 1975: Lease entered into with Ministry of Social Welfare for Wesleydale Property for use as a home for special training (short-term) of boys aged 9-16 years.

AUGUST 18, 1975: Sudden death of Reverend L. G. Hanna, Secretary.

SEPTEMBER 20, 1975: Mr & Mrs S. Williams appointed as House Parents for the new Sunnynook Family Home at Takapuna.

Discussion on policy regarding size and number of Family Homes.

OCTOBER 14, 1975: Mr Keith Hayes appointed as Senior Social Worker to the Board and A.M.S.S.

Mrs Marion Brooks appointed Secretary to the Board on a part time basis.

Offer from Trustees of Brian George Winstone Trust to purchase a tangible item for Sunnynook Home when it is operating.

DECEMBER 9, 1975: Titurangi Home. Confirmation that the Board is committed to proceed with erection.

Tender submitted to Auckland Harbour Board for a section in Wanganella Place, Lynfield.

DECEMBER 22, 1975: Resignation of Mr L. P. Parker accepted by the Executive and Finance Committee.

Discussion recorded on principles involved.

MARCH 18, 1976: Sunnynook opening fixed for 28 March, 1976.

FEBRUARY 10, 1976: Special meeting to clarify relationships with A.M.S.S. and the Central Mission and the Children's Homes

Board with reference to Child Care Staff.

Decision to dispose of goods and property other than that owned at Manurewa and Sunnynook Homes.

CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS on Child Care principles and size of Homes, and fostering submitted by Mr K. Hayes to the Board.

APRIL 13, 1976: The above reports considered.

JUNE 10, 1976: Child Care Day held at Takapuna Methodist Church.

JUNE 22, 1976: FINAL MEETING OF CHILDREN'S HOMES BOARD.

Decision to transfer all properties, shares and mortgages held in the name of the Children's Homes Board and the Model Deed Trustees to the Trustees of the Auckland Methodist Central Mission, to be held for Child Care work and administered by a new Child Care Committee under the Incorporated Constitution.

Mr H. Clark and Mr Gordon Lawry nominated to the Central Mission Board of Management.

Mr H. Clark appointed to the Building Committee.

The New Child Care Committee appointed:

|                                 |                                    |
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| Mrs O. Sheffelbein )            |                                    |
| Mrs D. Gibson )                 | Women's Fellowship Representatives |
| Mrs C. Malcolm )                |                                    |
| Mrs A. Pratt                    |                                    |
| Mr J. Adams                     |                                    |
| Reverend C. Hay                 |                                    |
| Reverend D. B. Gordon           |                                    |
| Mr G. Lawry                     |                                    |
| Mr I. Johnson                   |                                    |
| Mr M. C. Copeland (Chairman)    |                                    |
| Mr K. Hayes (ex officio member) |                                    |

Budget Committee - Mr K. Hayes, Mr G. Lawry, Mr M. C. Copeland Mrs Pratt and Mrs Brooks (Secretary).

AUGUST 10, 1976: First Meeting of the Child Care Committee of the Auckland Central Mission, Child Care Division.

OCTOBER 12, 1976: Resignation of Mr J. Adams on account of his membership in the Marriage Guidance Council.

Car procured by Manurewa House Parents. Loan from Child Care Division of \$3,035.

Department of Social Welfare approval received for Titirangi Home Plans.

Ventura Street Mangere Section. Future use to be reviewed in view of report by Mr Hayes.

Mr K. Hayes given leave to take advantage of a Nuffield Scholarship.

NOVEMBER 30, 1976: Rental of Ventura Street Section to be renewed for a further year while full assessments are made.

Possibility of renting a four double bedroom house from the Housing Division (as assured by the Minister of Social Welfare at time of leasing of Wesleydale) to be further examined, application to be made.

Legacy from Brightwell Estate of \$17,000

" " W. S. Potter Estate final of \$2,109

Grant from McKenzie Trust of \$900

" " Sutherland Trust of \$1,000

Emerging emphasis on Preventative and Supportative Care, and Case study and Foster care.

FEBRUARY 8, 1977: Auckland Orphanages United Council now forwarded \$2,212.00 for 1975 and allocation of \$1,575 for 1976.

APRIL 5, 1977: Mr K. Hayes appointed assistant Director of A.M.S.S. Appointment of Miss Jill Goldson, Social Worker, Child Care but did not continue. Mrs Ivy Sadler appointed instead.

Resignations of Misses Firth and Woodward, regretfully accepted as from 30 April.

Mr & Mrs J. N. Sunman appointed as interim House Parents.

State Rental House at Takanini selected for use as Family Home.

SEPTEMBER 13, 1977: Return of Keith Hayes from his trip (Nuffield Grant).

Consideration of special use for Takanini.

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