

Reference Guide

Missionary Sources at the Hocken Collections



Chau Yip Fung with missionary Alexander Don, Shameen, September 1880. Oil on canvas by unknown Cantonese artist, deposited by Jean McNeur. Art Collection, 93-87.

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He mihi nui tēnei ki a koutou

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Nau mai, haere mai ki te taumata.

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- bring any materials you need for research and some ID in with you
- sign the Readers' Register each day
- enquire at the reference desk first if you wish to take digital photographs

Beginning your research

This guide gives examples of the types of material relating to New Zealand and Pacific missionaries held at the Hocken. All items must be used within the library. As the collection is large and constantly growing not every item is listed here, but you can search for other material on our Online Public Access Catalogues:

- for books, theses, journals, magazines, newspapers, maps, and audiovisual material, use Library Search|Ketu. The advanced search - <https://tinyurl.com/mtske2x9> gives you several search options, and you can refine your results to the Hocken Library on the left side of the screen.

The Library Search Guide <https://otago.libguides.com/ketuhelp> contains helpful tips and assistance for using Library Search|Ketu;

- for art, photography and archives, use Hākena - <https://hakena.otago.ac.nz>. Listing of the ephemera collection has just begun on Hākena; please talk to desk staff if you have any questions about this collection.

The Hākena Search Help Guide <https://otago.libguides.com/hakena> contains helpful tips and assistance for using Hākena;

- digitised images of many collection items are available via Hocken Digital Collections at <https://hocken.recollect.co.nz/>. There are also digitised images of Hocken and University of Otago Special Collections material that can be viewed via <https://otago.ourheritage.ac.nz/>.

There is an online guide to the Hocken Collections for researchers at <https://otago.libguides.com/hocken>. It includes tips on referencing Hocken sources.

If you have any enquiries about ordering or other research questions, please ask the reference desk staff – they will be happy to assist you.

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Introduction

Missionary papers are a rich source of material relating to early contact between Māori and Pākehā, to European views of the Māori world and to the history of Christianity. In addition to material relating to missions in New Zealand, we have considerable holdings relating to missions in other parts of the Pacific.

This guide is arranged according to the name or denomination of mission organisations. Material relating to missionaries appears on our catalogues under a variety of subject headings. Some use the name of an individual missionary or mission organisation. Some relate to denomination or geographical location, for example:

- Missionaries – New Zealand
- Missions – New Zealand
- Missionaries – Samoa
- Missions – Samoa
- Methodist Church – Missions
- Catholic Church – Missions
- Church of England – Missions

Other relevant subject headings on the catalogues include:

- Māori (New Zealand people) – Missions
- Women missionaries
- Women in mission
- Missionaries' spouses

For more general information on religion in New Zealand, see our separate guide to Hocken sources concerning religion <https://www.otago.ac.nz/library/hocken/guides-to-the-hocken-collections>.

Church Missionary Society

History

The Church Missionary Society (CMS), based in London, is a voluntary society founded by Anglican evangelicals in 1799. It was responsible for the first Christian mission to Aotearoa. Rev. Samuel Marsden, a chaplain in New South Wales, urged the CMS to commence a mission to Māori and this began in 1814 in the Bay of Islands, under the protection of Ngā Puhī leader Ruatara, whom Marsden had befriended aboard ship and in Australia. The organisation later established mission stations in many parts of the North Island, with a few missionaries stationed further south.

The Hocken has a large collection of material relating to the work of the CMS in this country, some of it acquired by Dr Hocken from the CMS in 1903. It includes both general material and items relating to individual missionaries.

General resources

Church Missionary Society, London: Records relating to the New Zealand mission, 1808-1893 [MS-0498]. This collection includes correspondence, minutes of the New Zealand Committee of Missionaries and Sydney Corresponding Committee, mission reports and financial records, and journals sent to the CMS by missionaries Charles Davis, Thomas Grace, and William Puckey. See Hākena for full details.

Church Missionary Society, London: Archives relating to the Australian and New Zealand Missions, 1808-1884 [Micro-121]. This is a collection of 71 reels of microfilm of original CMS archives (now held at the University of Birmingham). It includes the minutes of various committees, correspondence, reports, and papers of individual missionaries (including some for whom we do not have other collections of papers). There are three guides to the microfilms (on the shelves alongside the reading room). We recommend using the list in the 'Microfilm Finding Aids: Missionary Papers' folder in conjunction with the inventory prepared by Michael Hitchings (bound in blue and labelled 'Church Missionary Society, London Records 1808-1884), or see the online inventory at <https://nla.gov.au/nla.obj-1350490952/findingaid>. The films themselves are available in the microfilm reading area.

Journals:

The Church missionary record. Our holdings cover the period 1830 to 1853, with some missing issues. Some issues are available electronically via Library Search | Ketu.

Church missionary intelligencer. We have 1854, 1856 and 1857 issues. Some issues are available electronically via Library Search | Ketu.

Church missionary gleaner. Our holdings cover the period 1843 to 1857 with some missing issues.

C.M.S. outlook. We hold the September 1951 issue (no.9).

Missionary register. Our holdings cover the period 1813 to 1855, with some gaps. Some issues are available electronically via Library Search|Ketu.

Books:

Kenneth Gregory; New Zealand Church Missionary Society (1972). *Stretching out continually = Whaatoro tonu atu: a history of the New Zealand Church Missionary Society, 1892-1972*. Christchurch N.Z.: K. Gregory with the authorisation of the New Zealand Church Missionary Society.

Angela Middleton (2014). *Pēwhairangi: Bay of Islands missions and Māori 1814 to 1845*. Dunedin, New Zealand: Otago University Press. Also available electronically to University of Otago staff and students via Library Search|Ketu.

Cathy Ross (c2006). *Women with a mission: rediscovering missionary wives in early New Zealand*. Auckland, N.Z.: Penguin Books.

Individual missionaries

The Hocken holds the manuscript journals and letters of several CMS missionaries – try searching Hākena, the art, photography, ephemera and archives catalogue, under the name that interests you. Some journals and letters of individual missionaries are available on microfilm – check Library Search|Ketu using the missionary's name as author. Papers relating to all early CMS missionaries (including those for whom we do not have any other holdings) are also available in the microfilmed CMS collections. Check the inventory prepared by Michael Hitchings (on the shelves alongside the reading room, bound in blue and labelled 'Church Missionary Society, London Records 1808-1884') for the name you require – the microfilm reel numbers are marked in pencil on the right-hand side of the page.

Biographical details of many Anglican missionaries are recorded on the online 'Blain Biographical Directory of Anglican Clergy' at the Anglican history website <https://anglicanhistory.org/nz/>. There are also many publications relating to individual missionaries. Try searching Library Search|Ketu – an author search using the name of the missionary who interests you will turn up pamphlets or other items written by the specific missionary, while a subject search using their name will find biographical publications.

In our art collection we have a lithograph by an unknown artist of the martyrdom of the Ngāti Ruanui Anglican missionaries Te Manihera and Kereopa, killed at Tūrangi in 1847 [80/206]. Please talk to desk staff if you wish to access the art collection.

For photographs of missionaries, ask staff at the reference desk to check the portraits file in our photographic collection (some are also available on Hocken Digital Collections at <https://hocken.recollect.co.nz/>). The John Kinder collection of photographs [P1922-001] includes prints of the CMS stations at Te Papa (Tauranga) and Tarawera. Check Hākena for details, or view via Hocken Digital Collections.

Online resource

The Marsden Online Archive <https://marsdenarchive.otago.ac.nz/> provides access to high-resolution images of 599 letters and journals of Rev. Samuel Marsden, along with associated transcripts created by Retired Associate Professor Gordon Parsonson. This material dates from 1808 to 1823.

Methodist Missions

History

The Wesleyan Methodist Missionary Society, based in England, established a mission to New Zealand, Australia, and Tonga in the 1820s. The New Zealand mission commenced in 1822 at Kaeo, in the far north. After considerable difficulties, the Wesleyans abandoned the mission following its sacking by Ngāti Uru in 1827. In 1828 the Wesleyans returned to New Zealand, this time locating their mission at Mangungu on the Hokianga. They gradually expanded as far south as Otago, where they established the first Christian mission in the region. In 1932, with the union of various Methodist churches, the Wesleyan Methodist Missionary Society became part of the Methodist Missionary Society.

General resources

We have various items relating to Methodist missions in our publications collection. Try checking Library Search|Ketu under the headings *Wesleyan Methodist Missionary Society*, *Methodist Missionary Society* and *Methodist Church – Missions*.

William Morley (1900). *The History of Methodism in New Zealand*. Wellington, N.Z.: McKee. This 1900 work contains much useful information on Methodist missions and missionaries in New Zealand. A helpful index to this work is Donald Phillips (2006). *Companion to William Morley's History of Methodism in New Zealand: A Guide to Nineteenth Century New Zealand Methodism*. Auckland: Wesley Historical Society.

Methodist Missionary Society Archives [Micro-163]. We have 64 reels of microfilmed archives of the Methodist Missionary Society, London (the originals are now held at the School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London). These include material relating to missions in Australia, New Zealand, and the South Seas. The records include Missionary Committee minutes (1798-1865); Australia and New Zealand District minutes (1822-1862 – the last NZ material is for 1853); inwards correspondence from Australia, New Zealand, Tonga, Fiji, Samoa, and New Britain (the NZ material is from 1819 to 1882); and outwards correspondence (1814-1861). There are also papers of some individual missionaries serving in Fiji, Tonga, and New Zealand (the latter include Henry Hanson Turton and John Bumby); papers concerning missionary candidates; records of mission ships, property and land; and various miscellaneous records. There is a detailed, though not complete, inventory to these microfilms on the shelves alongside the reading room (a green volume titled "Methodist Missionary Society, London"), or see the online inventory at <https://nla.gov.au/nla.obj-742488699/findingaid>. The films are in the cabinets in the microfilm reading area.

Wesleyan Methodist Missionary Society, letters from missionaries in Fiji, 1835-1857 [FM4/3043-3045]. There are three reels of microfilm of these letters in the cabinets in the microfilm reading area. There is no inventory, but the letters are in chronological order.

Methodist Church of New Zealand missionary papers, 1823-1874 [Micro-186]. These four microfilms are of missionary papers held at the John Kinder Theological Library, St John's College, Auckland. They include diaries of several Wesleyan missionaries who served in New Zealand – George Buttle, John Aldred, Thomas Buddle, John Hobbs and William and Eliza White. Also included are a District Minute Book (1827-1843), regulations, and letters from the Wesleyan Methodist Missionary Committee. There is an inventory at the beginning of the first reel, and a printout of this is in the "Microfilm Finding Aids: Missionary Papers" folder on the shelves alongside the reading room. The films are in the cabinets in the microfilm reading area.

In our photography collection, **Album 350** [P1990-015/27] contains portraits of Methodist ministers, including missionaries in Fiji. **Album 47** [P2008-064] is an album of photographs taken by the Methodist missionary Andrew Ballantyne in Papua. Check Hākena for details, or view via Hocken Digital Collections.

We have some Wesleyan Missionary Society maps of Fiji and of the Hokianga – these are listed on Library Search | Ketu.

Otago missionaries

Rev. James Watkin and his wife Hannah established the first Otago mission at Waikouaiti in 1839, under the banner of the Wesleyan Missionary Society. They were succeeded by Charles and Eliza Creed in 1844. Later Wesleyan missionaries in Otago were William Kirk and George Stannard. From the late 1850s Stannard based himself at Otakou, leaving the Waikouaiti mission in the hands of local Māori pastors. Mission work at Otakou was later taken over by men from other denominations.

We have a few archives relating to James Watkin and Charles Creed – most of these are transcripts of the originals. They include Watkin's vocabulary of Māori words, a few letters, and transcripts of his sermon notes and diary. Papers for Creed include letters and a journal extract. We also have a transcript of the first register of baptisms and marriages kept by Watkin and Creed, and a letter from William Kirk to the Missionary Society. Check Hākena using a simple search for 'James Watkin', 'Charles Creed', or 'William Kirk' for further details.

James Watkin's Waikouaiti diary was published in a series of newspaper articles in 1931, and we have two clippings' books of these articles compiled – see Library Search|Ketu (subject heading *Watkin, James*). We also have a microfilm copy [Micro-10298] of Watkin's original diary, which is not confined to his time in Waikouaiti – it also includes coverage of his missionary work in Tonga and his later ministries in Wellington, Melbourne and Sydney. There are letters from Watkin and Creed among the inwards correspondence in the microfilmed Methodist Missionary Society records (see above).

Other individual missionaries

We have papers of a few other Methodist missionaries. They include Primitive Methodist missionary Robert Ward [ARC-0398] and Wesleyan James Buller [MS-0045/B and Misc-MS-1953]. We also hold copies of some missionary papers held at the Alexander Turnbull Library – the papers of Wesleyan missionaries John Whiteley [Misc-MS-0069] and William Woon [MS-0969]. Woon's journals include his time in Tonga as well as in New Zealand. See Hākena for details. Some journals and letters of individual Methodist missionaries serving in New Zealand and the Pacific (Peter Turner, Nathaniel Turner, Samuel Ironside, Martin Dyson) are available on microfilm – check Library Search|Ketu using the missionary's name as author.

Catholic Missions

History

The Roman Catholic mission to New Zealand commenced in 1838 with the arrival of Bishop Jean Baptiste Pompallier and two assistants. They were joined by eleven further priests and brothers the following year. The mission began in Northland and soon extended further south – by 1844 there were 15 stations. Pompallier was also responsible for much of the wider Pacific area, and under his jurisdiction the Society of Mary (Marists) sent many missionaries to the Pacific Islands.

Resources

We have numerous publications relating to Catholic missions and missionaries in New Zealand and the Pacific. Try searching Library Search|Ketu under the subject heading *Catholic Church – Missions* (there are subheadings for New Zealand and various other countries, including many in the Pacific). Other subject headings worth searching are *Marist Brothers – Missions* and *Marist Fathers – Missions*.

The Society for the Propagation of the Faith, a missionary support organisation, published reports and letters of Catholic missionaries in its magazine. We have the French language version *Annales de la Propagation de la Foi* from 1822 to 1877, and the Italian language version *Annali della Propagazione della Fede* from 1838 to 1894. Bishop Pompallier's letters are available in annotated translations by E.R. Simmons. See Library Search|Ketu for details.

We have some archives relating to Catholic missions available on microfilm. They include records of the Catholic Mission at Vila, New Hebrides [Micro-10329], correspondence of the New Hebrides Roman Catholic Church [Micro-10377], letters of Bishop Pierre Bataillon, Marist missionary on the Wallis and Futuna Islands [Micro-10268], and Marist Brothers papers concerning the Vicariates of New Caledonia and Samoa [Micro-10187].

A New Zealander who served as a missionary was Thomas Cunningham, a Jesuit priest who did mission work in Alaska for many years. We have some of his letters and other papers in our archives [MS-2812].

German missions

History

The Norddeutsche Missionsgesellschaft (North German Missionary Society) was formed in 1836 by the merger of six smaller mission groups from the Pietist movement within the Lutheran and Reformed Churches of northern Germany. The Society established a training institute in Hamburg. It sent several missionaries to New Zealand. The first four, including Johann Wohlers and Johann Riemenschneider, arrived in 1843 with the group of Germans who migrated to Nelson aboard the *St Pauli*. Wohlers is an important figure in southern Māori history – he served as a missionary around Foveaux Strait for forty years.

The Gossner Mission was an evangelical Protestant organisation, also established in 1836. It was based in Berlin and informally named after its founder, Johannes Gossner. This society sent five missionaries to New Zealand – they established themselves on the Chatham Islands in 1843. In 1849 Louis Harms, a Lutheran pastor in Hermannsburg, broke away from the North German Missionary Society and established a new mission school and society. Four Hermannsburg missionaries came to New Zealand in 1876. Other Hermannsburg pastors came to New Zealand later as ministers to settler Lutheran congregations.

Resources

There is an overview of German missions to New Zealand in:

James Bade (Ed.) (1993). *The German Connection: New Zealand and German-speaking Europe in the Nineteenth Century*. Auckland: Oxford University Press.

For other published material, try searching Library Search|Ketu under the subject heading *Missions – German* or under the name of a missionary. Notable published primary material includes reminiscences and letters of Johann Wohlers (of Ruapuke) and reminiscences of Johann Engst (of the Chatham Islands).

We have various papers of and relating to Johann Wohlers in our archives collection. These include letters he wrote to Frederick Tuckett [ARC-0418]; correspondence, a manuscript on Māori mythology and certificates [ARC-0434]; and registers, correspondence and reports sent to the North German Missionary Society [MS-0967]. For full details of these and other miscellaneous items relating to Wohlers, see Hākena. Transcripts of the Ruapuke registers are available in the ready reference area.

Presbyterian missions

History

The Presbyterian Church came to New Zealand as a settler church rather than a missionary movement, but the church did become involved in several missions. A few early attempts at mission work with Māori were unsuccessful, though some of the North German Missionary Society missionaries later became affiliated with the Presbyterian Church. In the 1890s and early twentieth century the church began more sustained mission work with Māori, initially at Taupō and on the East Coast, and later amongst Tūhoe in Te Urewera.

New Zealand Presbyterians began missionary work in the New Hebrides (Vanuatu) in the 1860s, sending several very long-serving missionaries to its islands. In 1948 the New Hebrides Presbyterian Church (now the Presbyterian Church of Vanuatu) took over full responsibility for its own administration.

In the 1880s Presbyterians began a mission to Chinese on the Otago goldfields, with Alexander Don the first missionary. An offshoot of this was the Canton Villages Mission, founded by Don at the turn of the 20th century in China's upper Panyu district.

General resources

We have various items relating to Presbyterian missions in our publications collection. Try checking Library Search|Ketu under the subject heading *Presbyterian Church – Missions*. For a brief history of the Presbyterian Māori Mission, see James Irwin (1984). *From Dependence to Autonomy*. Presbyterian Historical Society.

The Presbyterian Archives Research Centre (located at Knox College) is the main repository of Presbyterian mission archives. For details of their holdings, along with histories of the various missions see <https://pcanzarchives.recollect.co.nz/nodes/view/624>.

New Hebrides (Vanuatu) mission

We have papers of several Presbyterian missionaries in Vanuatu in our archives collection. They include Peter Milne [MS-0432], William Milne [95-027], Tom Smaill [Misc-MS-0440]; Robert Murray [MS-1323] and Frederick Paton [MS-1121]. See Hākena for further details.

We also hold various papers concerning Presbyterian missions in Vanuatu on microfilm – these include material relating to missionaries from Australia and Canada as well as New Zealand. Check Library Search|Ketu under the subject heading *Missions – Vanuatu*. The major papers on microfilm include records of the Presbyterian Church of Victoria relating to the New Hebrides mission, records of Canadian Presbyterian Churches concerning the mission, John Geddie diaries and papers, Frederic Paton journal, Helen Paton journal, T. Watt Leggatt diaries and clippings, and William Gray journals and report.

In our photography collection we have an album of various missions in Vanuatu taken by Rev Dr Stuart around 1885 (Album 78 [P2008-077]). See Hākena for further details.

Chinese mission

Our archives collection includes papers of several Presbyterian missionaries to China. Several of the McNeur family served in China, and their papers [ARC-0038] include correspondence, diaries, and other items. These papers also include an album portraying Chinese goldminers in Otago and the missionaries Alexander Don and William Mawson, photographed by Don. The papers of Ron Malcolm [AG-775] include material relating to the mission work of his parents, William Malcolm, and Anna Trudinger, in China. Connie Hopkinson was a nurse who worked with the CMS in China; after her marriage to Peter Anderson, she joined him at the English Presbyterian Mission in Kulangsu. We have a collection of her diaries [ARC-0490]. The Hancock family papers [MS-1065] include letters, photographs and other papers of Annie Hancock, a teacher who worked for the New Zealand Presbyterian Mission in China.

Our publications collection includes various items relating to the Presbyterian mission to Chinese in Otago. Alexander Don wrote regular reports on the mission for the Presbyterian magazine, the Outlook (of which we have incomplete holdings). Some of these reports were later republished as pamphlets – search for these on Library Search|Ketu using the name of ‘Alexander Don’ as author.

In our photography collection, Album 79 (P1970-001) relates to mission work in China in 1905. See Hākena for further details.

Mormon Missions

History

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints – the Mormons – began missionary work with New Zealand’s European settlers in the 1850s and with Māori in the 1870s. Mormons also carried out mission work in the Pacific, most notably in Hawai’i.

Resources

For books on Mormon missions to New Zealand and the Pacific, check Library Search|Ketu using these subject headings:

- Mormon Church – New Zealand
- Mormon Church – Pacific Area
- Mormon Church – Missions
- Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints – Missions
- Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints – New Zealand
- Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints – Pacific Area

There are two chapters on New Zealand in Laurie F. Maffly-Kipp and Reid L. Neilson (Eds.) (ca.2008). *Proclamation to the People: Nineteenth-century Mormonism and the Pacific Basin Frontier*. Salt Lake City: University of Utah Press. The chapter by Peter Lineham includes a useful bibliography at the end.

We have on microfilm the journals of two Mormon missionaries – James Abbott and William Douglass – who came to New Zealand in the 1890s. There are also microfilm journals of Eli Bell, a Mormon missionary to Hawai’i in the 1850s. Search Library Search|Ketu using their names as authors. Also available on microfilm is *Articles relating to New Zealand and the Pacific islands in "The Saints Herald", 1874-1945* [Micro-10334].

London Missionary Society

History

The London Missionary Society (LMS) was founded in 1795 as an interdenominational organisation, consisting predominantly of Congregationalists and evangelical Anglicans. It established missions in the South Pacific and Africa. In 1977 it merged with other mission organisations to form the Council for World Mission.

Resources

London Missionary Society Archives (Micro-131). We have 115 reels of microfilmed archives of the LMS relating to its work in the Pacific and covering the period 1796 to 1907. There is a detailed inventory to the collection on the shelves alongside the reading room (in 3 volumes), or check the online inventory at <https://nla.gov.au/nla.obj-1126174847/findingaid#nla-obj-1642884502>. The greater part of the collection consists of letters, reports and journals sent by missionaries in the field back to the LMS. The material relates particularly to Tahiti and the Society Islands, New Caledonia, the Cook Islands, Samoa, Niue, Papua New Guinea, and the Torres Strait Islands. The films are stored in the cabinets in the microfilm reading area.

We have other miscellaneous items relating to the LMS in our archives – check Hākena for details. They include material relating to the mission in the Cook Islands, compiled by Walter Gudgeon, Resident Commissioner 1899-1909 [MS-0662]; and a copy of a 1902-1909 diary kept by Ebenezer Hawker, LMS missionary in Samoa [Misc-MS-0897]. The journals of Thomas Slayter, LMS missionary in Samoa, and Joseph Johnston, LMS missionary in Tahiti, are available on microfilm – check Library Search|Ketu searching for their names as authors.

Our publications collection has many books and pamphlets relating to the LMS. These include general histories, biographies of missionaries and reports and studies of various missions. Try checking Library Search|Ketu under the subject heading *London Missionary Society*. Further material about the LMS and other missions in specific countries can be found with subject searches such as *Missions – Cook Islands* and *Missionaries – Cook Islands*.

In our art collection we have some George Baxter prints of John Williams, LMS missionary in the Pacific, and of Queen Pomare of Tahiti. There are also some George Baxter prints of a painting by Williams's son of Te Po of Rarotonga. Search Hākena by creator in the advance search options with the term "George Baxter" to locate these items. Please talk to desk staff if you wish to access the art collection.

In the photography collection, we have some copy prints of the LMS at Papaata, Samoa [P98-066]. See Hākena for details.

Melanesian Mission

History

The Melanesian Mission is an Anglican organisation founded in 1849 by George Selwyn, Bishop of New Zealand, whose diocese included the Melanesian islands. In 1850 the Australasian Board of Missions adopted the Mission. The mission concentrated on evangelising the Solomon Islands, Santa Cruz, and the north of Vanuatu.

Resources

We have some records of the Melanesian Mission available on microfilm [Micro-383]. The originals are held by the Melanesian Mission in England. The five reels include papers of Henry Welchman, C.E. Fox (including a draft of his book *Lord of the Southern Isles*), J.W. Blencoe, James Goodenough, Bishop Patteson, Miss M. Rice, Cole Fowler, Florence Coombe, Eric Ramsden, George Sarawia, John Still and R.E. Tempest. There are also lists of members of the Mission compiled at various dates and photographs of Melanesia. There is an inventory at the beginning of the first reel, and a printout of this is in the 'Microfilm Finding Aids: Missionary Papers' folder on the shelves alongside the reading room. The films are in the cabinets in the microfilm reading area.

Several other papers relating to the Melanesian Mission are also available on microfilm. They include correspondence [Micro-10091/3]; papers concerning John Patteson, Bishop of Melanesia; records of the New Hebrides mission [Micro-10204 and 10343]; and papers of missionaries John W. Blencoe [Micro-10384] and William Edgell [Micro-10382]. See [Library Search | Ketu](#) for details.

The papers of Bishop Selwyn, available on microfilm [Micro-10297], relate mostly to New Zealand but do include some material relating to Melanesia. There is an inventory to these papers in the 'Microfilm Finding Aids: Missionary Papers' folder on the shelves alongside the reading room. The originals are at the Selwyn College Library, Cambridge, England.

The archives of the Anglican Diocese of Dunedin [ARC-0142] include some lantern slides portraying the Melanesian Mission. Details of these can be found with a simple search for 'Melanesian Mission' on Hākena. There is a print of the Melanesian Mission school at

Kohimarama, Auckland, in the John Kinder collection [P1922-001] (in the photography collection) or view via Hocken Digital Collections.

We have various published books and reports on the Mission. Try searching Library Search|Ketu under the subjects:

- Melanesian Mission
- Missions – Melanesia
- Missionaries – Melanesia

There are quite a few publications concerning Bishop Patteson – try a subject search for *Patteson, John Coleridge*. We have various Melanesian Mission / Church of the Province of Melanesia periodicals, including the *Southern Cross Log* (1895 to 1972 with gaps). Some issues are available online at <https://kinderlibrary.recollect.co.nz/nodes/view/7840>.

Micronesia Mission

(American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions)

History

The American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions (ABC) was America's first foreign mission agency. It was established in 1810 by Congregationalists but also involved other denominations, including Presbyterians and the Dutch Reformed. It had missions in Asia, the Middle East and Africa, along with the Sandwich Islands (Hawai'i) and Micronesia. In 1961 the ABC merged with other societies to form the United Church Board for World Ministries.

Resources

We have 26 reels of microfilmed records of the ABC's Micronesia Mission (the originals are held at the Houghton Library, Harvard University). These consist largely of letters and reports from ABC missionaries in the field. There is material concerning the Federated States of Micronesia, Guam, Nauru, the Marshall Islands, Kiribati, and Hawai'i. There is an inventory for these microfilms in the 'Microfilm Finding Aids: Missionary Papers' folder on the shelves alongside the reading room, or view the online inventory at <https://hollisarchives.lib.harvard.edu/repositories/24/resources/3021>.

Our published collection includes two 1870s histories of the ABC's Hawai'ian mission – these appear on Library Search|Ketu under the subject heading *Sandwich Islands Mission*. We also have two 1860s publications concerning the Morning Star, the ABC Micronesian Mission's ship, and a biography of the Sturges, ABC missionaries – check Library Search|Ketu under the subject heading *Missions – Micronesia*.

Other missions

By the late nineteenth century New Zealanders were serving as missionaries in other countries with a variety of mission organisations. For a detailed study of Protestant missionaries from New Zealand in this period, see Hugh Morrison (2004). *'It Is Our Bounden Duty': The Emergence of the New Zealand Protestant Missionary Movement, 1868-1926*. (PhD thesis, Massey University, Albany). We have a copy of this thesis, which has useful appendices listing New Zealanders who served overseas as missionaries during the period. It is available online via Massey Research Online at <https://hdl.handle.net/10179/1869>. We also have a copy of Hugh Morrison's 2016 book *Pushing boundaries: New Zealand protestants and overseas missions, 1827-1939*. (Dunedin, New Zealand: Otago University Press).

We have a copy of the journal of Houlton Forlong, a New Zealander who served as a brethren missionary in Vanuatu in our archives collection [Misc-MS-0501].

Our archives for some individual church congregations include material relating to their support of mission work. For example, the records of many Baptist congregations include material from their Baptist Women's Missionary Union groups, while the records of many Methodist congregations include records of the Methodist Women's Missionary Auxiliary. The Moray Place Congregational Church records [ARC-0040] include minutes of its London Missionary Society Women's Auxiliary, the collection of the St Andrew Street Church of Christ [ARC-0012/001] includes records of its Christian Women's Missionary Society, and the collections of St John's Anglican Church Roslyn [ARC-0026] and St Matthew's Anglican Church Dunedin [ARC-0258] include records of their missionary groups. See also the Anglican Diocese of Dunedin collection [ARC-0142], which includes records of its Missionary Committee. All these collections are listed on Hākena.

Websites

Pūmotomoto (John Kinder Theological Library Te Puna Atuatanga, Auckland) provides access to online collections of Anglican and Methodist church newspapers, synod proceedings and reports, photographs, memorabilia and manuscripts - <https://kinderlibrary.recollect.co.nz/>

Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand Recollect Archive includes a Missions collection that gives an overview of the Foreign Mission activities of the New Zealand Presbyterian Church from 1867. This material includes China (Guangzhou/Canton), Vanuatu (New Hebrides), India (Punjab), Indonesia and other areas in South-East Asia - <https://pcanzarchives.recollect.co.nz/>

A Register of Ministers of the Methodist Church of New Zealand is a register compiled by Donald Phillipps containing the names of all who have served as stationed ministers from the beginning of the Wesleyan Mission in 1822 to those who entered Ministry at the 1940 Conference - <http://tinyurl.com/yc65z7cc>

Taonga Tuku Iho Pompallier Heritage Centre & Archives holds a wide range of archives of the Catholic Church in New Zealand since the inception of the mission with the appointment as Vicar Apostolic of Western Oceania of J. B. F Pompallier in 1836 - <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/services/archives/>

Pacific Manuscripts Bureau copies archives, manuscripts and rare printed material relating to the Pacific Islands. Their 'Online Resources' page includes several finding aids - <https://pambu.anu.edu.au/online-resources>



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