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HISTORICAL NOTE

Wesleyan missions overseas began in 1786 when Thomas Coke, one of the closest associates of John Wesley, landed at Antigua in the West Indies. Soon missions were established in every colony in the West Indies. Under Coke’s leadership, missions were also sent to Sierra Leone (1811) and Ceylon (1813). In 1804 the Methodist Conference set up a Standing Committee of Finance and Advice to manage its foreign relations and from 1813 onwards district auxiliaries were formed to support the work of the overseas missions. The Methodist Conference formally approved the establishment of the Wesleyan Methodist Missionary Society in 1818. It was managed by an Executive Committee (later the General Committee), chaired by the President of the Conference, which met every month and reported to the annual Methodist Conference.

Wesleyan Methodist missions were set up in the West Indies, Canada, West Africa, South Africa, India, China, Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific Islands. Samuel Leigh arrived in Sydney in 1818 to form a mission for the convicts in New South Wales. Missions were subsequently established in Van Diemen’s Land (1821), New Zealand (1822), Port Phillip (1840), South Australia (1840), Western Australia (1840) and Moreton Bay (1850). In the Pacific, missions were established in the Friendly Islands (Tonga) in 1822 and Fiji in 1835. The Pacific missions achieved considerable success. Strongly supported by George Tupou, the first king of Tonga, Wesleyan Methodism became the official religion of the Friendly Islands, while in Fiji Wesleyans made up about half the population by the early twentieth century. The first mission in Samoa was short-lived (1835-39), but missionaries returned in 1857 and achieved a permanent presence in the Samoan islands.

In 1852 the British Methodist Conference resolved that Robert Young should be sent to Australia and New Zealand to work out a plan for autonomy for the Wesleyan churches. Following the receipt of his report, the Methodist Conference at Birmingham in August 1854 approved the formation of the Australasian Wesleyan Methodist Connexion. Its first conference took place in Sydney in January 1855 and William Boyce, who had been in charge of the New South Wales District since 1845, was elected the first President. The Wesleyan missions in the Pacific were taken over by the Australasian Conference. A separate New Zealand Conference was established in 1910, while the missions in Tonga, Fiji and Samoa became autonomous in 1964.

In 1932 the Wesleyan Methodist Church, the United Methodist Church and the Primitive Methodist Church united to form the Methodist Church of Great Britain. The missionary societies of the three churches merged to form the Methodist Missionary Society. The Society was dissolved in 2013.

Archives of the Methodist Missionary Society

From 1978 onwards the archives of the Methodist Missionary Society, and also its library, were deposited in the library of the School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, Bloomsbury, London WC1H 0XG. An overview of the entire archives can be found in a guide edited by Elizabeth Bennett, Methodist Missionary Society Archives, London, Zug, IDC, 1987 (42pp).

In addition to filming the extensive selections from the archives, the Australian Joint Copying Project filmed a number of publications in the library of the Methodist Missionary Society (reels M536-49). They are listed separately.
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Committee minutes, 1798-1865

The 1798-1819 books contain name indexes at the end of the volume, while the 1819-65 books contain name and subject indexes. The earliest references in the minute books to proposed missions in the South Seas are New South Wales (1814), Van Diemen’s Land (1819), Friendly Islands (Tonga) (1819), New Zealand (1820), Fiji (1836), Swan River (1837), Navigators Islands (Samoa) (1838), Tahiti (1843), South Australia (1849) and New Guinea (1864).

Minute book of the Committee of Finance and Advice (Executive Committee), April 1798 – August 1816. (307pp)

Minute book of the Executive Missionary Committee and copies of letters on missionary business, September 1814 – February 1819. (529pp)

The letters, written by James Buckley, the secretary of the committee, are interspersed with the minutes. The recipients include Dr Clark (Liverpool), Samuel Leigh (Sydney) and Walter Lawry (Cornwall, Parramatta).

Minute book of the Wesleyan Missionary Committee, August 1816 –February 1819. (204pp)

Minute book of the Committee, February 1819 – July 1820. (pp.1-184)

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Minute book of the Committee, July 1820 – December 1822. (pp.184-439.)

Minute book of the Committee, December 1822 – July 1829. (539pp)

Minute book of the Committee, August 1829 – September 1835 (pp.1-387)

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Minute book of the Committee, September 1835 – December 1837. (pp. 388-545)

Minute book of the Committee, December 1837 – July 1851. (518pp)
Minute book of the General Committee, September 1851 – July 1865. (685pp)

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Minutes and reports of district committees, 1822-62

Australia and New Zealand

Box 521

New South Wales


New South Wales district despatches, Feb.-Nov. 1827.

New Zealand


Van Diemen’s Land

21 Oct. 1836, 1 March 1837 (1836 report), 1 March 1837, 5 June 1837, 10 Nov. 1837 (1837 report), 1 Nov. 1838.

Box 522

New South Wales

9 Jan. 1839 (1838 report).

Van Diemen’s Land


New Zealand

6 Jan. 1841 (1840 report), 7 April 1841.

Australia

14 Jan. 1841 (1840 report).

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Australia

New Zealand

Van Diemen’s Land

New Zealand (North)
20 Feb. 1843, 4 Oct. 1843 (1843 report).

New Zealand (South)
4 Sept. 1843, 22 Sept. 1843 (1843 report).

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Australia

Van Diemen’s Land

New Zealand (North)
31 July 1844 (1843-44 report).

New Zealand (South)
2 Sept. 1844 (1843-44 report).

New Zealand

Victoria

South Australia

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New Zealand (North).
12 Sept. 1853
New Zealand (South).
2 Nov. 1853
Victoria
Western Australia
30 Sept. 1859, 1862.
Papers on the formation of the Australasian Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Connexion, 1851-54.

Fiji and Friendly Islands
Box 538
Friendly Islands
Fiji
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Friendly Islands
13 May 1844 (1844 report), 4 April 1845 (1845 report), 14 July 1847 (1847 report), 20 April 1848 (1847-48 report), 9 May 1849 (1848-49 report).
Fiji

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Friendly Islands
6 April 1852 (1851-52 report), 22 April 1853 (1852-53 report), 6 June 1854 (1853-54 report), 7 Sept. 1855.

Fiji

INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE, 1812-89

The appointment and placement of missionaries and the general management of the overseas missions was the responsibility of the three (later four) general secretaries, all of whom were ordained ministers. Missionaries addressed their letters either to the secretaries as a group or to individual secretaries. William Boyce, who from 1859 to 1871 was one of the general secretaries, had spent many years in Australia and during those years nearly all the missionaries in Australia and New Zealand addressed their letters to him personally. Attached to some letters are copies of correspondence with other missionaries, colonial officials or British naval officers. In addition, some of the missionaries, especially in the early years, forwarded copies of the journals, or extracts from their journals.

Australia
Box 514
Letters from missionaries and ministers in New South Wales to the secretaries of the Wesleyan Methodist Missionary Society, 1812-26. The correspondents include George Allen (Sydney), Benjamin Carvosso (Parramatta), George Erskine (Sydney), William Horton (Windsor), John Hutchinson (Launceston), Walter Lawry (Sydney), Samuel Leigh (Sydney), Ralph Mansfield (Sydney), Samuel Marsden (Parramatta), William Walker (Parramatta) and William White (Sydney). Some of the letters of Samuel Leigh, the first Wesleyan missionary in Australia, contain drawings of Australian Aborigines and Aboriginal artefacts.

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Box 515
Letters from missionaries and ministers New South Wales to the secretaries of the Wesleyan Methodist Missionary Society in London, 1827-36. The correspondents include George Allen (Sydney), John Beveridge (Sydney), John Brown (Sydney), David Cargill (Sydney), William Cross (Windsor), Daniel Draper (Parramatta), George Erskine (Windsor, Parramatta), John Harper (Richmond), Samuel Henry (Sydney), John Hobbs (Sydney), William Horton (Sydney), John Hosking (Sydney), John Hutchinson (Parramatta), Samuel Leigh (Sydney), Frederick Lewis (Sydney, Bathurst), Richard Lyth (Sydney), John McKenny (Sydney), Ralph Mansfield (Sydney, Windsor), Samuel Marsden (Parramatta), Joseph Orton (Sydney), William Schofield (Parramatta), William Simpson (Parramatta), William White (Sydney).
Charles Tucker (Sydney), Nathaniel Turner (Sydney), William Walker (Parramatta), James Watkin (Sydney), John Weiss (Sydney) and John Wilson (Sydney).

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Letters from missionaries and ministers in New South Wales to the secretaries of the Wesleyan Methodist Missionary Society in London, 1837. The correspondents include Daniel Draper (Parramatta), Frederick Lewis (Sydney, Bathurst), Richard Lyth (Sydney), John McKenny (Sydney), William Schofield (Windsor), James Watkin (Sydney) and Thomas Willard (Sydney).

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Letters from missionaries and ministers in New South Wales, South Australia and Western Australia to the secretaries of the Wesleyan Methodist Missionary Society in London, 1838-42. The correspondents include George Arden (Melbourne), James Calvert (Sydney), Daniel Draper (Sydney, Bathurst), John Eggleston (Adelaide), George Griffin (Adelaide), Benjamin Hurst (Geelong, Melbourne), Jonathan Innes (West Maitland), Thomas Jaggar (Adelaide), Frederick Lewis (Bathurst, Windsor), William Longbottom (Adelaide), John McKenny (Sydney, Parramatta), Joseph Orton (Sydney, Geelong), William Schofield (Sydney), John Smithies (Perth), Edward Sweetman (Sydney), Francis Tuckfield (Geelong), John Waterhouse (Sydney), James Watkin (Sydney), John Weatherston (Parramatta, Sydney) and Samuel Wilkinson (Windsor, Sydney, Melbourne).

Papers concerning missions to Aborigines, 1831-40, comprising:

*Aborigines of Australia*, Perth, 17 July 1836. (12pp)

Petition from settlers at Swan River concerning a mission to Aborigines, 17 July 1836.

Correspondence between John Beecham (Wesleyan Missionary Society), Sir George Grey (Colonial Office), James Stephen (Colonial Office), Rev. Joseph Orton (Hobart, Sydney) and Johannes Gossner (Berlin), 1836-37.

Copies of correspondence between Rev. Joseph Orton and Sir Richard Bourke (Sydney) and Col. George Arthur (Hobart), July-Aug. 1836.

Consideration of Lord Glenelg’s proposal to send out a missionary as Protector of Aborigines in the new colony of South Australia, n.d. (2pp)

Wesleyan Aboriginal Mission New South Wales, 1820-28. (2pp)

House of Commons paper relating to instructions from the Secretary of State for the Colonies concerning religious instruction to Aboriginal inhabitants of New South Wales and Van Diemen’s Land, 25 Sept. 1831. (19pp)

Printed reports of the Church Missionary Society, 1835-36, containing reports of the mission at Wellington Valley, New South Wales.

Report of the state of missions of the Wesleyan Society in New South Wales and Van Diemen’s Land, n.d. (8pp)

Extracts from the narrative of Rev. Joseph Orton (Spp)

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Reports on Aboriginal missions by Francis Tuckfield (Geelong) and John McKenny.

L.E. Threlkeld. Annual reports of the mission to Aborigines, Lake Macquarie, 1838, 1840. (printed)

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Letters from ministers and ministers in New South Wales, South Australia and Western Australia to the secretaries of the Wesleyan Methodist Missionary Society in London, 1843-50. The correspondents include William B. Boyce (Sydney, Campbelltown), George Buck (Sydney), Augustus Cargill (Sydney), Daniel Draper (Sydney, Adelaide), John Eggleston (Adelaide, Hobart), T.B. Harris (Sydney), Benjamin Hurst (Sydney, Bathurst), Jonathan Innes (West Maitland, Windsor), Walter Lawry (Sydney), George Lazenby (Perth), Frederick Lewis (Windsor, Sydney, West Maitland), William Lightbody (Goulburn), John McKenny (Sydney, Windsor), Ralph Mansfield (Sydney), George Poole (Sydney), Thomas Reynolds (Adelaide), William Schofield (Melbourne, Parramatta), John Smithies (Perth), Edward Sweetman (Parramatta, Melbourne), John Symons (Adelaide), John C. Thrum (Adelaide), Francis Tuckfield (Port Phillip), Nathaniel Turner (Parramatta), Joseph Waterhouse (Adelaide), John Weatherston (Sydney, Adelaide), Samuel Wilkinson (Bathurst, Sydney) and George Wood (Sydney).

Australian papers, c. 1840-59, comprising:

Correspondence, official papers, newspaper cuttings and other papers relating to the Wesleyan Chapel in Perth, 1840-41.

Census of New South Wales, 1846. (printed)

Petition to Queen Victoria by ministers of the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Van Diemen’s Land, n.d.

Correspondence concerning the distribution of revenue from the Church and School Estates in New South Wales, 1850.


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Letters from missionaries and ministers in New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia and Western Australia to the secretaries of the Wesleyan Methodist Missionary Society, 1851-56. The principal correspondents are Charles Akrill (Sandhurst, Victoria), James Bickford (Sydney, Melbourne), William B. Boyce (Sydney), William Butters (Melbourne, Adelaide), Daniel Draper (Adelaide, Melbourne) and John Smithies (Perth, Hobart). Other correspondents include G.W. Allen (Sydney), James Calvert (Sydney), John Eggleston (Sydney, Melbourne), Isaac Harding (Melbourne), Samuel Hardey (Melbourne, Perth), William Hill (Richmond), Benjamin Hurst (Goulburn), Walter Lawry (Parramatta),
Frederick Lewis (Geelong), William Littlebody (Portland, Victoria), William Lowe (Perth), John Orton (Sydney), Thomas Raston (Sandhurst, Victoria), James Royce (Melbourne), Edward Sweetman (Melbourne), Theophilus Taylor (Ballarat), Nathaniel Turner (Parramatta), James Waugh (Melbourne), Thomas West (Sydney), Samuel Wilkinson (Bathurst), Thomas Williams (Geelong, Adelaide) and Robert Young (Melbourne).

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Letters from ministers in New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia and Western Australia to the secretaries of the Wesleyan Methodist Missionary Society, 1857-59. The principal correspondents are Daniel Draper (Melbourne), John Eggleston (Sydney) and Samuel Hardey (Perth). Other correspondents include Joseph Albiston (Geelong), James Bickford (Ballarat), William B. Boyce (Sydney), William Butters (Adelaide), James Dixon (Melbourne), Isaac Harding (Geelong), William Hessel (Sydney), William Ingram (Melbourne), Richard Lyth (Sydney), Stephen Rabone (Parramatta), William Schofield (Sydney), Ebenezer Taylor (Sydney), Joseph Waterhouse (Sydney), James Waugh (Sydney), John Whiteley (Sydney) and Thomas Williams (Melbourne).

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Letters from ministers in New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia and Western Australia to the secretaries of the Wesleyan Methodist Missionary Society in London, 1860-62. The principal correspondents are Daniel Draper (Melbourne), John Eggleston (Sydney, Melbourne) and Samuel Hardey (Perth). Other correspondents include Charles Clay (Perth, York), James Dixon (Melbourne), Charles DuBourg (Ararat), Frederick Jobson (Sydney), John A. Manton (Parramatta), Thomas Raston (Castlemaine), Ebenezer Taylor (Ballarat), R.W. Vanderkiste (Dungog, NSW) and Jabez Waterhouse (Adelaide).

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Letters from ministers in all the Australian colonies except Tasmania to the secretaries of the Wesleyan Methodist Missionary Society in London, 1862-68. The principal correspondents are Charles Clay (Perth, York), John Eggleston (Sydney, Melbourne) and Stephen Rabone (Sydney). Other correspondents include James Bickford (Melbourne, Geelong), Thomas Bond (Perth), Samuel Brooks (Sydney), William Butters (Melbourne), Benjamin Chapman (West Maitland), Daniel Draper (Melbourne), Joseph Fletcher (Brisbane), Henry Gaud (Sydney), George Hurst (Sydney), Samuel Ironside (Adelaide), Thomas Laurence (Perth, Champion Bay), William Lowe (Perth), J. Allen Manton (Parramatta), Charles Olden (Brisbane, Toowoomba), Joseph Oram (Maitland), W.J.K. Piddington (Brisbane), Thomas Raston (Newcastle), William Simpson (Perth), John Symons (Adelaide), John Watsford (Adelaide), James Waugh (Ballarat, Melbourne) and Thomas Williams (Melbourne).

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Letters from ministers in all the Australian colonies except Tasmania to the secretaries of the Wesleyan Methodist Missionary Society in London, 1868-71. The principal correspondents are Isaac Harding (Brisbane), William Lowe (Perth, York) and Stephen Rabone (Sydney). Other correspondents include James Bickford (Geelong), Benjamin Chapman (Sydney), George Daniel (Melbourne), John Eggleston (Melbourne), Joseph Hardey (Perth), Thomas Laurence (Perth), George Lee (Kooringa, SA), John Symons (Melbourne), William Taylor (Brisbane), William Traylen (Geraldton), James Waugh (Melbourne) and William Wilkins (Sydney).

Box 520

Letters from ministers in all the Australian colonies except Tasmania to the secretaries of the Wesleyan Methodist Missionary Society in London, 1872-75. The principal correspondents are Benjamin Chapman (Sydney) and William Lowe (Perth). Other correspondents include James Atkins (Albany), James Bickford (Melbourne, Adelaide), A.J. Boyle (Darwin), Frederick Brentnall (Brisbane), John Caldwell (Goulburn), George Daniel (Melbourne, Warrnambool), John Eggleston (Melbourne, Clunes, Geelong), Henry Gaud (Sydney), Joseph Hardey (Perth), John Hennessey (Stanthorpe, Qld.), Samuel Ironside (Melbourne), Joseph Oram (Mudgee, Sydney), T.P. Reeve (Sydney), E. Sholl (Ballarat), John Symons (Melbourne), James Watkins (Sydney), John Watsford (Melbourne), James Waugh (Melbourne), Samuel Wilkinson (Windsor) and Thomas Williams (Castlemaine).

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Letters from ministers in all the Australian colonies except Tasmania to the secretaries of the Wesleyan Methodist Missionary Society in London, 1875-89. The main correspondent is Benjamin Chapman (Sydney). Other correspondents include James Bickford (Adelaide), W.L. Blamires (Melbourne), William B. Boyce (Sydney), Robert Casely (Adelaide), John Eggleston (Geelong), Joseph Fletcher (Sydney), Samuel Knight (Adelaide), Thomas Laurence (Albany), William Lowe (Perth), William Moore (Windsor), Joseph Oram (Parramatta), M.H. Parkinson (Brisbane), James Royce (Sale), Richard Sellors (Sydney), J.B. Stephenson (Adelaide), John Symons (Melbourne), Francis Tait (Goulburn), P.C. Thomas (Perth), John Watsford (Melbourne), Jabez Waterhouse (Sydney) and George Woolnough (Sydney).

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Tasmania

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Letters from missionaries and ministers in Van Diemen’s Land to the secretaries of the Wesleyan Methodist Missionary Society in London, 1823-36. The correspondents include William Butters (Port Arthur, Hobart), Benjamin Carvosso (Hobart), William Horton (Hobart), John Hutchinson (Hobart), John McKenny (Hobart), Ralph Mansfield (Hobart), J. Allen Manton (Hobart, Macquarie Harbour, Port Arthur, Launceston), Joseph Orton (Hobart), Stephen Rabone (Hobart), William Schofield (Macquarie Harbour), William Simpson (Hobart, Port Arthur) and Nathaniel Turner (Hobart).

Box 530
Letters from missionaries and ministers in Van Diemen’s Land to the secretaries of the Wesleyan Methodist Missionary Society in London, 1837-39. The correspondents include William Butters (Hobart, Ross), Benjamin Hurst (Longford), William Longbottom (Hobart), J. Allen Manton (Launceston, New Norfolk), Joseph Orton (Hobart), William Simpson (Port Arthur, Launceston), James Sutch (Hobart), John Warren (Longford), John Waterhouse (Hobart) and John Weatherston (Hobart, New Norfolk, Launceston, Port Arthur).

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Box 530 (contd.)

Letters from missionaries and ministers in Van Diemen’s Land to the secretaries of the Wesleyan Methodist Missionary Society in London, 1840-57. The correspondents include William B. Boyce (Hobart), W.A. Brooks (Longford), George Buck (Hobart), Thomas Buddle (Hobart), William Butters (Ross, Hobart), David Cargill (Hobart), John Eggleston (Hobart, Longford), Henry Gaud (Longford), Benjamin Hurst (Launceston, Hobart), Jonathan Innes (Hobart), William Longbottom (Hobart), J. Allen Manton (New Norfolk, Hobart, Ross, Port Arthur), William Simpson (Launceston, Hobart), John Thomas (Hobart), Charles Tucker (Hobart), Nathaniel Turner (Hobart, Launceston, New Norfolk), John Waterhouse (Hobart), Samuel Waterhouse (Hobart) and John Weatherston (Port Arthur.)

Box 530

Letters from ministers in Tasmania to the secretaries of the Wesleyan Methodist Missionary Society in London, 1861-76. The correspondents include Ebenezer Atherton (Hobart), Nathaniel Bennett (Longford), John Hutcheon, Samuel Ironside (Longford), William Quick (Ross), Stephen Rabone (Hobart) and John Smithies (Torquay River).

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New Zealand

Box 524

Letters from missionaries and ministers in New Zealand to the secretaries of the Wesleyan Methodist Missionary Society in London, 1819-31. Some of the letters are accompanied by journals kept by the missionaries. The correspondents include Charles Baker (Bay of Islands), William Hall (Bay of Islands), John Hobbs (Whangaroa, Mangungu), William Horton (Sydney), Samuel Leigh (Bay of Islands), James Stack (Paihia, Mangungu), Nathaniel Turner (Whangaroa, Kiddu Kiddu [Kerikeri]), William White (Whangaroa, Paihia, Mangungu), Henry Williams (Paihia) and William Yate (Waimate).

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Box 524 (contd.)

Letters from missionaries and ministers in New Zealand to the secretaries of the Wesleyan Methodist Missionary Society in London, 1832-34. The correspondents include John Hobbs (Mangungu), Joseph Orton (Mangungu, Bay of Islands, Sydney), James Wallis (Hokianga), William
White (Pahia, Mangungu), John Whiteley (Mangungu), Henry Williams (Pahia) and William Woon (Mangungu, Kawhia).

Box 525

Letters from missionaries and ministers in New Zealand to the secretaries of the Wesleyan Methodist Missionary Society in London, 1835-38. There are also extracts from a journal kept by John Bumby in England and on the voyage to New Zealand (1829-38) and extracts from other journals. The correspondents include John Hobbs (Mangungu), Richard Lyth, Nathaniel Turner (Mangungu), James Wallis (Whangaroa, Kaipara), William White (Mangungu), John Whiteley (Mangungu, Waiharakeke, Newark) and William Woon (Kawhia, Waikato, Mangungu).

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Box 525 (contd.)

Letters from missionaries and ministers in New Zealand to the secretaries of the Wesleyan Methodist Missionary Society in London, 1838-40. The correspondents include James Buller (Mangungu, Newark, Kaipara), John Bumby (Mangungu), Charles Creed (Mangungu), John Hobbs (Mangungu), Samuel Ironside (Mangungu, Kawhia), Nathaniel Turner (Mangungu), Joseph Orton (Bay of Islands), James Wallis (Kaipara, Waingaro), John Waterhouse (Mangungu), James Watkin (Waikouati), John Whiteley (Kawhia, Waingaro) and William Woon (Mangungu, Newark).

At the end of the 1839 letters is a large folder containing transcripts of letters (extracts) from New Zealand missionaries, 1839-47. At the end of the 1840 letters is a journal of Rev. John Waterhouse of his travels in New South Wales, New Zealand, the Friendly Islands and Fiji, April 1840-October 1841.

Box 526

Letters from missionaries and ministers in New Zealand to the secretaries of the Wesleyan Methodist Missionary Society in London, January – May 1841. The correspondents include John Aldred (Wellington), Charles Creed (Taranaki), John Hobbs (Newark), Samuel Ironside (Cloudy Bay), Gideon Smales (Newark), John Warren (Waima), John Waterhouse (Mangungu), James Watkin (Waikouati), and John Whiteley (Kawhia).

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Box 526 (contd.)

Letters from missionaries and ministers in New Zealand to the secretaries of the Wesleyan Methodist Missionary Society in London, May 1841 – December 1843. The correspondents include John Aldred (Wellington), Thomas Buddle (Waipa), James Buller (Kaipara, Auckland), George Buttle (Kawhia, Waipa), George Clark (Auckland), Charles Creed (Taranaki), John Hobbs (Mangungu), Samuel Ironside (Cloudy Bay, Wellington), Walter Lawry, Gideon Smales (Newark, Wellington), H. Hanson Turton (Aotea), James Wallis (Waingaro), John Warren (Waima), James Watkin (Waikouati), John Whiteley (Kawhia, Wellington, Auckland) and William Woon (Mangungu).
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Box 527

Letters from missionaries and ministers in New Zealand to the secretaries of the Wesleyan Methodist Missionary Society in London, 1844-45. The correspondents include John Aldred (Nelson), Thomas Buddle (Waipa, Auckland), James Buller (Kaipara), Charles Creed (Waikouati), John Hobbs (Manungu, Hokianga), Samuel Ironside (Wellington), Henry Lawry (Hokianga, Auckland), Walter Lawry (Auckland), Gideon Smales (Aotea), H. Hanson Turton (Ngamotu, New Plymouth), James Wallis (Waingaro), John Warren (Waima), James Watkin (Wellington), John Whiteley (Kawhia, Auckland) and William Woon (Mangungu, Hokianga).

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Box 527 (contd.)

Letters from missionaries and ministers in New Zealand to the secretaries of the Wesleyan Methodist Missionary Society in London, 1846-47. The correspondents include John Aldred (Nelson, Wellington), Joel Bate (Auckland), Thomas Buddle (Auckland), James Buller (Kaipara, Tangiteroria), George Buttle (Waipa), Charles Creed (Waikouati), John Hobbs (Auckland, Hokianga), Samuel Ironside (Wellington), George Kevern (Auckland), Henry Lawry (Auckland), Walter Lawry (Auckland), Gideon Smales (Aotea), H. Hanson Turton (New Plymouth), James Wallis (Waingaroa, Tangiteroria), John Warren (Waima), John Watkin (Wellington), Thomas West (Auckland), John Whiteley (Kawhia) and William Woon (Auckland, Waimate, Taranaki).

Box 528

Letters from missionaries and ministers in New Zealand to the secretaries of the Wesleyan Methodist Missionary Society in London, 1848. The correspondents include John Aldred (Nelson), Thomas Buddle (Auckland), James Buller (Kaipara), George Buttle (Waipa), Charles Creed (Waikouati), Samuel Ironside (Wellington), William Kirk (Newark), Walter Lawry (Auckland), John Warren (Waima), John Watkin (Wellington), John Whiteley (Kawhia) and William Woon (Waimate).

Reel M141

Box 528 (contd.)

Letters from missionaries and ministers in New Zealand to the secretaries of the Wesleyan Methodist Missionary Society in London, 1849-52. The correspondents include Thomas Buddle (Auckland) James Buller (Kaipara, Tangiteroria), Charles Creed (Dunedin, Waikouati), Joseph Fletcher (Auckland), John Hobbs (Auckland, Manungu), Samuel Ironside (Nelson), William Kirk (Whanganui), Walter Lawry (Auckland), John Millard (Auckland), Stephen Rabone (Auckland), Gideon Smales (Aotea), James Wallis (Waingaroa), John Warren (Waima), Samuel Waterhouse (Auckland), John Watkin (Wellington), John Whiteley (Kawhia), and William Woon (Waimate, Auckland).

Reel M142
Box 528 (contd.)

Letters from missionaries and ministers in New Zealand to the secretaries of the Wesleyan Methodist Missionary Society in London, 1853-82. The correspondents include John Aldred (Wellington, Christchurch), R.J. Allsworth (Wanganui), George Bond (Christchurch), William B. Boyce (Auckland), Thomas Buddle (Auckland), James Buller (Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch), George Buttle (Waipa), Charles Creed (Wellington), John Fordham (Auckland), Isaac Harding (Auckland), George Harper (Auckland), John Hobbs (Auckland), Samuel Ironside (Nelson), William Kirk (Waikouati), Henry Lawry (Manukau), Walter Lawry (Auckland), Richard Lyth (Auckland), George Quilty (Port Chalmers), Charles Sewell (Nelson), J.S. Smalley ( Napier), C. Wesley Turner (Christchurch), James Wallis (Wangaroa), John Warren (Waima), John Watkin (Wellington), John Whiteley (Auckland, Taranaki), William Woon (Wanganui) and Robert Young (Auckland).

Among the letters is a report of a deputation (William B. Boyce, Robert Young) appointed by the British Wesleyan Conference in 1852 to visit the New Zealand district, 14 December 1853 (5pp + documents).

Reel M143

Friendly Islands

Box 540

Letters and journals of missionaries in the Friendly Islands (Tonga) sent to the secretaries of the Wesleyan Methodist Missionary Society in London, 1822-32. The correspondents include John Beveridge, William Cross (Nuku’alofa, Vava’u), John Hutchinson (Launceston, Hihifo), Walter Lawry (Tonga, Parramatta), John Thomas (Hihifo, Nuku’alofa), Charles Tucker (Nuku’alofa), Nathaniel Turner (Nuku’alofa), Peter Turner (Lifuka, Vava’u), James Watkin (Lifuka) and William Woon (Hokianga, Nuku’alofa, Sydney).

Reel M144

Box 541

Letters and journals of missionaries in the Friendly Islands sent to the secretaries of the Wesleyan Methodist Missionary Society in London, 1833-35. Some letters are addressed to Rev. Joseph Orton in Sydney. The correspondents include David Cargill (Sydney, Vava’u), William Cross (Nuku’alofa, Lifuka, Vava’u), John Hobbs (Nuku’alofa, Vava’u), John Thomas (Nuku’alofa, Vava’u), Peter Turner (Vava’u), James Watkin (Lifuka) and William Woon (Nuku’alofa).

Box 542

Letters and journals of missionaries in the Friendly Islands sent to the secretaries of the Wesleyan Methodist Missionary Society in London, 1836. The correspondents include W.A. Brooks (Vava’u), John Hobbs (Vava’u), Stephen Rabone (Vava’u), John Spinney (Vava’u), John Thomas (Vava’u, Lifuka) and James Watkin (Nuku’alofa).

Reel M145
Box 542 (contd.)

Letters and journals of missionaries in the Friendly Islands sent to the secretaries of the Wesleyan Methodist Missionary Society in London, 1837. The correspondents include W.A. Brooks (Vava’u), John Hobbs (Ha’apai), Stephen Rabone (Feletoa, Hihifo), John Spinney (Vava’u), John Thomas (Vava’u, Hihifo) and Charles Tucker (Lifuka, Nuku’alofa).

Box 543

Letters and journals of missionaries in the Friendly Islands sent to the secretaries of the Wesleyan Methodist Missionary Society in London, 1838-43. The correspondents include W.A. Brooks (Vava’u), David Cargill (Vava’u), Capt. Peter Dillon (Vava’u, Bay of Islands), John Hobbs (Ha’apai), George Kevern (Vava’u), Richard Lyth (Vava’u, Lifuka), George Miller (Nuku’alofa), Stephen Rabone (Nuku’alofa, Vava’u, Lifuka), John Spinney (Lifuka), John Thomas (Vava’u, Lifuka, Nuku’alofa), Charles Tucker (Nuku’alofa), Peter Turner (Lifuka, Vava’u), William Webb (Ha’apai), Francis Wilson (Vava’u, Ha’apai) and Matthew Wilson (Lifuka, Hihifo).

Reel M146

Box 544

Letters and journals of missionaries in the Friendly Islands to the secretaries of the Wesleyan Methodist Missionary Society in London, 1844-56. The correspondents include Thomas Adams (Vava’u, Nuku’alofa), Richard Amos (Lifuka, Nuku’alofa), George Daniel (Nuku’alofa, Mu’a), George Miller (Makanga), Stephen Rabone (Lifuku, Vava’u), John Thomas (Nuku’alofa, Vava’u), Peter Turner (Vava’u, Nuku’alofa, Neiafu), William Webb (Ha’apai, Hihifo), Francis Wilson (Vava’u) and Matthew Wilson (Hihifo, Mu’a, Lifuka).

Reel M147

Box 544 (contd.)

Letters of missionaries in the Friendly Islands to the secretaries of the Wesleyan Methodist Missionary Society in London, 1856-75. The correspondents include Thomas Adams (Vava’u), Frank Firth (Neiafu), James Moulton (Nuku’alofa), J.T. Shaw, John Thomas (Nuku’alofa, Sydney) and Thomas West (London).

At the end of the box is a bundle of transcripts of letters and journals written by missionaries in the period 1837-48 and also copies of the Tonga Government Gazette (1880) and a House of Commons paper relating to disturbances in Tonga (1887). The correspondents include John Beecham (London), James Calvert (Lakemba), George Kevern (Vava’u), Richard Lyth (Lifuka), John Thomas (Lifuka), Peter Turner (Lifuka) and Francis Wilson (Neiafu).

Fiji

Box 532
Letters from missionaries in Fiji to the secretaries of the Wesleyan Methodist Missionary Society in London, 1835-62. The correspondents include James Calvert (Lakemba, Viwa, Ovalau), David Cargill (Lakemba), John Fordham (Bua), David Hazlewood (Somosomo, Parramatta), Jane Hazlewood (Somosomo), John Horsley (Bua), Thomas Jaggar (Rewa), Richard Lyth (Viwa, Lakemba), John Malvern (Lakemba, Tailevu), Joseph Nettleton (Kandavu), William Pritchard (Levuka), James Royce (Suva, Kandavu), John Waterhouse, Joseph Waterhouse (Rewa, Hobart), Samuel Waterhouse (Nandy), Thomas Williams (Lakemba) and William Wilson (Bua).

Reel M148

Fiji

Box 532 (contd.)

Letters from missionaries in Fiji to the secretaries of the Wesleyan Methodist Missionary Society in London, 1862-84. The principal correspondent is James Calvert (Ovalau) and other correspondents include Jesse Cary (Rewa), Lorimer Fison (Navulau, Levuka), William Fletcher (Ovalau), John Horsley (Lakemba), Frederick Langham (Bua), Joseph Nettleton (Kandavu, Ovalau), Francis Tait (Lakemba), Joseph Waterhouse (Ovalau, Levuka) and Arthur Webb (Levuka).

Note: Other letters from missionaries in Fiji can be found on reels M988-90.

Samoa

Box 531

Letters and journals from missionaries in Samoa sent to the secretaries of the Wesleyan Methodist Missionary Society in London, 1834-70. The principal correspondents include John Thomas, Peter Turner (Satup’itea, Matautu, Manano), J.W. Wallis (Upolu) and Matthew Wilson (Satup’itea, Manano).

New Britain

Two letters relating to New Britain written in 1878 and 1881 by A. Weber (Makada) and Robert Hall (Admiralty, London).

Reel M149

OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE, 1816-67

Letterbook, January 1816 – July 1820 (525pp)

The volume consists mostly of letters written by Joseph Taylor, the secretary of the Wesleyan Methodist Missionary Society, but there are also copies of some in-coming letters, extracts from letters and minutes of meetings. Most of the letters date from 1819-20. The recipients include Benjamin Carvosso (Camelford, Sydney), E. Eagar (Sydney), Walter Lawry (Sydney), Samuel Leigh (Sydney), Governor Lachlan Macquarie (Sydney), Ralph Mansfield (Sydney) and Samuel Marsden (Parramatta). There is an index at the end of the volume.
Elijah Hoole (1798-1872) was one of the general secretaries of the Wesleyan Methodist Missionary Society from 1836 until his death. The volume mostly comprises brief summaries of his letters. The recipients include William B. Boyce (Sydney), William Butters (Melbourne, Adelaide), Benjamin Carvosso (Parramatta), Daniel Draper (Adelaide, Melbourne), John Eggleston (Sydney), John Hobbs (Auckland), Walter Lawry (Auckland), William Swainson (Wellington), John Thomas (Friendly Islands), William Woon (Taranaki) and Robert Young (Melbourne). There is an index at the end of the volume.

Letterbook, August 1820 – February 1836 (528pp)
Copies of letters, or summaries of letters, written by the secretaries of the Wesleyan Methodist Missionary Society, Jabez Bunting, Joseph Taylor, Richard Watson, G. Morley, R. Alder and John Beecham. The letters on this reel cover the period August 1820 – December 1824 (pp 1-260). The recipients include Lord Bathurst (London), Benjamin Carvosso (Parramatta), William Horton (Hobart), Walter Lawry (Sydney), Samuel Leigh (Sydney), Ralph Mansfield (Sydney) and Samuel Marsden (Parramatta).

Reel M150

Letterbook, August 1820-February 1836 (contd.)
The letters on this reel cover the period January 1825 – February 1836 (pp 261-528). The recipients include George Erskine (Sydney), John Harper (Sydney), John McKenny (Sydney), Ralph Mansfield (Sydney), John Thomas (Friendly Islands), Nathaniel Turner (New Zealand), Henry Williams (New Zealand), William Walker (Sydney), William White (New Zealand)

Letterbook, February 1836 – September 1845 (521pp)
Copies of letters written by the secretaries of the Wesleyan Methodist Missionary Society: Elijah Hoole, John Beecham and R. Alder. The recipients include John Bumby (New Zealand), William Cross (Fiji), John Hobbs (New Zealand), John Hunt (Fiji), Walter Lawry (New Zealand), John McKenny (Sydney), Joseph Orton (Sydney), Gideon Smales (New Zealand), John Thomas (Friendly Islands), Nathaniel Turner (Van Diemen’s Land), Jabez Waterhouse (Hobart), John Waterhouse (Hobart), John Weatherstone (Sydney), John Whiteley (New Zealand). There is an index at the beginning of the volume.

Letterbook, November 1845 – December 1854 (517pp)
Copies of letters written by the secretaries of the Wesleyan Methodist Missionary Society: Jabez Bunting, R. Alder, John Beecham, Elijah Hoole, George Osborn and William Arthur. The letters on this reel cover the period November 1845 – August 1853 (pp 1-362). The recipients include William B. Boyce (Sydney), Daniel Draper (Adelaide), John Hunt (Fiji), Walter Lawry (Auckland), Richard Lyth (Fiji), John A. Manton (Hobart), Peter Turner (Friendly Islands) and Robert Young (Melbourne). There is an index at the beginning of the volume.

Reel M151
Letterbook, November 1845 – December 1854 (contd.)

The letters on this reel cover the period August 1853 – December 1854 (pp 361-517). The recipients include Thomas Adams (Friendly Islands), William B. Boyce (Sydney, Birmingham), William Butters (Birmingham), Thomas Buddle (Auckland), Joseph Fletcher (Auckland), Walter Lawry (Auckland, Birmingham), Richard Lyth (Fiji), Alexander Reid (Auckland) and Robert Young (Melbourne). On pp 471-77 is the plan for forming the Wesleyan Missionary Society’s Australasian and Polynesian missions into a distinct affiliated Connexion, adopted by the English Conference held at Birmingham in 1854.

Letterbook, September 1855 – December 1867 (544pp)

Copies of letters written by the secretaries of the Wesleyan Methodist Missionary Society: John Beecham, Elijah Hoole, George Osborn, William Arthur, William B. Boyce and George Perks. The recipients include Samuel Hardey (Perth) and John Thomas (Tonga). There is an index at the beginning of the volume.

Reel M152

PERSONAL COLLECTIONS

Box 645

Papers of James Calvert

James Calvert (1813-1892) was born at Pickering, Yorkshire, and after attending a school at Malton he was apprenticed to a printer and binder. In 1837 he attended the Wesleyan Theological College at Hoxton. He was ordained in March 1838 and, with his new wife Mary Fowler, he sailed to Fiji. He was based at Lakemba until 1848, when he moved to Viwa Island, succeeding his friend John Hunt. He returned to England in 1856 where he organised the printing of the first Fijian Bible. In 1861 Calvert returned to Fiji, where he was the district chairman. He left Fiji in 1865 and from 1873 to 1881 served as a missionary in South Africa. His wife died in 1882 and he made a short visit to Fiji and Tonga in 1886.

Diaries of James Calvert, 1838-85

The diaries of James Calvert vary in size, length and format. Some are quarto sized and bound in leather, others are very small notebooks. A few cover several years, others just a few weeks or even days. Some doubled as memoranda books, containing notes as well as diary entries. The first diary, which is the most substantial (493pp) begins with Calvert’s marriage and ordination in England and his voyage to Sydney and Fiji and covers his first ten years as a missionary.

Diary, 15 March 1838 – 13 July 1848 (Levuka)
Diary, 2 September 1848 – 20 August 1851 (Viwa)
Diary and memoranda book, 5 March 1849 – March 1850 (Viwa, Bau)
Diary and memoranda book, December 1850 – June 1854 (Viwa)
Diary, June 1854 – c. May 1855 (Viwa)
Diary, 11 May – 19 July 1855 (Viwa)

**Reel M153**

*James Calvert (contd.)*

*Box 645 (contd.)*

Diary, 11 June – 22 November 1855
Diary, 12 December 1860 – 7 January 1863 (voyage from England, Ovalau)
Diary, January – February 1863
Diary, December 1863 (Lakemba)
Diary, December 1863 (Lakemba)
Diary, 13 December 1860 – 21 May 1861 (voyage from London to Fiji)
Diary, 20 May – 28 November 1885 (visit to Fiji, Tonga, New Zealand, Australia)

**Notebooks, correspondence and other documents of James Calvert**

Biographical notes by Calvert covering his life from 1813 to about 1885.

*Journal of Mary Calvert, 2 June 1863 – 11 May 1866. (Ovalau)*

Oath of allegiance signed by George Langley and Sir John Cowan, London, 3 April 1838.

*Letter book of Calvert, 1878-79, including two letters from Calvert to James Cowlishaw (Brisbane).*

*Notebook kept by Calvert during the conference of the Australasian Wesleyan Methodist Church, Adelaide, 17-20 January 1866.*

*Notebook containing summaries and notes of letters, 1870-73.*

*Letters received by Calvert, c. 1856-82, including an incomplete letter requesting beetles from Fiji for a collection at Trinity College, Dublin (2 Feb. 1856).*

*Journal in an unknown hand of a voyage from Sydney to London on the ship *The Light of the Age*, c. April 1856. (39pp)*

*A minute of the Executive Missionary Committee, Sydney, reporting the arrival in Sydney of James and Mary Calvert, 12 Oct. 1865. (1p.)*

*Copies of Calvert’s South African correspondence, c. 1874-80.*

**Reel M154**

*James Calvert (contd.)*
Copies of Calvert’s South African correspondence, c. 1874-80. Scattered among the letters are some earlier items, such as three letters to George S. Rowe (London) about Fiji and Tonga (c. 1862), notes on Gambier Island, and notes about a meeting in Melbourne.

Box 646

Two notebooks on Fiji.

A notebook entitled ‘Anecdotes’, c. 1855.

A notebook entitled ‘Missions’, c. 1864.

A notebook containing a list of Wesleyan missionaries in Fiji (1835-64) and notes on events in Fiji. (183pp)

A notebook with an article on Fiji (29 Aug. 1891) and two letters from Calvert to Rev. F. Macdonald, Jan.-Feb. 1892. (16pp)


Preface by G.S. Rowe to Rev. James Calvert, missionary to the Fijians.

Manuscript entitled ‘Fiji: cannibal and Christian. (47pp)


Bundle of notes and copies of Calvert’s letters, 1839-86.

Extracts from Calvert’s diaries, 1838-65.

Extracts from Calvert’s letters in Fiji and South Africa, 1842-88.

Notes, cuttings and correspondence concerning the Bishopric of Fiji (1885), including a letter to Calvert from Archbishop Edward Benson.

Diary, 1885-86, containing very brief entries referring to Calvert’s visit to Australia, New Zealand and Fiji.

Note entitled ‘Stereotype plates of the New Testament’.

List of Fijian books.

Reel M155

James Calvert (contd.)

Bundle of notes on Fijian missions.

Notes for lectures, including ‘Successful mission work among the cannibals of Fiji’ (1883).

Notebook, 1849-50.
Fijian Quarterly Letter, supplement, May 1864. (7pp)

Notebook with details of letters sent and received, 1866-70.


‘The Vewa Record’, May 1850 – May 1854.

‘The Nandy Chronicle’, no. 3, 6 May 1852.

Box 647

Personal documents including Calvert’s certificate of appointment as a missionary (7 March 1838), certificate of marriage (22 March 1838), baptism certificates of his children Mary, Philip and Sarah (1838-46), verse, and signatures of missionaries (1861).

Letters from Calvert (Lakemba) to Rev. John Hunt, 1839-48. (86 letters)

Letters from Calvert (Lakemba, Viwa, Sydney) to other missionaries, including John Hunt, Richard Lyth (Viwa), Thomas Williams (Somosomo), David Hazlewood (Somosomo), Thomas Jaggar (Viwa), and William B. Boyce, 1841-55. (21 letters)

Letters from Calvert (Viwa, Ovalau, Melbourne, Bristol, Dublin) to his wife and children, 1848-61. (13 letters)

A letter from Mary Calvert (Ovalau) to her children, 9 March 1854.

Reel M156

James Calvert (contd.)

Box 647 (contd.)

Letters from James and Mary Calvert (Sydney, Lakemba, Viwa) to her brother Philip Fowler (London) and his family, 1837-50. (28 letters)

Letters from Mary Fowler (Aston Clinton) to James Calvert (Hoxton), Oct. 1837-Jan. 1838. (2 letters)

Letters from James Calvert (Sydney, Bau, Ovalau, Melbourne, Adelaide) to Rev. George S. Rowe (Blackheath), 1861-66. (56 letters and 4 fragments)

Letters from James Calvert to various people, 1856-92, including letters to Rev. Shirley Baker (Tonga), 21 Aug. 1864, 26 Aug. 1886.

Letters received by James and Mary Calvert, 1847-92. (42 letters) The correspondents include Rev. James Waterhouse (Nandy), Rev. John Malvern (Nandy), Rev. Joseph Nettleton (London), Rev. Lorimer Fison (Navuloa), Rev. Frederick Langham (Bau) and Rev. Ernest Crosby (Tonga).


Bills, 1870-90, mainly relating to the printing of Fijian hymns and maps.
Letterbook, 1854-64, containing drafts and extracts from Calvert’s letters. The recipients include Capt. Henry M. Denham and Rev. Elijah Hoole.

Copies of letters and resolutions of the Fijian District of the Wesleyan Missionary Society, 1855-76. Miscellaneous notes and printed ephemera.

**Reel M157**

**James Calvert (contd.)**

**Box 648**

Album of newspaper cuttings relating to Fiji and lectures by James Calvert, mostly unidentified and undated. (30pp)


Folder of newspaper cuttings on Tonga and Fiji, mostly 1886-88. The newspapers include the *Fiji Times* (Levuka), *Evening News* (Sydney), *Weekly Advocate* (Sydney), *New Zealand Herald* (Auckland), and *Spectator and Methodist Chronicle* (Melbourne). There is also a report by Sir C. Mitchell on recent disturbances in Tonga (1887), a copy of the *Tonga Blue Book* (1883) and a letter from Sir Thomas Lister (Foreign Office) to the Wesleyan Missionary Society about the Rev. Shirley Baker in Tonga (8 Oct. 1880).

**Box 649**

**Papers of John Hunt**

John Hunt (1812-1848) was born near Lincoln and worked as a farm labourer. He studied at the Wesleyan Theological Institution at Hoxton and was ordained in March 1838. He married Hannah Summers in 1835. They sailed to Fiji in 1838. Hunt was posted to Rewa on the island of Viti Levu, but in July 1839 moved to Somosomo on Taveuni Island before moving to the island of Viwa in 1842. He completed a Fijian translation of the New Testament in 1847.

Journal, 10 February-October 1838. (voyage to Australia)

Journal, 1 January 1839 – 4 August 1841. (Rewa, Somosomo)

Memoirs of Hunt’s early life and journal, 1 January 1842 – 27 February 1843. (Somosomo, Viwa)

Journal, 28 October 1843 – 25 January 1848. (Viwa)

**Box 650**

Letters of John Hunt, 1833-48, written from London, Oxford, Somosomo and Viwa. The recipients include his future wife Hannah Summers, his parents, Hannah’s family, friends and missionaries such as Joseph Waterhouse, John McKenny (Windsor) and Walter Lawry (Auckland). (27 letters)
Letters of Hannah Hunt, 1837-49 written from Leeds, London, Sydney, Rewa, Somosomo and Viwa to her parents, brother and sister. (13 letters)

Reel M158

Box 650 (contd.)

Letters received by John Hunt and Hannah Hunt, 1844-68. (18 letters) The correspondents include Rev. James Calvert (Bromley), Mary Calvert (Lakemba), Philip Fowler, Rev. David Hazlewood (Nandy), Jane Hazlewood (Somosomo), Rev. John Hannah (Didsbury), Mary Anne Lyth (Lakemba), Rev. Richard Lyth (Somosomo, Viwa, Lakemba), Thomas Summers (Newton), Rev. John Thomas (Nuku’alofa) and Rev. John Watsford (Ono, Lakemba).

Poem, possibly written by Hunt, on the wreck of a canoe which resulted in the death of Mrs Cross, the wife of the missionary William Cross.

Notebook containing a memoir of Hunt, possibly written by Richard Lyth. (86pp)


Fijian verse. (5pp)


Box 651

Papers of Richard Lyth

Richard Bursdall Lyth (1810-1887) was born in York. He studied medicine at the University of London. He married Mary Ann Hardy and shortly afterwards they sailed to Australia. They arrived in Tonga in 1837 and spent two years at Ha’apai. Lyth then transferred to Fiji, where he was mostly based at Lakemba. He was district chairman for six years. He was chaplain of Wesley College, Auckland, in 1855-58, before returning to England.

Copy book of letters from Lyth (Sydney) to his family in England, December 1836 – July 1837. (76pp)

Copy book of letters from Lyth (Somosomo) mainly to his family in England, February 1840 – December 1841. (265pp)

Copy book of letters from Lyth (Lakemba) to his family in England, September 1850 – November 1853. (139pp)

Copy book of letters from Lyth (Lakemba, Auckland) mainly to his family in England, August 1852 – September 1855. (74pp)

Volume containing letters, journal extracts, reports, memoranda, sermons, notes, verse, hymns and other writings, June 1843 – February 1851.
Reel M159
Box 651  (contd.)

Letters from Richard Lyth (London, York, Sydney, Vava‘u, Lifuka, Somosomo, Lakemba, Viwa and Auckland) to his parents, 1831-56.  [Printed transcripts of the letters are held in the National Library of Australia at MS 6658]

Extract from the journal of William Cross describing the wreck of a canoe and the death of his wife.  (13pp)

Memoranda of H. Hanson Turton

Henry Hanson Turton (1818-1887), the son of a Wesleyan minister, was born in Bradford.  He was ordained in 1839 and arrived in New Zealand in May 1840.  He served at Mangungu and Aotea, before moving to New Plymouth in 1844.  He retired from the ministry in 1858 and managed a business in New Plymouth.  In 1862 he was appointed resident magistrate at Coromandel Harbour.

‘Tritonia: or memoranda of the first voyage of the Wesleyan missionary ship Triton from England to New Zealand’, August 1839 – May 1840.  (118pp)  The memoranda describe Turton’s journey from Leeds to Bristol and the voyage from Bristol and Milford Haven to Hokianga and Kawhia.  An appendix (pp 96-118) contains hints for the use of intending missionaries and emigrants.  There is a covering letter from Turton (New Plymouth), 5 May 1846.

Journal of Nathaniel Turner

Nathaniel Turner (1793-1864) was born in Wybunbury, Cheshire.  He was ordained in 1822 and arrived in New Zealand in August 1823.  He served at Whangaroa and Mangungu before moving to Nuku‘aloafa in the Friendly Islands in 1829.  From 1839 onwards he lived in Australia, based at Sydney, Hobart, Launceston, New Norfolk, Parramatta and finally Brisbane.

Extracts from the journal of Nathaniel Turner (Nuku‘aloafa), May-June 1829.  (17pp)

Papers of Joseph Orton

Joseph Rennard Orton (1795-1842) was born in Hull, Yorkshire.  He was apprenticed to a sailmaker and ship’s chandler.  He entered the Wesleyan ministry in 1826 and was posted to Jamaica.  He returned to England in 1830 and in 1831 was sent to Australia to be chairman of the New South Wales district, succeeding George Erskine.  In 1835 he was appointed chairman of the Van Diemen’s Land district.  He was instrumental in establishing an Aboriginal mission near Geelong in 1838.

Journal, 1795-1832

Select:

General remarks  (pp 1-13)

Notebooks on South Seas islands
Memorandum for Committee, with notes on New South Wales, Van Diemen’s Land, New Zealand and Friendly Islands.

2-3 Friendly Islands.

4 Capt. Peter Dillon.

**Letters of John Bumby**

John Bumby (1808-1840) was born in Thirsk, Yorkshire. He was ordained in 1834. He arrived in New Zealand in March 1839 and was based at Mangungu. He toured the North Island and part of the South Island. He drowned on 26 June 1840.

Letters from Bumby (Birmingham, Hokianga) to various correspondents, 1836-39.

Particulars of the lamented death of Rev. John W. Bumby, [1840]. (2pp)

Letters from Rev. William Woon (Mangungu) and others about John Bumby, 1840-57.

**Boxes 652-57**

**Papers of John Thomas**

John Thomas (1796-1881) was born in Clent, near Hagley in Worcestershire. After leaving school, he worked as a blacksmith. He married Sarah Hartshorne in January 1825 and was ordained in March 1825. They left England in August 1825 and, after spending several months in Sydney, they arrived in the Friendly Islands in June 1826. The first mission was at Hihifo on the island of Niutoputapu. Thomas moved to Ha’apai (Haabai) in 1830 and Vava’u in 1835. From 1841 to 1850 he was based at Nuku’alofa on Tongatapu, where he was closely associated with Taufa’ahau, the first king of Tonga, and other chiefs. He sailed to England in 1850, where he worked on the history and mythology of Tonga. He returned to Nuku’alofa in 1856 but left for good in 1859. Sarah Thomas died in 1867. In his retirement John Thomas continued to write extensively about Tonga.

**Journals (quarto and folio) of John Thomas, 1825-75**

1 March 1825 – April 1828 (358pp)

2 April 1828 – March 1829 (193pp)

**Reel M160**

**John Thomas (contd.)**

3 April 1829 – September 1830 (179pp)

4 September 1830 – April 1832 (281pp)

5 April 1832 – October 1834 (223pp)

6 October 1834 – March 1838 (262pp)
7 March 1838 – September 1841 (473pp)

**Reel M161**

*John Thomas (contd.)*

8 September 1841 – December 1842
9 December 1842 – June 1846
10 June 1846 – March 1852

**Reel M162**

*John Thomas (contd.)*

11 July 1855 – February 1856
12 February 1856 – October 1859
13 October 1859 – August 1860
14 January 1861 – July 1875

**Journals (small) of John Thomas, 1821-67**

1 May 1821 – July 1823
2 July 1823 – June 1824
3 June 1824 – April 1825
4 August 1824 – December 1824
5 April 1825 – January 1826
6 March – May 1825
7 January – December 1826
8 January 1827 – March 1830
9 April 1830 – August 1840
10 October 1840 – October 1844
11 October 1844 – January 1846
12 January 1846 – December 1847

13 December 1847 – July 1853

14 February 1854 – June 1857 (194pp)

15 August 1858 (rough notes)

16 July – August 1867

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*Manuscripts of John Thomas*

Memoranda books, 1843, 1852-55, 1863. (3 vols.)

*Box 8*

‘Tongatabu or the Friendly Islands’. (9 quarto volumes, pp 1-672pp)

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*John Thomas (contd.)*

‘Tongatabu or the Friendly Islands’. (8 quarto volumes, pp 674-1320)

Contents list of ‘Tongatabu or the Friendly Islands’. (17pp)

‘The mythology of the Tongans’. (pp 246-313)

‘The Tonga mythology’. (pp 1-64)

*History of the Friendly Islands*. (2 quarto volumes, 244pp)

*Names of islands* (2 quarto volumes, 61pp)

‘Tonga or the Friendly Islands’. (47pp)

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*John Thomas (contd.)*

*Inventory of Thomas Papers, 1885*. (5pp)

*Photographs, prints and drawings, mostly unidentified.*

*Journal of Sarah Thomas, June 1826 – August 1834.*

*Memoranda*. (12pp)

*Journal of Sarah Thomas, November 1836 – April 1855.*

*Letters to John and Sarah Thomas from Samuel Sugden (31 March 1825) and Peter ? (20 May 1842).*
Two memoirs by John Thomas of his wife Sarah Thomas. (20pp, 12pp)

**CANDIDATES’ PAPERS, 1829-56**

**Box 659**

Minute book of the Candidates’ Committee, 1829-41, and the Discipline Committee, 1843-57. (208pp)

The volume contains references to Peter Turner (Nov. 1829), James Watkin, William Simpson (Dec. 1829), William Woon (Feb. 1830), John Manton (June 1830), John Whiteley (June 1831), Charles Tucker (July 1831), David Cargill (April 1832), George Erskine (Sept. 1832), James Wallis (Nov. 1832), Stephen Rabone (Oct. 1833), John Weatherstone, William Butters (Nov. 1833), Edward Sweetman, William Webb, William Woon (July 1834), Samuel Wilkinson (June 1837), William Walker, Gideon Smales (July 1841), John Weatherstone, Charles Creed (July 1846), Thomas Jaggar (June 1849), Walter Lawry (July 1852)

Volume entitled ‘Missionary Candidates’, 1844-56.

The volume contains biographical details and assessments of missionary candidates, including a number who were resident in Australia, New Zealand or the Friendly Islands. The candidates include William Horton (1844), Henry Lawry (1844), William Lightbody (1845), George Daniel (1846), William Kirk (1846), John Thrum (1847), John Millard (1848), James Somerville (1849), James Learmouth (1849), William Byrnes (1849), John Pemell (1849), Joseph Waterhouse (1850), Richard Amos (1850), James Royce (1852), Joseph Dare (1852), George Pickering (1852), William Piddington (1853), John Bowes (1853), John Whewell (1853), Walter Tregellas (1854), John Crawford (1854), Josiah Turner (1854), David Kata (1854), William Fletcher (1854), Cort Schnackenberg (1854), James Crisp (1854)

Notebook on candidates, 1836-39. (106pp)

The notebook contains brief references to letters received from candidates and notes of appointments. The candidates include Henry Gaud, Thomas Buddle, Benjamin Hurst, John Warren, Charles Creed, Samuel Ironside, Richard Lyth, Francis Wilson, William Webb, Thomas Jaggar and William Woon.

Letters recommending candidates, 1836-42

Letters and summaries of letters recommending missionary candidates. The candidates include Samuel Ironside (1836), Charles Creed (1837), Thomas Jaggar (1837), Thomas Williams (1839), Gideon Smales (18390, John Aldred (1839), George Kevern (1839), Benjamin Carvosso (1840) and Richard Amos (1842)

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**SHIP RECORDS, 1837-64**

Boxes 1024-27

**Missionary ship Triton (built 1838)**

1 Notice of auction sale of *Triton*, Bristol, 3 Jan. 1839.

2 Certificate of British registry, 10 Feb. 1838.

3 Mortgage of *Triton*, signed by Henry Johns, 1 Aug. 1838.

4 Assignment of *Triton* by Mark Whitewill, David Sands and Alfred Acraman to John Irving, 27 March 1839.

5 Power of attorney from Thomas Farmer, Thomas Sands and John Irving to Walter Lawry, about to proceed to Auckland, 1843.

6 Log books of missionary ship *Triton* (masters: James Beatty, George Buck, John Lillwall), on a voyage from Bristol to Sydney and voyages between Australian, New Zealand and South Seas ports, 1839-47. (7 items)

7 Manifest, accounts, instructions to the captain, inventory of stores, 1839-47.

8 Papers of the *Triton*, comprising lists of stores, vouchers (Sydney and Hobart), portage bills, list of kegs of nails supplied to mission stations, and a list of the number of persons conveyed from place to place, 1839-42. (15 items)

9 Account book for work done on the *Triton*, April-Sept. 1839.

10 Certificate relating to the *Triton*’s boat, Bristol, 13 Dec. 1839.

11 File containing dimensions of the schooner *Triton*, lists of sails, position of masts on the deck, a statement on the condition of the hull, spars, sails and rigging, an agreement for joiner’s work, accounts, drafts of lettering, sketches and plans, 1839, and papers relating to the refit at Bristol, 1844-45.

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**Missionary ship Triton (contd.)**

14 Financial papers of John Irving, c. 1839. (38 items)

16 Bills, vouchers, statements of accounts and other financial papers, 1839-47. (60 items)

18 Vouchers for supplies purchased at Hobart, Dec. 1842. (17 items)

19 Vouchers for supplies purchased in Australia, 1843-44. (52 items)

20 Ship’s articles, 31 Aug. 1839.

21 John Irving (Bristol). Instructions to Capt. James Beatty, 13 Sept. 1839. (7pp)

23 Draft advertisement for a captain to replace George Buck, 31 July 1844.

25 Two receipts for passage of George Buck to England, 1845.

26 John Irving (Bristol). Instructions to passengers on the Triton, 9 Sept. 1839. (2pp)

27 List of passage money, n.d.

28 List of passengers, n.d.

29 List of passengers and others on board the Triton from date of arrival in Sydney to Nov. 1842. (2pp)

30 Note of passage money to be charged, n.d.

31 Papers relating to baggage of passengers, 1839. (4 items)

32 List of articles presented for use of Wesleyan mission stations sent out on the Triton, 3 Sept. 1839. (3pp)

34 Inventories of stores, 1839-45. (11 items)

35 Estimate of consumption of beverages and food on the Triton, n.d.

36 Accounts of cargoes taken on board at various stations, 1840-44.

38 Account of nails supplied to missions at New Zealand, Friendly Islands and Fiji, 1840-45. (2pp)

39 Receipts by missionaries for stores supplied to New Zealand missions, 1842. (17 items)

40 Receipts by missionaries for stores supplied to New Zealand stations, 1842-44. (41 items)

41 Correspondence of John Irving (Bristol) and some other letters, 1838-46. (146 letters) The correspondents include James Archbell (Madeira, Cape Town), James Beatty (Milford Haven, Madeira, Cape Town, Hobart), John Beecham (London), George Buck (Milford Haven, Hobart, Hokianga, Sydney), Jabez Bunting (London), Elijah Hoole (London), John Irving (Bristol), Walter Lawry (Exeter, Dudley, Sydney, Auckland), Joseph Roberts (Sheffield), Thomas Sands (Liverpool), Gideon Smales (Bay of Islands) and John Waterhouse (Hobart). Two letters of Elijah Hoole, dated 19 March 1846 and 3 July 1846, have an engraving of the Triton as a letterhead.

42 Walter Lawry (Sydney). The work and voyage of the Triton, 21 Feb. 1844. (2pp)

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**Boxes 1028-31**

**Missionary ship John Wesley I (built 1846)**

1 Articles of agreement for building the ship between Thomas and John White (West Cowes) and John Irving (Wesleyan Missionary Society), 19 Dec. 1845.
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20 Undated account.


22 Statements of particular average on the *John Wesley* on a voyage from Sydney to Fiji and among stations of Wesleyan Missionary Society, 7 Dec. 1859, and on a voyage from Fiji and the Friendly Islands to Sydney, 1863.


25 W. Deloitte and Henry Fox, marine surveyors (Sydney). Certificates of surveys of *John Wesley*, 1859, 1864.

26 Correspondence of John Irving (Bristol), mainly comprising letters from Elijah Hoole (London), 1847-64. (96 letters) Other correspondents include John Eggleston (Sydney) and John Ryle (Auckland).

27 Miscellaneous papers, n.d. (7 items)

28 Letters and accounts of Savery, Clarke and Fussell (Bristol) to John Irving relating to the sale of the *John Wesley* to the Australasian Conference 1853-56. (6 items)

29 Letter and account of E. Calder, 27 Sept. 1858.

30 Bill of sale of the *John Wesley* executed by Thomas Farmer, John Irving and Thomas Sands to the Australia trustees, John Eggleston, Benjamin Hurst, George Allen, Alexander Macarthur and George Caldwell, n.d.

31 Bond of indemnity by John Lidgett and others to John Irving, 21 May 1862.


**Missionary ship *John Wesley II* (built 1866)**

1 Articles of agreement between James Hall and William Hall (Aberdeen) and Rev. Elijah Hoole (Wesleyan Missionary Society) for building a three masted schooner, 24 Oct. 1866. (14pp)

**Papers relating to other ships**

5 Inventory of the ship *Heber* of Bristol, 1837. (printed)

6 List of the crew of the *Heber* on a voyage to New South Wales and India, 1837-38.
Newspaper cutting from *Sunderland Herald*, 6 Dec. 1861, reporting the discovery of Pelorus Reef between New Zealand and Fiji.

**PROPERTY AND LAND, 1831-57**

Petition of the Committee of the Wesleyan Methodist Missionary Society to the Governor of New South Wales requesting the removal of the chapel in Macquarie Street to a more favourable site, n.d. (draft)


Deed of transfer of properties in New Zealand of United Methodist Free Churches to the Union of United Methodist Free Churches in New Zealand, 20 Nov. 1895. (copy)

Deed of conveyance to Methodist Conference of O’Brian’s Bridge Wesleyan Methodist Chapel, Glenorchy, Van Diemen’s Land, 28 April 1831. (copy)

**Deeds and other documents concerning land in New Zealand**

2. Deed of conveyance in land in Auckland from James Coates to Rev. Walter Lawry, 13 May 1844.
6. Grant in trust to Rev. Walter Lawry for land in Auckland, 1 April 1845.
10. Grant of purchase to James Coates for land in Auckland, 4 May 1844.
14 Grant to the Superintendent of the Wesleyan Mission for a school at Three Kings, 15 Oct. 1850.

15 Deed of grant in trust to Rev. Walter Lawry for land in Auckland for the Wesleyan Native Institution, 7 Oct. 1844.

16 Grant in trust to the Superintendent of the Wesleyan Mission for a school at Three Kings, 31 Aug. 1850.


18 Deeds of purchase by Wesleyan Missionary Society of land at Hokianga, 23 Jan. 1838; at Manukau, 5 Dec. 1839; at Kawhia, 3 Jan. 1840; at Mokau, 16 Jan. 1840; at Moturoa, 13 Jan. 1840; at Patea, 20 Jan. 1840. (In Maori and English)

19 Deeds of purchase by Wesleyan Missionary Society of land at Ahuahu, Kawhia, 20 Nov. 1834; at Tawiti, Kawhia, 24 Nov. 1834; at Te Tauranga, Kawhia, 12 April 1839; at Tameo, Kawhia, 24 April 1839; at Te Tauranga, Kawhia, 1 Aug. 1839. (In Maori and English)

20 Deeds of grant to Rev. Walter Lawry for land at Hokianga, Kaipara, Wangaroa, Kawhia, Manukau, 8 Nov. 1845. (11 parts)


23 Copy of trust deed of Mangungu, 1 Sept. 1839, accompanied by an account of the settlement of the property and a letter from Rev. Nathaniel Turner to the Wesleyan Missionary Society about the land.

MISCELLANEOUS PAPERS

The King against Capt. Peter Dillon, tried in the Supreme Court of Van Diemen’s Land, 24 April 1827. Report copied from the Hobart Town Gazette, 28 April 1827. (20pp)

King George Tupou I (Lifuka) to his son, George, 23 Sept. 1850: paternal advice; urges him to follow advice of Rev. Richard Amos. (In Tongan with English translation)

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Correspondence between the Colonial Office and the Wesleyan Missionary Society, 1827-77. (27 letters) The subjects include the appointment of a Wesleyan missionary to the penal settlements in Van Diemen’s Land (1827), conflicts between British settlers and Maoris in New Zealand (1844), land purchases in New Zealand and observance of Treaty of Waitangi (1848), the establishment of industrial schools in New Zealand (1851), the rights of Maoris under the proposed New Zealand Constitution (1852), the murder of Rev. Thomas Baker in Fiji (1858) and allegations against Rev. Shirley Baker in Tonga (1876-77).

Additional letters from missionaries and others in New South Wales to the secretaries of the Wesleyan Methodist Missionary Society in London, 1838-85. (26 letters) The correspondents include William B. Boyce (Sydney, Melbourne, London), James Calvert (Lakemba), Daniel Draper (Adelaide, Melbourne), James Dudge (Sydney, Melbourne), John Eggleston (Melbourne, Sydney), George Lane (Sydney), Frederick Lewis (Sydney) and William Moore (Windsor).

Three letters from Jane Waterhouse (Hobart) and Jabez Waterhouse (Hobart) to Jabez Bunting, secretary of the Wesleyan Missionary Society, May-December 1842.

Additional letters from missionaries in New Zealand to the secretaries of the Wesleyan Missionary Society in London, 1835-69. (9 letters) The correspondents include James Buller (Auckland), John Bumby (Mangungu), Charles Creed (Taranaki), Henry Lawry (Manukau), H. Hanson Turton (New Plymouth), James Wallis (Mangungu, Waingaro), John Whiteley (Auckland) and William Woon (Waimate, Taranaki).

A letter from Richard Amos (Tongatabu) to J.E. Coulson (Boston), 8 July 1848, and a printed map entitled *Illustrated map of the Friendly Islands presented by the Missionary Committee to collectors of juvenile Christian offerings*, London, 1854.

Additional letters from missionaries in Fiji to the secretaries of the Wesleyan Methodist Missionary Society in London, 1840-47. (8 letters) The correspondents include James Calvert (Lakemba), David Cargill (Rewa), David Hazlewood (Viwa), Walter Lawry (Burslem, Viwa) and Thomas Williams (Somosomo).

**Reel 172B**

**Drawings, prints and maps**

Interior view of Ebenezer Chapel, Neiafu (Vava’u), Friendly Islands, erected by King George and his people in 1832. Pencil drawing.


*Papers relating to the Wesleyan Missions*, March 1872, with a portrait of the Maori chief Tamati Waka Nene (Thomas Walker).


Letter from William Walker (Parramatta), June 1823, forwarding the two watercolours.

Wangaroa, New Zealand. (?)

Tangiteroria mission station, Kaipara, New Zealand, 1845. Pen and ink wash.
Samuel Leigh. Tabooka, Maori chief, 1823. Watercolour.

Samuel Leigh. George, Maori chief, 1823. Watercolour.

Tomita Waka Nene, Maori chief. Watercolour.


Chart of Fiji, on parchment.

A Canoe. (unidentified)

Interior view of native-built chapel at Lifuka, Friendly Islands. Engraving.

Drawing of a settlement, with a church, house, and canoes in the foreground. (unidentified)

J. Walter. The ship Triton, with a plan and cross section of the vessel. Framed watercolour.

Reel M172C

Margaret H. Alington. Letters and other material relative to Australia, New Zealand and the South Seas in the possession of the Methodist Missionary Society, London. March 1957. Typescript (52pp)

Reel M988

Reels M988-91 comprise photocopies of letters, journals and the reports of the Fiji District of the Wesleyan Methodist Missionary Society, the originals of which are held in the Mitchell Library, Sydney. The quality of the copies is very uneven.

Letters and journals of missionaries in Fiji, 1835-57

Box 533

Photocopies of letters and journals of missionaries in Fiji sent to the secretaries of the Wesleyan Methodist Missionary Society, 1835-40. They include James Calvert (Lakemba), David Cargill (Lakemba), William Cross (Lakemba) and John Hunt (Rewa).

Box 534

Photocopies of letters and journals of missionaries in Fiji sent to the secretaries of the Wesleyan Missionary Society in London, 1841-43. The missionaries include James Calvert (Lakemba), David Cargill (Rewa), William Cross (Somosomo, Viwa), John Hunt (Somosomo, Viwa), Thomas Jaggar (Lakemba, Rewa), Richard Lyth (Somosomo) and Thomas Williams (Viwa, Lakemba).

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Box 534 (contd.)

Photocopies of letters and journals of missionaries in Fiji sent to the secretaries of the Wesleyan Methodist Missionary Society in London, 1844. The missionaries include James Calvert (Lakemba),
John Hunt (Viwa), Thomas Jaggar (Rewa), Richard Lyth (Somosomo) and Thomas Williams (Somosomo).

**Box 535**

Photocopies of letters and journals of missionaries in Fiji sent to the secretary of the Wesleyan Methodist Missionary Society in London, 1845-49. The missionaries include James Calvert (Lakemba, Viwa), James Ford (Viwa), David Hazlewood (Somosomo, Nandy, Ono), John Hunt (Viwa), Thomas Jaggar (Viwa), Richard Lyth (Lakemba, Viwa), John Malvern (Lakemba), John Watsford (Viwa, Ono, Nandy, Lakemba) and Thomas Williams (Somosomo, Bua, Viwa, Tailevu).

**Box 536**

Photocopies of letters and journals of missionaries in Fiji sent to the secretary of the Wesleyan Methodist Missionary Society in London, 1850. The missionaries include James Calvert (Viwa), Richard Lyth (Lakemba), John Malvern (Lakemba), William Moore (Nandy) and Thomas Williams (Tailevu).

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**Box 536 (contd.)**

Photocopies of letters and journals of missionaries in Fiji sent to the secretaries of the Wesleyan Methodist Missionary Society in London, 1851-54. The correspondents include James Calvert (Viwa, Ovalau), John Fordham (Nandy), David Hazlewood (Nandy), Richard Lyth (Lakemba), John Malvern (Lakemba), William Moore (Nandy, Bua), John Polglase (Lakemba), Joseph Waterhouse (Viwa, Vanua Levi), Samuel Waterhouse (Nandy), Thomas Williams (Tailevu, Vanua Levi) and William Wilson (Viwa).

**Box 537**

Photocopies of letters and journals of missionaries in Fiji sent to the secretaries of the Wesleyan Missionary Society in London, 1855-57. The missionaries include James Calvert (Viwa, Sydney), William Collis, John Fordham (Nandy), John Malvern (Tailevu), John Polglase (Lakemba), James Royce (Rewa), Joseph Waterhouse (Bua), Samuel Waterhouse (Nandy), Thomas West (Nandy) and William Wilson. At the end of the reel are a few miscellaneous documents.

**Reel M991**

**Minutes and reports of the Fiji District of the Wesleyan Methodist Missionary Society, 1835-52**

The minutes of the annual and special meetings are accompanied by reports of the various mission stations, including Lakemba, Viwa, Nandy, Bua, Rewa and Somosomo.


Minutes of the 1st annual meeting of the Fiji District, Lakemba, 1838.

Minutes of a special meeting of the Fiji District, Rewa, 1839.
Minutes of the 3rd annual meeting of the Fiji District, Rewa, 1840.
Minutes of the 4th annual meeting of the Fiji District, Somosomo, 1841.
Minutes of the 5th annual meeting of the Fiji District, Viwa, 1842.
Minutes of the 6th annual meeting of the Fiji District, Somosomo, 1843.
Minutes of the 7th annual meeting of the Fiji District, Viwa, 1844.
Minutes of the 11th annual meeting of the Fiji District, Viwa, 1848.
Minutes of a special meeting of the Fiji District, Viwa, 1849.
Minutes of the 13th annual meeting of the Fiji District, Lakemba, 1851.
Minutes of the 14th annual meeting of the Fiji District, Viwa, 1852.