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George Augustus Selwyn (1809-1878) was born in London, the son of William Selwyn, K.C. He was educated at Eton and St John’s College, Cambridge, graduating as a B.A. in 1831 and a M.A. in 1834. He was ordained as an Anglican priest in 1834 and served in the parish of Windsor. He married Sarah Richardson in 1838. He was consecrated the first Bishop of New Zealand on 17 October 1841 and left for New Zealand in December 1841. He was first based at Waimate, near the Bay of Islands, and immediately began the arduous journeys that were a feature of his bishopric. He moved to Auckland in 1844. In 1847-51 he made annual cruises to the islands of Melanesia. Selwyn visited England in 1854-55 and enlisted the services of the Reverend John Patteson, the future Bishop of Melanesia, and secured a missionary schooner, Southern Cross. In 1856-58 the original diocese was divided into New Zealand (later Auckland), Christchurch, Waipapa, Wellington and Nelson and Selwyn was made Primate. A strong advocate of Maori rights, he was disheartened by the war which broke out in Taranaki in 1863. He attended the Lambeth Conference in 1867 and was enthroned as Bishop of Lichfield on 9 January 1868. He made a farewell visit to New Zealand in July 1868. As a memorial to his life, Selwyn College, Cambridge, was founded in 1882.

Sarah Selwyn (1809-1907) was the daughter of Sir John Richardson, a judge in the Court of Common Pleas. She married George Selwyn on 25 June 1838. Two of their sons were Anglican priests.

William Selwyn (1840-1914) was the vicar of Bromfield, Salop, from 1866 to 1907 and was secretary of the English Melanesian Committee for 35 years. John Richardson Selwyn (1844-1898) joined the Melanesian Mission in 1873 and was Bishop of Melanesia from 1877 to 1890.

Charles John Abraham (1814-1903) was educated at Eton and Cambridge University and was ordained a priest in 1839. He was a master at Eton and a lecturer in divinity at St George’s Chapel, Windsor. He married Caroline Palmer, a cousin of Sarah Selwyn, in 1850. They migrated to New Zealand in the same year and Abraham was appointed Master of St John’s College, Auckland. He became Archdeacon of Waitemata in 1853. He visited England in 1857-58 and was consecrated the first Bishop of Wellington in 1858. He returned to England in 1870 and was coadjutor to the Bishop of Lichfield until his retirement in 1890.

Edward Coleridge (1800-1883) was educated at Eton and Oxford University, graduating as a M.A. in 1825. He was appointed an assistant master at Eton in 1824 and lower master in 1850. In 1857 he became a fellow of Eton and rector of Mapledurham, Oxfordshire. He was the uncle of John Coleridge Patteson, the Bishop of Melanesia.

William Charles Cotton (1813-1879), the son of a businessman and philanthropist, was educated at Eton and Christ Church, Oxford, graduating in 1836. He was ordained as a priest in 1839 and was curate in the parish of Windsor in 1839-41. He accompanied Bishop Selwyn to New Zealand in 1841-42 and was his domestic chaplain and headmaster of the mission school at Waimate. He moved to Auckland in 1844 and established St John’s College. He returned to England in 1848. He was the Rector of Frodsham, Cheshire, from 1857 until his death.

Selwyn College, Cambridge

The Selwyn Papers are in archival terms an ‘artificial’ collection in that they were assembled by librarians at Selwyn College from multiple provenances. They include papers of Bishop Selwyn and his extended family and also extensive papers of the Reverend William Cotton and his family and the Reverend Edward Coleridge. In addition, there are small groups of letters and other items written by or relating to Selwyn that have been presented to Selwyn College over the years.

Reel M590

The records on this reel were copied in 1965 and at the time were housed in four boxes. A few years later the Selwyn Papers were completely reorganised and itemised and the Australian Joint Copying Project was able to film a much larger selection of papers in 1979. The order of the records on reel M590 therefore bears little resemblance to the new arrangement. Wherever possible, the current location of an item is noted in square brackets at the end of the description. The records filmed on reels M1093-1100 follow the current order of the archives.

Journals and other papers of Selwyn, 1843-57

Journal of Bishop Selwyn, January 1843 – March 1844.

Written in a small notebook, the diary contains copies of letters, notes in the Maori language, topographical notes, details of missions, statistics, notes of marriages, and sketches. It includes records of journeys from Waimate and Auckland to Waikato, Whangarei, Bay of Islands, Kaitaia, Mangakahia, Hauraki, Rotorua, Taupo, Whakapapa, Wanganui. Taranaki, New Plymouth, Nelson, Wellington, Otaki, Timaru, Ruapuke, Stewart’s Island and Whakaraupo. [Section E, 5.j]

Journal of a voyage to Melanesia, July – November 1857. (64pp)

The journal is contained in a letter, addressed to Selwyn’s sons, and records a voyage by Selwyn and Rev. John C. Patteson on the Southern Cross to Norfolk Island, the New Hebrides, Fiji, the Solomon Islands and New Caledonia. It includes maps and sketches. [Section D, 6.j]

Selwyn to his father, William Selwyn, Sept. 1849-March 1850: detailed account of his voyage to New Caledonia and the New Hebrides on the Undine and the Havannah. (3 letters)

Free translation of the Bishop’s circular to the Maori teachers.

Selwyn (Ruapuke Harbour) to [Rev. Edward Coleridge], 26 Jan. 1851: voyage of Undine; decline in Maori population; education. (incomplete) [Box 7, 30.e]
Selwyn (Auckland) to [Rev. Edward Coleridge], 20 Dec. 1850: purchase of a vessel; 1850 is an ‘annus mirabilis’. (incomplete) [Box 7, 29.e]

Selwyn (Auckland) to [Rev. Edward Coleridge], 11 May 1847: birthday greetings; family news; contributions to Church Fund. [Box 7, 23.3]

Selwyn (Nelson) to [Rev. Edward Coleridge], 14 Dec. 1843: a Maori congregation; Nelson; funding of Church buildings. (incomplete) [Box 7, 6.e]

Selwyn to [Rev. Edward Hawkins], [July 1843]: land purchases by New Zealand Company; affray at Nelson; Te Rauparaha. (incomplete) [Box 8, 14.8]

Selwyn (Auckland) to Rev. Edward Coleridge, 27 July 1842: Sydney; journey to New Zealand. [Box 7, 1.e]

Selwyn (Waimate) to his mother Laetitia Selwyn, 11 Jan. 1843: journal, Nov. 1842-Jan. 1843. (extracts)

John Kidson (Nelson) to Rev. H. Dupuis, 31 Aug. 1843: Maori War; Nelson. [Box 8, 24.d]

Selwyn to his father, William Selwyn, 15 April 1850: voyage of Undine. (incomplete)

Addresses presented to Bishop Selwyn, 1868-71

The bulk of the addresses were presented to Selwyn on his departure from New Zealand in 1868 by clergy, laymen, civic officials and the colonists of New Zealand. [Section B]

Letters of Sarah Selwyn, 1842-62

Sarah Selwyn (Tomahu (sic)) to her aunt, 18-20 Jan. 1842: voyage from England. (copy) [Box 17, 49.e]

Sarah Selwyn (Sydney) to Fanny Selwyn, 28 April 1842; stay at Sydney; prospects in New Zealand. (copy) [Box 17, 46.d]

Sarah Selwyn to Mary [Palmer], 24 June 1842: first days in New Zealand. (copy) [Box 14, 44.c]

Sarah Selwyn (Pa Heki) to ?, 6 July 1842: arrival in New Zealand. (copy) [Box 17, 51.e]

Sarah Selwyn (Waimate) to Fanny Selwyn, 21 July 1842: New Zealand. [Box 17, 47.d]

Extracts from letters of Sarah Selwyn, August 1842. [Box 17, 50, e]

Sarah Selwyn (Bay of Islands) to Rev. Edward Coleridge, 28 Oct. 1842: establishment in New Zealand. [Box 17, 11.b]

Sarah Selwyn (Waimate) to [Caroline Palmer]. 25 March 1843: early days in New Zealand. (copy) [Box 17, 41.c]

Sarah Selwyn to Caroline Palmer, 11 April 1843: development of a school. (copy) [Box 17, 42.c]

Sarah Selwyn (Pa Heki) to Mary [Palmer], 10 May 1843: absence of Bishop Selwyn; developments in New Zealand. (copy) [Box 17, 45.c]
Sarah Selwyn (Paihia) to [Caroline Palmer], 3 July 1843: ill health of Sarah Selwyn. (copy) [Box 17, 43.c]

Sarah Selwyn (Keri Keri) to [Rev. Edward Coleridge], 9 Oct. 1843: plans and establishment in New Zealand. [Box 17, 12.b]

Sarah Selwyn (Auckland) to [Rev. Edward Coleridge], 24 Oct. 1843: plans of Bishop Selwyn. [Box 17, 13.b]

Sarah Selwyn to Mrs Coleridge, East Monday 1844: receipt of a box; prices; people in New Zealand; schools. [Box 17, 14.b]

Sarah Selwyn (Waimate) to Mrs Coleridge, 3 July 1844: health of Bishop Selwyn; Mrs Bambridge's baby; Rev. William Cotton; postal matters. [Box 17, 15.b]

Sarah Selwyn (Auckland) to Fanny Selwyn, 10 Dec. 1844: comparative comfort in New Zealand. [Box 17, 48.d]

Sarah Selwyn (Wakanae) to Fanny Selwyn, 24 April 1845. (copy)

Sarah Selwyn (Auckland) to Rev. Edward Coleridge, 3 Feb. 1846

Sarah Selwyn (Auckland) to Miss Parker, 1-4 April 1846: thanks for drawings and microscope for Willie Selwyn; travels of Bishop Selwyn; Rev. Fitzherbert Marriott in Van Diemen's Land; mutual friends.

Sarah Selwyn (Auckland) to [Rev. Edward Coleridge], 3 Aug. 1846: Mrs Dudley's illness; Rev. William Cotton; sorrow. [Box 17, 17.b]

Sarah Selwyn (Taurarua) to [Rev. Edward Coleridge], 3 Nov. 1848: illness of Rev. William Cotton; departure of Willy for England. (incomplete) [Box 17, 18.b]

Sarah Selwyn (Auckland) to [Rev. Edward Coleridge], 27 May 1850: arrival of friends; personal matters. [Box 17, 19.b]

Sarah Selwyn [Auckland] to [Rev. Edward Coleridge], 23 Aug. 1857: receipt of gift. (incomplete) [Box 17, 38.b]

Sarah Selwyn [Auckland] to [Rev. Edward Coleridge], 3 June 1852: acknowledges gift; Bishop Selwyn. (incomplete) [Box 17, 20.b]


Sarah Selwyn (Taurarua) to [Rev. Edward Coleridge], 3 June 1853: Bishop Selwyn; future plans. [Box 17, 22.b]

Sarah Selwyn (Taurarua) to [Rev. Edward Coleridge], 29 Oct. 1853: impending return to England; children. [Box 17, 23.b]

Sarah Selwyn (London) to [Rev. Edward Coleridge], 28 May 1854: meetings since her return to England. [Box 17, 24.b]
Sarah Selwyn (London) to [Rev. Edward Coleridge], 15 Jan. 1855: impending departure. [Box 17, 27.b]
Sarah Selwyn (London) to [Rev. Edward Coleridge], 31 Jan. 1855: delayed departure. [Box 17, 28.b]
Sarah Selwyn (London) to [Rev. Edward Coleridge], 6 Feb. 1855: family. [Box 17, 29.b]
Sarah Selwyn (London) to [Rev. Edward Coleridge], 8 Feb. 1855: impending departure. [Box 17, 30.b]
Sarah Selwyn (London) to [Rev. Edward Coleridge], Feb. 1855: delays in departure. (5 letters) [Box 17, 31-35.b]
Sarah Selwyn (Windsor) to [Rev. Edward Coleridge], 22 Nov. [1854]: family news. [Box 17, 26.b]
Sarah Selwyn (London) to [Rev. Edward Coleridge], 23 June [1854]: activities of Bishop Selwyn and his father, Rev. William Selwyn. [Box 17, 25.b]
Sarah Selwyn (London) to Rev. Edward Coleridge, [1855]: embarkation for New Zealand. [Box 17, 36.b]
Sarah Selwyn (Taurarua) to [Rev. Edward Coleridge], 14 July 1855: arrival in New Zealand; plans. [Box 17, 37.b]
Sarah Selwyn (at sea) to Rev. Edward Coleridge, 3 March 1859: travels around North Island; recollections of year in England. (incomplete)
Sarah Selwyn (Auckland) to Rev. Edward Coleridge, St Simon and St Jude 1862: Coleridge’s ‘new connexion’; Bishop John C. Patteson. [Box 17, 39.b]
Sarah Selwyn] to [Rev. Edward Coleridge]: loose sheets from letters. [Box 17, 40.b]
Note: Further letters of Sarah Selwyn can be found on reel M1098.

**Miscellaneous papers, 1831-1906**

Sketch of first *Southern Cross*, drawn by Bishop Selwyn for James Patteson, Windsor, 1854.

Watercolour sketch of *Southern Cross*.

Small photograph of Bishop G.A. Selwyn.

Selwyn (Welshpool) to J.M. Herbert (Cambridge), 6 Aug. 1831. [Box 8, 19.h]

Selwyn (Barmouth) to J.M. Herbert, 4 Sept. 1831. [Box 8, 20.h]

Selwyn (Tonga Tabu) to his father, William Selwyn, Epiphany 1848: impressions of Tonga; journeys; schools; Rev. John Thomas, Wesleyan missionary. (includes sketches)

Selwyn (*Duke of Portland*) to [Rev. Edward Coleridge?], [1855]: voyage to New Zealand; looks forward to Charles Abraham as Bishop of Auckland and John C. Paterson as Bishop of Melanesia.

William Fox (Auckland) to Selwyn, 26 July 1864: letter from Secretary of State thanking Selwyn for his services to General Cameron and troops in action at Rangiaowhia.

Selwyn (Auckland) to [William Fox], 30 Aug. 1864: acknowledgment. (draft)
Edward Cardwell (London) to Sir George Grey, 23 May 1864: thanks to Selwyn for his services at Rangiaowhia. (copy)

Sir George Bowen (Wellington) to Duke of Buckingham, 26 Oct. 1868: departure of Selwyn from New Zealand; address from colonists; nomination of Bishop Henry Harper as his successor as Primate of New Zealand. (copy)

Selwyn to Lady Martin (San Christobel), 3 Sept. 1861: letters from England; visit to Solomon Islands; language; missionaries. (incomplete)

Bishop John C. Patteson (Norfolk Island) to Capt. Hope, 26 May 1868: ‘native labour’ question; treatment of islanders from New Hebrides sent to New Caledonia and Fiji.

Reminiscences of Bishop Charles Abraham, Precentor of Lichfield Cathedral from 1876 to 1890, by a Vicar Choral in 1906. (typescript, 1p)

Bishop John C. Patteson (Norfolk Island) to Bishop Charles Abraham, 27 Feb. 1869: mutual friends; theological questions. (typescript copy)

Capt. A.H. Markham (London) to Selwyn, 13 May 1872: speech by Selwyn on reprisals alleged to have been taken by HMS Rosario on natives of Nukapu following murder of Bishop Patteson.

Capt. A.H. Markham to Selwyn, 18 May 1872: sends report of proceedings of HMS Rosario presented to Parliament.

Selwyn to Capt. A.H. Markham, 29 May 1872: draft reply.


Report of the proceedings of H.M. Ship Rosario during her cruise among the South Sea Islands between 1 November 1871 and 12 February 1872 presented to both Houses of Parliament, London, 1872. (17pp)

Capt. A.H. Markham to Selwyn, 30 May 1872: island of Nukapu; Selwyn’s injurious remarks.

Address to Sir William Martin from clergy and laity of Diocese of Auckland, [1874].

Address to Sir William Martin written in Maori, 1874.

Address to Sir William Martin from inhabitants of Province of Auckland, [1874].

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Correspondence and other papers, 1831-78

Box 1

1.a Rev. Charles Abraham (Auckland) to Rev. Edward Coleridge (Eton), 13 July 1850: Colombo College; Bishop W.G. Broughton; agenda for Selwyn’s Synod; ‘convict spirit’.

3. a Rev. Charles Abraham (Auckland) to Rev. Edward Coleridge, 3 Jan. [1852]: commencement of work at St John’s College; problem of endowing the bishopric.

4. a Rev. Charles Abraham (Auckland) to Edward Coleridge, 11 May 1852: shortage of young converts; domestic matters.

5. a Rev. Charles Abraham (Auckland) to Edward Coleridge, 28 Aug. 1852: Selwyn’s vessel *Border Maid*; problems with Melanesian Mission; threat of Rome; complacency of Church Missionary Society.


8. a Rev. Charles Abraham (Auckland) to Rev. Edward Coleridge, 6 July 1854: trouble over Selwyn’s departure and division of the diocese.


11. a Bishop Charles Abraham (Wellington) to Rev. Edward Coleridge, 20 May 1860: Coleridge; latest Maori war.

12. b Rev. Charles Abraham (Auckland) to Rev. Hawtrey, 16 Sept. 1850: state of affairs of the Church in New Zealand; education; finance. (printed)


14. b. Extracts from journal of Rev. Charles Abraham, St Andrew’s Day, 1852: Selwyn and the Church Missionary Society.


16. c Caroline Abraham (at sea) to Rev. Edward Coleridge, 11 May 1850: birthday greetings; voyage; recollections of Eton.

17. c Caroline Abraham (Sydney) to Rev. Edward Coleridge, 18 July 1850: sojourn in Sydney; Bishop W.G. Broughton; departure for Auckland.

18. c Caroline Abraham [Auckland], 16 March 1853: division of the diocese; friends in England.

19. c Caroline Abraham to Rev. Edward Coleridge, 1 Oct. 1853: arrival of box; working arrangement of Selwyn and Abraham.

20. c Caroline Abraham (Auckland) to Rev. Edward Coleridge, 3 Jan. 1855: domestic matters; death of Coleridge’s brother.

Caroline Abraham (Taurarua) to Rev. Edward Coleridge, 13 July 1855: return of Bishop and Mrs Selwyn.


Caroline Abraham to Rev. Edward Coleridge, 14 July: baptism of old Maori woman; impending arrival of Bishop of Newcastle.


Sketch plans of St John’s College, Auckland.

Panorama of St John’s College, Auckland.

The Provincial College of St John the Evangelist, Tamaki, Auckland, Auckland, Brett Printing and Publishing Co., 1907.

Three pamphlets relating to the proposed reorganisation of St John’s College, Aug.-Sept. 1907.

Pencil sketch of a building (church?), with list of subscriptions on the verso.

Rev. Edward Coleridge (?). Letter concerning educational needs in Australasia, [London], 18 Dec. 1842. (printed)

Letter of Bishop W.G. Broughton, 17 June 1842: Selwyn’s stay in Sydney. (extracts)

Jane Bolland (?) (Taranaki) to Rev. William Cotton, 14 July 1844: fear of Maoris; missionary matters. (incomplete)

Jane Bolland (Taranaki) to Rev. William Cotton, 4 Aug.: friendship; Selwyn.


Rev. William Cotton (at sea) to his sisters, 20 Dec. 1841: the voyage.

Rev. William Cotton (at sea) to his sisters; 30 Dec. 1841: voyage; Selwyn. (copy)

Rev. William Cotton (Waimate) to his sisters, 28 Jan. 1842 [1843?): unpacking and erection of font; Thomas Whythehead.

Rev. William Cotton (at sea) to his sisters, 11 Feb. 1842: the voyage.

Rev. William Cotton (Sydney) to his mother Sarah Cotton, 14 April 1842: arrival at Sydney.

Rev. William Cotton [Sydney] to his brothers and sisters, 4 May 1842: voyage to Sydney; birds.

8. Rev. William Cotton (Sydney) to his mother Sarah Cotton, 8 May 1842: stay in Sydney.


11. Rev. William Cotton (at sea) to his sister Sarah Cotton, 25 May-14 June 1842: voyage to New Zealand; mission to investigate tribal warfare.

12. Rev. William Cotton (Paihia) to his sister Sarah Cotton, 27 June 1842: journeys with Selwyn; arrival of Sarah Selwyn; illness of Thomas Whytehead.

13. Rev. William Cotton (Waimate) to his sister Sarah Cotton, 19 July 1842: Sarah’s birthday; life at Waimate in absence of Selwyn.


15. Rev. William Cotton (Waimate) to his sister Sarah Cotton, 7 Aug. 1842: perils of mail service; attractive nature of Selwyn’s child.


18. Rev. William Cotton (Waimate) to Sarah and Phoebe Cotton, 2 Sept. 1842: Sarah Selwyn; illness of the Governor; land problems of settlers.

19. Rev. William Cotton (Waimate) to his sister Sarah Cotton, 22 Sept. 1842: death of their brother; Sarah Selwyn’s loss of her brother; illness of Thomas Whytehead.


23. Rev. William Cotton (Waimate) to Sarah and Phoebe Cotton, 2 Nov. 1842: arrival of Thomas Whytehead; his illness; William and Elizabeth Dudley; absence of Selwyn.


25. Rev. William Cotton (Waimate) to Sarah and Phoebe Cotton, 13 Nov. 1842: rumours of Edward Coleridge’s appointment as Bishop of Van Diemen’s Land; letter from Walsh on difficulties in Australia; illness of Thomas Whytehead.


29.a Rev. William Cotton (Waimate) to Sarah and Phoebe Cotton, 24 Dec. 1842: news of Selwyn; problems over land settlement at Port Nicholson; condition of Thomas Whytehead; domestic matters.

30.a Rev. William Cotton (Waimate) to Sarah and Phoebe Cotton, 26 Dec. 1842: Willie Selwyn; illness of Thomas Whytehead; return of Bishop Selwyn.

31.a Rev. William Cotton (Waimate) to Sarah and Phoebe Cotton, 1 Jan. 1843: news of Selwyn; Maori unrest.

32.a Rev. William Cotton to Sarah and Phoebe Cotton, 28 Jan. 1843: two marriages; music at services. (incomplete)

33.a Rev. William Cotton (Waimate) to Sarah and Phoebe Cotton, 14 Feb. 1843: illness of William Dudley; erection of a wooden house for him; agricultural matters.

34.a Rev. William Cotton (Waimate) to Sarah and Phoebe Cotton, 24 Feb. 1843: postal arrangements.

35.a Rev. William Cotton (Waimate) to Sarah and Phoebe Cotton, 28 Feb 1842 [1843?]: illness of Thomas Whytehead; postal problems.

36.a Rev. William Cotton (Waimate) to Sarah and Phoebe Cotton, 10 April 1843: death of Thomas Whytehead; news of other deaths received from home.

37.a Rev. William Cotton (Waimate) to his sister Sarah Cotton, 15 April [1843]: temporary supervision of the school.

38.a Rev. William Cotton (Waimate) to Agnes Cotton, Easter Eve 1843: reply to letter; domestic matters.

39.a Rev. William Cotton (Waimate) to Phoebe Cotton; Easter Tuesday 1843: reply to letter; domestic matters.

40.a Rev. William Cotton (Waimate) to his mother Sarah Cotton, 19 April 1843: domestic matters.

41.a Rev. William Cotton to his father William Cotton, 20 April 1843: organisation and difficulties of missionary activity in a native society; threat of Roman Catholic missionaries; financial considerations.

42.a Rev. William Cotton (Waimate) to H. Cotton, 21 April 1843: domestic matters; school.

43.a Rev. William Cotton (Waimate) to Arthur Cotton, 21 April 1843: death of Teddy; horticultural matters.

44.a Rev. William Cotton (Waimate) to his sister Sarah Cotton, 1 May 1843: family matters; apparent misunderstanding.

45. Rev. William Cotton (Waimate) to Sarah and Phoebe Cotton, 13 May 1843: impending arrival of a letter from Sarah Selwyn.

46.a Rev. William Cotton (Pa Heke) to Phoebe Cotton, 13 May 1843: birthday greetings; troubles with servants; Sarah Selwyn unwell; absence of Bishop Selwyn.

47.a Rev. William Cotton (Pa Heke) to his sister Sarah Cotton, 10 May 1843: Selwyn’s journeys; Davis; domestic matters.
48.a Rev. William Cotton (Waimate) to Sarah and Phoebe Cotton, 15 May 1843: books; return of Selwyn.

49.a Rev. William Cotton (Waimate) to his mother Sarah Cotton, 30 May 1843: survey of his first year in New Zealand; Rev. Henry Williams; problems confronting Selwyn.

50.a Rev. William Cotton (Waimate) to Sarah and Phoebe Cotton, 31 May 1843: request for a second font; Sarah Selwyn’s health; Selwyn’s intention to devote two thirds of his income to the Church.

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Box 3

1.a Rev. William Cotton (Waimate) to Sarah and Phoebe Cotton, 7 July 1843: letter to the Dean and Chapter.

2.a Rev. William Cotton (Waimate) to Sarah and Phoebe Cotton, 30 June 1843: impending arrival of a letter to the Dean.

3.a Rev. William Cotton (Waimate) to his sister Sarah Cotton, 19 July 1843: birthday greetings; Cotton’s journey to Olana.

4.a Rev. William Cotton (Kaikohe), 5 Aug. 1843: journey to Kaikohe; Selwyn’s trip; Sarah Selwyn’s illness.

5.a Rev. William Cotton (Waimate) to Sarah and Phoebe Cotton, 3 Sept. 1843: arrival of letters; Selwyn’s journeys; Rollands; Sarah Selwyn; ecclesiastical gossip.

6.a Rev. William Cotton (Waimate) to Phoebe Cotton, 13 Sept. [1843]: arrival of letters; failure of box of clothes to arrive.

7.a Rev. William Cotton (Bay of Islands) to Sarah and Phoebe Cotton, 3 Oct. 1843: impending departure with Selwyn for the South; Maoris; missionaries.

8.a Rev. William Cotton (Hauraki), 21 Oct. 1843: journey; financial matters; Selwyn’s plan for ending the Wesleyan schism.

9.a Rev. William Cotton (Rotorua) to Sarah and Phoebe Cotton, 31 Oct. 1843: Chapman; Catechist at Rotorua.

10.a Rev. William Cotton (Orana) to Sarah and Phoebe Cotton, 4 Nov. 1843: geography of the area; problems with Maoris; personal needs.

11.a Rev. William Cotton (Makokomiko) to Sarah and Phoebe Cotton, 16 Nov. 1843: journey with Selwyn; the land question.


15.a  Rev. William Cotton (at sea) to Sarah and Phoebe Cotton, 8 Jan. 1844: voyage to Nelson and then on to Auckland; departure of Selwyn for the South.

16.a  Rev. William Cotton (Taranaki) to Sarah and Phoebe Cotton, 30 Jan. 1844: conditions and topography of Taranaki; Maoris; horticulture.


18.a  Rev. William Cotton (Auckland) to Sarah and Phoebe Cotton, 23 Feb. [1844]: return to Auckland; Governor Fitzroy and Mary Fitzroy; personal matters.

19.a  Rev. William Cotton (Waimate) to Sarah Selwyn, 4 March 1844: conditions at St John’s College.

20.a  Rev. William Cotton (Waimate) to Sarah and Phoebe Cotton, 7-8 March 1844: arrival of box from England; misunderstanding over correspondence with their father; horticulture.

21.a  Rev. William Cotton (Waimate) to Phoebe Cotton, 8 March 1844: rejection of Cotton’s love by M.E.H.

22.a  Rev. William Cotton (Kororareka) to William Cotton, 18 March 1844: impending arrival of Selwyn from Auckland.

23.a  Rev. William Cotton (Waimate) to Sarah and Phoebe Cotton, 19 March 1844: return of Selwyn; children in the school.

24.a  Rev. William Cotton to his sisters, 22 March 1844: journey to Kerikeri.

25.a  Rev. William Cotton to his mother Sarah Cotton, 15 April 1844: relationship with M.E.H.

26.a  Rev. William Cotton (Waimate) to Phoebe Cotton, 8 May 1844: birthday greetings; establishment at the Waimate.

27.a  Rev. William Cotton (Waimate) to Henry Cotton, 20 May 1844: birthday greetings; school life; bad state of the Church in Australia.

28.a  Rev. William Cotton to Phoebe Cotton, 21 May 1844: goods to be forwarded; birth of a son to Sarah Selwyn.

29.a  Rev. William Cotton (Waimate) to his mother Sarah Cotton, 21 May 1844: her birthday; Sarah Selwyn’s baby; native schools.

30.a  Rev. William Cotton (Waimate) to his mother Sarah Cotton, 31 May 1844: birthday greetings; Sarah Selwyn’s son.

31.a  Rev. William Cotton (Waimate) to Sarah and Phoebe Cotton, 17 June 1844: Willie Selwyn; Sarah Selwyn; an unexpected visitor.

32.a  Rev. William Cotton (Waimate) to his sister Sarah Cotton, 17 July 1844: her birthday; Sarah Selwyn’s baby; conflict of authority between Selwyn and the Church Missionary Society; Cotton’s journal.
33.a Rev. William Cotton (Waimate) to Sarah and Phoebe Cotton, 24 July 1844: people at Waimate; Selwyn’s journeys with the Governor to visit Maoris; illness of Archdeacon Alfred Brown’s son.

34.a Rev. William Cotton (Waimate) to Sarah and Phoebe Cotton, 9 Sept. 1844: plans for the College; Selwyn; horticultural matters.

35.a Rev. William Cotton (Waimate) to William Cotton, 12 Sept. 1844: birthday of W.C. Senior; move to Auckland; John Heki at Kororareka.


37.a Rev. William Cotton (Paihia) to Sarah and Phoebe Cotton, 18 Nov. 1844: Selwyn’s move to Auckland; personal matters.


39.a Rev. William Cotton (Auckland) to Phoebe Cotton, 24 Jan. 1845: Maori war; people at Auckland; domestic matters.


41.a Rev. William Cotton to Sarah and Phoebe Cotton, 30 Jan. 1845: Sarah Selwyn; Selwyn’s journeys; missionaries.

42.a Rev. William Cotton (Auckland) to his sister Sarah Cotton, 30 Jan. 1845: Cotton’s birthday; move to Auckland; Willie Selwyn; horticulture.

43.a Rev. William Cotton (Auckland) to his mother Sarah Cotton, 6 Feb. 1845: death of Teddy Cotton; Sarah Selwyn and her children.

44.a Rev. William Cotton (Auckland) to Agnes Cotton, 27 Feb. 1845: birthday greetings.

45.a Rev. William Cotton (Auckland) to Sarah and Phoebe Cotton, 14 March 1845: arrival of box from home; sacking of Kororareka and its consequences.

46.a Rev. William Cotton (Auckland) to Sarah and Phoebe Cotton, 29 March 1845: new arrivals and departures; departure of Sarah Selwyn; results of Kororareka.

47.a Rev. William Cotton (Auckland) to Sarah and Phoebe Cotton, 22 April 1845: new arrivals and departures; domestic matters.

48.a Rev. William Cotton (Purewa) to Phoebe Cotton, 8 May 1845: school; John Selwyn; Governor’s difficulties in providing for people of Kororareka.

49.a Rev. William Cotton (Auckland) to Agnes Cotton, 31 March 1845: letter of thanks.

50.a Rev. William Cotton (Purewa) to Henry Cotton, 20 May 1845: birthday greetings; legal problems; St John’s College.

Box 4
1.a Rev. William Cotton (Purewa) to his mother Sarah Cotton, 21 May 1845: birthday greetings; schools; Selwyn’s financial situation; plan of Auckland base of Selwyn.


3.a Rev. William Cotton (Auckland) to William Cotton, 8 July 1845: Maori wars; St John’s College.

4.a Rev. William Cotton (Auckland) to his sister Sarah Cotton, 19 July 1845: her birthday; cause of wars; journey.

5.a Rev. William Cotton (Taranaki) to Sarah and Phoebe Cotton, 25 Aug. 1845: journey to and state of affairs at Taranaki.

6.a Rev. William Cotton (Taranaki) to William Cotton, 15 Sept. 1845: events in Taranaki; a wedding; a heresy; agricultural matters.


8.a Rev. William Cotton (Auckland) to his mother Sarah Cotton, 26 Oct. 1845: domestic needs.

9.a Rev. William Cotton (Auckland) to his sister Sarah Cotton, 16 Nov. 1845: domestic matters; Rev. William and Elizabeth Dudley; question of the Governor.

10.a Rev. William Cotton (Auckland) to William Cotton, 16 Nov. 1845: postal arrangements.

11.a Rev. William Cotton (Auckland) to Sarah and Phoebe Cotton, 21 Nov. 1845: arrival of boxes and letters from home.

12.a Rev. William Cotton (at sea) to Sarah and Phoebe Cotton, 27 Nov. 1845: arrival of Capt. George Grey as Governor; the Fitzroys.

13.a Rev. William Cotton (Great Barrier Island) to Sarah and Phoebe Cotton, 18 Dec. 1845: journey; postal matters; domestic matters.


15.a Rev. William Cotton to Agnes Cotton, 27 Feb. 1846: birthday greetings; arrival of a box; Cotton’s proposed return to England; birds.

16.a Rev. William Cotton to Sarah and Phoebe Cotton, 5 March 1846: despatch of a box; problems with builders at St John’s College.

17.a Rev. William Cotton (Auckland) to his mother Sarah Cotton, 1 April 1846: arrival of a box.

18.a Rev. William Cotton to Sarah and Phoebe Cotton, Easter Tuesday 1846: Selwyn’s meeting with Governor Grey; Rev. Octavius Hadfield’s influence with the Maoris.


20.a Rev. William Cotton to Henry Cotton, 20 May 1846: birthday greetings; the school; problems of government in New Zealand; domestic matters.
21.a Rev. William Cotton (Auckland) to his mother Sarah Cotton, 21 May 1846: review of the last year; plans for return; relations with M.E.H.

22.a Rev. William Cotton (Auckland) to his sisters, 10 June 1846: plans for departure; Mr and Mrs Bambridge; Mary Fitzroy; problems with Church Missionary Society.

23.a Rev. William Cotton (Auckland) to Sarah and Phoebe Cotton, 12 June 1846: studentship at Christ Church, Oxford; domestic matters.


25.a Rev William Cotton to his mother Sarah Cotton, 18 June 1846: marriage of Sarah Cotton.

26.a Rev. William Cotton to Phoebe Cotton, 18 June 1846: marriage of Sarah Cotton; Cotton’s affections for M.E.H.; indiscretions in his journals.

27.a Rev William Cotton to Agnes Cotton, 19 June 1846: marriage of Sarah Cotton; Cotton’s impending return.

28.a Rev. William Cotton (Auckland) to A.B. Cotton, 19 June 1846: Arthur Cotton’s illness; Willie and Johnnie Selwyn.

29.a Rev. William Cotton (Auckland) to Phoebe Cotton, 5 Aug. 1846: final rejection by M.E.H.; Selwyn’s journeys; home news.


31.a Rev. William Cotton (Auckland) to Agnes Cotton, 8 Aug. 1846: Willie Selwyn; previous letter from Agnes.

32.a Rev. William Cotton to Phoebe Cotton, 7 Sept. 1846: postal service; Sarah Selwyn’s third pregnancy.

33.a Rev. William Cotton (Auckland) to William Cotton, 12 Sept. 1846: birthday greetings; capture of the Rauparaha; Mr and Mrs Purchas.


35.a Rev. William Cotton to Phoebe Cotton, 26 Oct. 1846: postal matters; Mr and Mrs Purchas; possibility of Selwyn visiting Sydney.

36.a Rev. William Cotton (Tauranua) to Phoebe Cotton, 21 Nov. 1846: journey to Waikanae; custody of Te Rauparaha; missionaries.

37.a Rev. William Cotton (Auckland) to Phoebe Cotton, 26 Nov. 1846: domestic matters; the hospital; the school.


39.a Rev. William Cotton (Waikanae) to Agnes Cotton, 9 Jan. 1847: letter received; anecdotes of life in New Zealand.

40.a Rev. William Cotton (Taranaki) to Agnes Cotton, 27 Feb. 1847: birthday greetings; journey to Taranaki.
41. a Rev. William Cotton (Auckland) to William Cotton, 9 April 1847: William Cotton’s rail accident; illness in the College; Cotton’s plans for his return.

42. a Rev. William Cotton (Auckland) to Phoebe Cotton, 12 April 1847: their father’s rail accident; illness in the College; Willie and Johnnie Selwyn.

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Box 4 (contd.)

43. a Rev. William Cotton to Phoebe Cotton, 98 May 1847: recovery of Willie and Johnnie Selwyn; Cotton’s plans for return.

44. a Rev. William Cotton to his mother Sarah Cotton, 21 May 1847: birthday greetings; review of the year; fever in school.

45. a Rev. William Cotton (Auckland) to Henry Cotton, 20 May 1847: birthday greetings; fever epidemic; the School.

46. a Rev. William Cotton (Auckland) to Phoebe Cotton, 24 June 1847: deaths of Sydney Williams and William Bolland; an impending ordination.

47. a Rev. William Cotton to Phoebe Cotton, 7 July 1847: plans for return; Willie Selwyn’s future.

48. a Rev. William Cotton to Phoebe Cotton, 31 Sept. 1847; plans for voyage; deaths of Mrs Blackett and William Bolland; trouble over land purchases of Rev. Henry Williams.

49. a Rev. William Cotton (Auckland) to Phoebe Cotton, 13 Nov. 1847: arrangements for sailing; problems with a deacon.

50. a Rev. William Cotton (Auckland) to Arthur Cotton, 22 Nov. 1847: Cotton’s departure; Arthur’s birthday.

51. a Rev. William Cotton to Phoebe Cotton, 29 Nov. 1847: voyage home; travelling companions.

52. a Rev. William Cotton (Sydney) to Phoebe Cotton, 30 Dec. 1847: arrival at Sydney.

Box 5

1. b Rev. William Cotton (Waimate) to Rev. Edward Coleridge, 2 Aug. 1842: arrival in New Zealand; problems with catechists; Willie Selwyn.

2. b Rev. William Cotton (Kororareka) to Rev. Edward Coleridge, 27 Oct. 1842: arrival of Rev. Thomas Whytehead; Selwyn as a trustee of the Maori Fund; Selwyn’s journeys.

3. b Rev. William Cotton (Waimate) to Rev. Edward Coleridge, 2 Oct. 1843: episcopal library at Keri Keri; Selwyn; health of Sarah Selwyn; shortage of clergy.

4. b Rev. William Cotton (Nelson) to Rev. Edward Coleridge, 17 Jan. 1844; Wairau massacre and results; Selwyn’s departure for Stewart and Chatham Islands.

6.c Rev. William Cotton (Wellington) to Edward Meyrick, 23 Dec. 1843: trial of a Maori. (extract)

7.c Rev. William Cotton (Waimate). Petition to Dean and Chapter seeking extension of leave, 7 July 1843.


11.a Sarah Selwyn to Rev. William Cotton, 10 June 1845: despatch to New Zealand.


16.a Archbishop William Howley to Selwyn, 30 Nov. 1841: question of Norfolk Island. (extract)

17.a Archbishop William Howley to Selwyn, 30 Nov. 1841: Selwyn’s departure for New Zealand.

18.a Archbishop William Howley (Addington) to Selwyn, 18 Aug. 1844: commending Selwyn’s zeal and appreciating his difficulties.

19.b Archbishop William Howley (Ashby de la Zouch) to Selwyn, 17 Aug. 1847: contribution of £50 towards fund for supplying the Bishop of New Zealand with a boat.

20.a Thomas Hutton (at sea) to Rev. G. Gilbert, 29 Sept. 1843: voyage to New Zealand via Cape Town in the Bangalore. (photostat)

21.a Thomas Hutton to Rev. G. Gilbert, 9 July 1844: arrival at Auckland; appointment as master to the missionaries’ children; Sydney. (photostat)

22.a Thomas Hutton to Rev. G. Gilbert, May 1844: consideration and purchase of a new site for St John’s College. (extract)

23.a Thomas Hutton to Rev. G. Gilbert, 19 Sept. 1845: postal problems; domestic matters. (photostat)


25.a Thomas Hutton (Auckland) to Rev. G. Gilbert, 23 July 1846: St John’s College; prospect of ordination. (photostat)

26.a Thomas Hutton (Parewa) to Rev. G. Gilbert, 20 May 1847; building of a hospital; marriage plans; new chapel; ordination. (photostat)
27.a  Mary Ann Martin (Auckland) to Rev. Edward Coleridge, 7 Dec. 1844: Selwyn; education.
28.a  Mary Ann Martin (Auckland) to [Rev. Edward Coleridge], 7 Dec. 1844. (extracts)
29.a  Mary Ann Martin (Taurarua) to Rev. Edward Coleridge, 23 Feb. 1844: Selwyns; domestic and local affairs. (copy)
30.a  Mary Ann Martin (Auckland) to ?, 14-22 March 1845: massacre at Kororareka. (extract)
31.a  Mary Ann Martin (Taurarua) to Rev. Edward Coleridge, 11 Aug, 1845: journeys in New Zealand; shortage of clergy; noble example of Selwyn.
32.a  Mary Ann Martin (Taurarua) to [Rev. Edward Coleridge], 1 Dec. 1846: Selwyns; educational needs. (copy)
33.a  Mary Ann Martin (Auckland) to Rev. Edward Coleridge, 21 May 1852: travels of the Selwyns; attitudes to Maoris; education.
34.a  Mary Ann Martin (Taurarua) to Rev. Edward Coleridge, 19 April 1854: gift of books; possibility of translation of Selwyn to another see.
35.b  Judge William Martin to ?, 8 May 1845: educational needs of New Zealand; failure of the Government to help. (extract)
37.a  Caroline Palmer (Farnborough Hill) to Rev. Edward Coleridge, 29 March: illnesses of Bishop’s party in New Zealand.
38.a  Caroline Palmer to Rev. Edward Coleridge, 13 Nov. [1842]: departure of Selwyn and his arrival in New Zealand.
40.a  Rev. Charles Reay (Auckland) to Rev. William Cotton, 23 July 1842: Maori services; problems with Wesleyan missions. (extracts)

Box 6

1.b  Rev. F.P. de la Willis (Marurewa) to William Telfer, 24 Aug. 1951: Selwyn’s design of churches.
2.b  N.E. Odell (Dunedin) to William Telfer, 28 Oct. 1951: Selwyn College, Auckland, and Selwynesque churches.
4.b  H.R. Creswick (Cambridge) to William Telfer, 26 April 1952: Selwynesque churches.
6.b  Photograph of Waimate North Church.
8.b  Fourth annual report of the Committee of the Cambridge Camden Society, 11 May 1843, containing a reference to Selwyn.
9.c  Selwyn (at sea) to his mother Laetitia Selwyn, 11 Jan. 1842: voyage.
10.c  Selwyn (at sea) to Laetitia Selwyn, 18 Jan. 1842: voyage.
12.c  Selwyn (at sea) to Laetitia Selwyn, 13 April: voyage.
14.c Selwyn (Auckland) to Laetitia Selwyn, 16 June 1842: arrival in New Zealand.
16.c Selwyn (Paihia) to Laetitia Selwyn, 25 June 1842: appreciation of Thomas Whytehead; Selwyn’s movements since May.
18.c Selwyn (at sea) to Laetitia Selwyn, 30 July 1842: early activities in New Zealand; departure for the South.
19.c Selwyn (Wellington) to Laetitia Selwyn, 13 Sept. 1842: Maoris in Nelson; illnesses. (copy)
20.c Selwyn (Waokena) to Laetitia Selwyn, 23 Oct.-2 Nov. 1842: journey; topography. (copy)
22.c Selwyn (Waimate) to Fanny Selwyn, 4 July 1843: domestic arrangements at St John’s College; future plans.
24.c Selwyn to his father William Selwyn and family, 1 Dec. 1847: progress and endowments of St John’s College.
25.c Selwyn (Tonga) to William Selwyn, Epiphany 1848: voyage to Pacific islands.
27.c Selwyn (Bay of Islands) to William Selwyn, 2 March 1848: voyage in Pacific.
28.c Selwyn (Kawau Island) to William Selwyn, 28 Aug. 1848: voyage; marriage of Fanny Selwyn.
30.c Map of Waimate district.
31.c Selwyn to Laetitia Selwyn. Loose sheets.
32.c Selwyn (Taupo) to Sarah Selwyn, 6 Nov. 1843: journey from Rotorua to Taupo.
33.c Selwyn (Rotorua) to Sarah Selwyn, 8 Nov. 1843: Rotorua and its people.
34.c Selwyn (Kawhia) to Sarah Selwyn, 28 July 1844: journey from Auckland to Mokau.
35.c Selwyn (Maunga Pautari) to Sarah Selwyn, 24 Dec. 1844: lapses at Maunga Pautari since 1842; reports against Seymour Spencer.
36.c Selwyn (Opotiki) to Sarah Selwyn, 14 Feb. 1846: journey.
37.c Selwyn to Sarah Selwyn, 22 March 1846. (incomplete)
38.c Selwyn (at sea) to Sarah Selwyn, 12 May 1848; court case; newspaper abuse of Selwyn in Nelson.
39.c Selwyn (Wellington) to Sarah Selwyn, 21 May 1848: death of Rev. Charles Reay; illness of Rev. Octavius Hadfield; journeyings.
40.c Selwyn (Wellington) to Sarah Selwyn, 2 April 1849: preparation for a college at Porirua; Octavius Hadfield to be the principal.
41.c Selwyn (Otaki) to Sarah Selwyn, [1859]: her health; peace at Otaki.
42.c Selwyn (Otaki) to Sarah Selwyn, [1859]: reasons for staying at Otaki.
43.c Selwyn (Waikato) to Sarah Selwyn, n.d.: journeys.
Box 7

2.e Selwyn (Sydney) to Rev. Edward Coleridge, 27 July 1842: voyage; Selwyn’s plans.

3.e Selwyn (Wellington) to Rev. Edward Coleridge, 4 Oct. 1842: death of his companion Willy; ordination; Rev. Thomas Whytehead; Sarah Selwyn.

4.e Selwyn (Waimate) to Rev. Edward Coleridge, 11 April 1843: death of Evans; pacification of Maoris; journeys.

5.e Selwyn (Waimate) to Rev. Edward Coleridge, 22 July 1843: establishment at the Waimate; initial discord; plans.

6.e Selwyn (Waimate) to Rev. Edward Coleridge, 16 April 1844: plans; various clergy; case of George Butt; financial matter.

7.e Selwyn (Waimate) to Rev. Edward Coleridge, 18 April 1844: deaths of relatives. (copy)

8.e Selwyn (at sea) to Rev. Edward Coleridge, 7 Aug. 1844: establishment at Waimate.


10.e Selwyn (Auckland) to Rev. Edward Coleridge, 12 June 1845: mapping of New Zealand; health of Sarah Selwyn.

11.e Selwyn (Auckland) to Rev. Edward Coleridge, 8 Aug. 1845: state of Maoris.

12.e Selwyn (Auckland) to Rev. Edward Coleridge, 8 Aug. 1845: Maori wars; conduct of Wesleyans.

13.e Selwyn (Auckland) to Rev. Edward Coleridge, 13 Sept. 1845: state of affairs in New Zealand; building of college at Auckland.

14.e Selwyn (Auckland) to Rev. Edward Coleridge, 9 Dec. 1845: visitation, including Waimate and Wellington.

15.e Selwyn (Auckland) to Rev. Edward Coleridge, 5 May 1846: financial arrangements.

16.eSelwyn to Rev. Edward Coleridge, 1845. (incomplete)

17.e Selwyn (Auckland) to Rev Edward Coleridge, 11 May 1846: gratitude to Coleridge; St John’s College. (incomplete)

18.e Selwyn (Auckland) to Rev. Edward Coleridge, 1 July 1846: financial arrangements.

19.e Selwyn (Auckland) to Rev. Edward Coleridge, 1 July 1846: authorisation for Coleridge to act as Selwyn’s agent in England; financial and collegiate affairs.


22.e Selwyn to Rev. Edward Coleridge, 27 Jan. 1847: St John’s College; need of a new ship; staff.


24.e Selwyn to Rev. Edward Coleridge, 1847. (incomplete)
26.e  Selwyn (at sea) to Rev. Edward Coleridge, 2 Sept. 1850: arrival of Rev. Charles Abraham; Selwyn’s difficulties; voyages around diocese.

27.e  Selwyn (at sea) to Rev. Edward Coleridge, 14 Sept. 1850: birth of a daughter; synod of Australian bishops.


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Box 7 (contd.)

31.e  Selwyn to Rev. Edward Coleridge, 13 April 1852: Church Missionary Society. (incomplete)

32.e  Selwyn (at sea) to Rev. Edward Coleridge, 3 Dec. 1853: imputations made by Church Missionary Society about Selwyn’s efficiency; gold rush.

33.e  Selwyn (London) to Rev. Edward Coleridge, 19 July 1854: plans.

34.e  Selwyn (Tunbridge Wells) to Rev. Edward Coleridge, 8 Aug. 1854: plans.

35.e  Selwyn (Exeter) to Rev. Edward Coleridge, 14 Aug. 1854; division of New Zealand diocese; financial provisions.

36.e  Selwyn (Richmond) to Rev. Edward Coleridge, 26 Jan. 1855: engrossment of trust deed for Diocese of Melanesia.

37.e  Selwyn (London) to Rev. Edward Coleridge, 30 Jan. 1855: health of John Selwyn; plans.

38.e  Selwyn (Southampton) to Rev. Edward Coleridge, 7 Feb. 1855: imminent embarkation.


40.e  Selwyn (at sea) to Rev. Edward Coleridge, 30 March 1855: Rev. John Coleridge Patteson; education of Selwyn’s children.

41.e  Selwyn (Auckland) to Rev. Edward Coleridge, 14 July 1855: arrival in New Zealand; Rev. Coleridge Patteson; the School.

42.e  Selwyn (at sea) to Rev. Edward Coleridge, 15 Dec. 1855: voyage; appointment of Bishop of Christchurch.

43.e  Selwyn (Wellington) to Rev. Edward Coleridge, 29 Dec. 1855: voyaging; increase of prosperity.

44.e  Selwyn to Rev. Edward Coleridge, [1855]: voyage back to New Zealand.

46.e  Selwyn (Wellington) to Rev. Edward Coleridge, 21 Jan. 1857: Christchurch bishopric; plans for New Zealand dioceses.

47.e  Selwyn (Auckland) to Rev. Edward Coleridge, 3 Dec. 1857: Coleridge at Eton.

48.e  Selwyn (Kawau Island) to Rev. Edward Coleridge, 26 Aug. 1858: grounding of Southern Cross; Rev. Coleridge Patteson; difficulty of establishing New Zealand bishoprics; forthcoming General Synod.
49.e  Selwyn (Auckland) to Rev. Edward Coleridge, 28 Feb. 1860: death of Coleridge’s wife.

50.e  Selwyn (Taupiri, Waikato) to Rev. Edward Coleridge, 3 Aug. 1864: his failure to write to Coleridge; Melanesian Mission; local war.

51.e  Selwyn (Auckland) to Rev. Edward Coleridge, 7 March 1865: prospects for a missionary bishop on retirement.

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Box 8


2.f  Unsigned note to Sarah Cotton containing an extract from a letter from Selwyn about Rev. William Cotton, 2 Jan. 1843.

3.f  Selwyn (Waimate) to ?, 4 July 1843: usefulness of Rev. William Cotton. (copy)


5.f  Selwyn (Wellington) to Rev. William Cotton, 16 Dec. 1843: journeyings.

6.f  Selwyn (Auckland) to Rev. Edward Coleridge, 20 March 1845: Kororareka. (copy)

7.f  Selwyn (Auckland) to [Rev. William Cotton], 2 May 1846: School.

8.f  Selwyn (Waimate) to [Rev. William Cotton], 23 Nov.: journey to New Plymouth.


10.f  Selwyn to [Rev. William Cotton], n.d.: health of Sarah Selwyn. (2 letters)

11.f  Selwyn to [Rev. William Cotton], n.d.: health of Sarah Selwyn; school fees.


13.f  Selwyn (at sea) to Rev. William Cotton, 23 May 1845: Cotton’s prospects and achievements in New Zealand.

16.g  Selwyn (at sea) to Church Missionary Society, 17 Sept. 1851: jubilee of Church Missionary Society. (printed)

17.h  Selwyn (at sea) to Rev. E. Balston, 15 Aug. 1844: education of children; Eton.

18.h  Selwyn (Lichfield) to Rev. Butler, 25 May 1872: invitation to preach; his desire to leave the troubles of the home Church for the Pacific.

19.h  Selwyn (Welshpool) to J.M. Herbert, 6 Aug. 1831.

20.h  Selwyn (Barmouth) to J.M. Herbert, 4 Sept. 1831.

21.h  Selwyn (Windsor) to Archbishop William Howley, 14 July 1841: accepts offer of bishopric of New Zealand. (photostat)

22.h  Selwyn and Sarah Selwyn to ?, 24 April 1845: Church buildings; tour of Maori districts.
23. Selwyn (Auckland) to Bishop John C. Patteson, 3 June 1867: financial matters; meeting of Synod in England.


25. Selwyn to ?, n.d. (extracts)

26. Selwyn (at sea) to ?, 2 Nov. 1842: transcript of journal. (extracts)

27. Selwyn (Waimate) to ?, 16 April 1844: financial needs. (extracts)

28. Selwyn (at sea) to ?, 20 May 1845: Maori troubles. (extracts)

29. Selwyn [Taurarua] to ?, [5 Feb. 1849]: Governor Grey; land question. (extract)

30. Selwyn. Two letters, n.d. (extracts)

31. Selwyn to ?, [1843]: plans and conditions in New Zealand. (extract)

32. Selwyn to ?, St Barnabas’ Day, 1853: needs of the New Zealand Church. (printed)

33. Pastoral letter of the Bishop of New Zealand to the members of the Church of England in the settlement of New Plymouth, Henui, 30 Aug. 1855. (printed)

34. Selwyn (Nelson) to John Shadwell, 31 Aug. 1842: Selwyn’s request to Shadwell to serve in New Zealand.

35. Deed of ordination of G.A. Selwyn to the Diaconate by Hugh, Bishop of Carlisle, London, 9 June 1833.


38. Selwyn. First signature as Bishop of New Zealand, 18 Oct. 1841.

39. Account of the early days of Selwyn in New Zealand, 26 Dec. 1841-6 Nov. 1842, probably written by Rev. Thomas Whytehead. (48pp)

40. Mary Crump (Sydney) to Elizabeth White, May 1842: outward voyage from England with Selwyn. (copy)

41. Mrs Short (Sydney) to Mrs C. Marryatt, Oct. 1850; subscription to provide Selwyn with a vessel in which to visit the islands. (copy)

42. Bishop William Tyrrell [Morpeth] to ?, 21 Sept. 1851: journey among the Pacific islands undertaken with Selwyn. (copy)

43. Cutting from Sydney Morning Herald on voyage of Bishops Selwyn and Tyrrell, July-Oct. 1851.

44. Public notice of resolutions passed at a meeting of the Church of England in Auckland, 6 December, to raise funds for the endowment of the New Zealand Bishopric. (printed)

45. Norfolk Island: correspondence between His Excellency Sir W. Denison, KCB, Governor General of Australia and the Bishop of New Zealand, Auckland, 1857. (printed)
46. Documents and a despatch relating to Selwyn’s part in ministering to forces engaged in dislodging rebel Maoris, 1864.

47. Farewell address to the Bishop of New Zealand and Lichfield. (printed)

48. Newspaper cutting concerning a presentation to Selwyn on his departure from New Zealand.

49. Order of Service used in Lichfield Cathedral to coincide with the consecration of John R. Selwyn as Bishop of Melanesia, 17 Feb. 1877. (printed)

50. Obituary of Selwyn in *Foreign Church Chronicle*.

**Pictures and printed items**

**Box 9**

1. Letter to *The Times* announcing the opening of subscriptions to commemorate the centenary of G.A. Selwyn’s birth, 30 Dec. 1908.

2. Extract from a letter concerning Selwyn as a sheep-shearer and Rev. William Cotton as a barber.


6. Photograph of Selwyn.

7. Photograph of Selwyn, c. 1869.

8. Painting by Selwyn of a view from the window at the Vallancy’s.


**Box 10**

**Sermons of Bishop Selwyn**

2-8. Manuscripts of sermons preached by Selwyn at Windsor, 1835.

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**Box 10 (contd.)**

9-18. Manuscripts of sermons preached by Selwyn at Windsor and Eton, 1836.

**Box 11**
1-14.k. Manuscript and printed sermons preached at Windsor, 1837-41, and various churches in New Zealand, 1843-53. They include Charge delivered to the clergy of the Diocese of New Zealand at the Diocesan Synod in the Chapel of St John’s College, 23 Sept. 1847.

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Note: The legibility of this reel is poor.

Box 11 (contd)

15-20.k Manuscripts of sermons preached by Selwyn at Eton, 1854, and various churches in New Zealand, 1857-67.

Box 12

1-20.k Manuscripts of sermons preached by Selwyn at various churches in New Zealand, 1860-67, and later in England.

Box 17

Letters and papers of Sarah Selwyn, 1843-1907

Note: Most of the letters of Sarah Selwyn were filmed on reel M590.

1.a Sarah Selwyn (Taurarua) to Rev. William Cotton, 15 Nov. 1843: Bishop Selwyn; domestic matters.

2.a Sarah Selwyn (Taurarua) to Rev. William Cotton, 12 March 1844: Bishop Selwyn; consecration of a church.


4.a Sarah Selwyn (Taurarua) to Rev. William Cotton, 1 March 1847: missionaries; an ordination.

5.a Sarah Selwyn [Auckland] to Rev. William Cotton, 7 March 1847: St John’s College; Bishop of Tasmania.

6.a Sarah Selwyn to [Rev. William Cotton], n.d.

7.a Sarah Selwyn to [Rev. William Cotton], n.d.: request of the Governor to meet Maori boys.

8.a Sarah Selwyn to Rev. William Cotton, 1843: domestic matters. (5 letters)

9.a Sarah Selwyn (Auckland) to Sarah and Phoebe Cotton, 10 Sept. 1845: illness of Elizabeth Dudley.

10.a Sarah Selwyn (Auckland) to Sarah Cotton, 28 Aug. 1845: illness of Elizabeth Dudley.


(incomplete)

52.e Sarah Selwyn (Auckland) to ?, 20 Dec. 1843: death of Rev. Thomas Whytehead. (extract)
Sarah Selwyn. Recollections of our life in New Zealand. (10pp)
Order of funeral service and two obituaries of Sarah Selwyn, 1907.

Box 18

Correspondence of other clergy and other papers, 1841-97

2.a Rev. Henry Williams (Paihia) to Edward Marsh, 24 June 1842: arrival of Selwyn. (extract)
3.a Rev. William Williams (Paihia) to Mrs K. Heathcote, 24 June 1842: arrival of Selwyn. (extracts)
4.c Jane Williams (Paihia) to her mother, 24 June 1842, and Rev. Henry Williams (Paihia) to Mrs Heathcote, 28 June 1842: arrival of Selwyn. (copies)
5.a Ko te pukapuka me te minitatonga o nga hakarameta, Paihia, 1842.
6.a Translations of various Maori passages in English.
7.a Text in Maori and English of conversations held at King’s Pa, Mataitawa, at the close of war, March 1861. (printed)
8.a Various printed items in Maori.
9.a Poster in Maori of verses from the New Testament. (?)
10.a John Wordsworth (Cambridge) to Rev. William Selwyn (Doncaster), 7 Jan. 1837: Cambridge gossip.
11.a Sketch of the departure of the Tomatin from Plymouth, 26 Dec. 1841.
14.b Ordination sermon preached by Bishop John Selwyn, St Saviour’s Church, Oxton, Birkenhead, St Matthew’s Day, 1895. (printed)
15.b Poem written by Bishop John Selwyn, 1897, entitled ‘Pristiniae Virtutis Memores’.
16.b Watercolour painting of a harbour.
20.c Card containing details of the Melanesian Mission, c. 1872.
21.c Leaflets written for the jubilee of the constitution of the Church of New Zealand, 13 June 1907.
27.d Letter written at sea to Rev. Edward Coleridge, 3 March 1859: voyage to New Zealand. (incomplete)
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