

**Missionaries pre June 1840**  
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Since getting involved in feminism in the 1970s I've taken a great interest in the place and fate of women, from my place and culture to Biblical Women and the Wives of Missionaries. I've lead U3A groups on these topics and compiled research findings to give a more inclusive picture of the lives of missionaries. Finding facts about women and children is not easy. Many hours spent in diligent pursuit does not guarantee this list is error free. I offer it as a comprehensive overview.

**Church Missionary Society (CMS) Anglican**

**Founding families - arrived Oihi, Bay of Islands 22 Dec 1814**

*(‘Pious artisans’ recruited by Rev Samuel Marsden to model Christian living)*

**William & Dinah Hall** + 3 yr old William and was pregnant; (had a girl, then another boy);  
*daughter, Dinah Catherine, b. May 1915, was the 1<sup>st</sup> Pakeha girl born in NZ*

**Thomas & Jane Kendall** + Thomas 7, Basil & Joseph 5, [2 girls at school in NSW] (9 chn In all)

**John & Hannah King** + Philip aged 15 mths and was pregnant (12 chn.);

*son, Thomas Holloway b. Feb 1815 1<sup>st</sup> European born in NZ; d. 1818 aged 3*

*Mrs Hannah Hansen & adult son Thomas Hansen Jr. (mth & brth of Hannah King) initially lived with them; Hannah’s father, Thomas, captained Marsden’s brig and later settled in NZ.*

**The next wave of CMS married couples were:**

Arr in NZ

1818 **William & Margery Puckey** + *Elizabeth & William Gilbert 14 yrs.*

1818 **Rev John Gare & Hannah Butler** + *Hannah & Samuel 16 yrs*

1818 **James & Charlotte Kemp** (8<sup>th</sup> chd died in 1835, [C very ill] 9<sup>th</sup> b. 1838)

1820 **James & Harriet Shepherd** (newly married; had 12 chn)

1821 **William & Sarah Fairburn** + *Richard & Elizabeth (6 chn survived)*

1823 **Rev Henry & Marianne Williams** + *3 chn (had 11)*

1823 **James Stack** – also worked for WMS m. **Mary West**; (7 chn)

1824 **Richard & Mary Davis** + *4 dtrs, 2 sons (9 chn)*; m. **Jane King** 1831 (1 son)

1824 **George & Martha Clarke** + *George (had 13 chn)*

1826 **William & Jane Williams** (newly weds: 9 chn all born in NZ 1826-46)

1826 **James & Elizabeth Hamlin** (newly weds: 9 sons & 3 dtrs; all born in NZ; 12)

1827 **Charles & Hannah Baker** (12 chn)

1829 **Alfred & Charlotte Brown** 1 stillborn, Celia, Alfred March d. 14 yrs

**Wesleyan Missionary Society (WMS) Methodist**

Arr in NZ

life span

served

1822 **Samuel Leigh** 1785-1852; Whangaroa Bay of Is., (3yrs) **Catherine** d. Chdless in Au, 1931

1823 **Nathaniel Turner** 1793-1864; + **Ann**, Whangaroa, Mangungu, Au; [14 chn]

1823 **William White** 1792-1875; Hokianga... m. **Eliza** 1830 (teacher, founded Ak YWCA) [2 sons]

1823 **James Stack** 1801-1883; Whang. & Mangu.; 1832 rejoined CMS, m. **Mary West** 3/12/32 [6chn]

1823 **John Hobbs** 1800-1883; Whangaroa & Mangungu; m. **Jane** 1827 (10 chn; 2 infant deaths)

**William Gilbert Puckey** CMS; (son of W & M) with WMS in Hokianga, m. **Matilda** 1831 [6 chn]

1832 **John Whiteley** 1806-1869; Hokianga, Waipa, Kaipara, Kawhia, Ak, Taranaki; w. **Jane** [6 chn]

1834 **James Wallis** 1809-1895; + w. **Mary**, Hokianga, Kaipara, Whangaroa (Raglan), Ak; [9 chn]

1834 **William Woon** 1803-1858; + w. **Jane**, & 2 chn; Mangungu [7 chn in all]

1836 **James Buller** 1812-1884; + w. **Jane** (Martin), Mangungu, Kaipara, Ak, Wgtn, Canty; [10 chn]

1839 **John Bumby** 1808-1840; Mangungu; with sister **Mary Anne** (m. G. Smales Dec 1840)  
 1839 **Samuel Ironside** 1814-1897; + w. **Sarah** (Eades), Hokianga, Nelson, New Plymouth, Au;  
 1839 **Charles Creed** 1812-1897; + w. **Eliza**; Kaipara, New Plymouth, Waikouaiti, Wgtn, Au;  
 1840 **John Waterhouse** General superintendent of Wesleyan South Seas missions visited in May -  
 had travelled to Australia with Bumbys, Creeds & Ironsides (wife **Jane**; 10 chn)  
 1840 **Thomas Buddle** 1812-1833; + w. **Sarah** Dixon; Waingarua, Ak, ChCh, Wgtn, Nelson, Ak [10]  
 1840 **Henry Turton** 1818-1887; + w. **Susanna**; Taranaki, New Plymouth, Manukau;  
 1840 **John Aldred** 1818-1894; Nelson, Wgtn, Canty, Otago; m. **Mary** Lawry 1849; [4 chn]  
 1840 **George Buttle** 1810-1874; m. **Jane** [8 chn]  
 1839 **Gideon Smales** 1818-1894; m. **Mary Anne** (Bumby); retired 1856; farmed in Taranaki [7 chn]  
 1840 **John Warren** 1814-1883; Waima, Nelson, Ak, Aotea;  
 1840 **James Watkin** 1805-1886 + w. **Hannah** & 5 chn, from Tonga to Waikouaiti (4 yrs); Wgtn,

### WMS Children

**Rev Nathaniel & Ann (Sargent) Turner** (14 chn, 2 infant deaths + miscarriage)

**Ann Turner**, b. Hobart, Tasmania.

**Thomas Turner**, b. 1824, Whangaroa

**Nathaniel Turner**, Bailey b. 1825 Whangaroa, d 1826

**John Sargent Turner**, b. 1826.

**Martha Turner**, b. 1828, Tonga

**Nathaniel Turner**, b. 1829, Tonga

**George Turner**, b. 1830, Tonga

**Josiah George Turner**, b. 1832, Hobart

**Charles Wesley Turner**, b. 1834, Hobart

**Mary Emma Bloor Turner**, b. 1835, Hobart

**Sarah Eliza Hopkins Turner**, b. 1836, Hokianga

**Hannah Jane Turner**, b. 1839, Hokianga.

**Louisa Elizabeth Turner**, b. 1840, Tasmania

**Edwin Turner**, b. 1842, Tasmania

**Rev John & Jane (Broggref) Hobbs** (10 chn, 2 infant deaths + miscarriages)

**Emma Hobbs**, b. 1928 Bay of Islands (m. Rev William Kirk, d. 1906 Petone)

**Marianne Hobbs**, b. 1830 Bay of Islands (named after CMS Marianne Williams who assisted)

**Margaretta Hobbs**, b. 19 November 1831 at Kerikeri, Bay of Islands

**Richard Hobbs**, b. 1832 at Mangungu

**Phebe Hobbs**, b. 1835 in Tonga

**George Hobbs**, b. 1837 in Tonga, died aged 9 mths March 1838 at Hokianga.

**Edward Gyles Hobbs**, b. December 1839 at Pakanae, Hokianga (bptz by John Bumby)

**Eliza Hobbs**, b. 1843 at Mangungu

**William Hobbs**, b. 1845 at Mangungu

**baby boy**, born & died 1847

**Rev William & Eliza (Leigh) White** [m. 1829 England] (5 chn, 2 infant deaths + miscarriages)

**Baby** b. April, stillborn, Mangungu 1830

**Boy** b. Feb 1831; d. Aug 1831

**Girl** died at birth, Mangungu 1833

**John Ebenezer White**, b. 1834, Mangungu,

**Joseph White**, b. 1836, Mangungu

**Rev John Whiteley & Mary Anne (Cooke) Whiteley** (5 dtrs + 1 infant death & 3 prem. deaths)

**Elizabeth Anne Whiteley**, b. 1833

**Sarah Hannah Whiteley**, b. 1834

**Mary Fletcher Whiteley**, b. 1836 (m. John McElwain, d. 1918 Auckland)

**John James Whiteley**, b. Feb 1838, d. April 1839

**Jane Bumby whitely**, b. 1840

**Hannah Whitely**, b. 1843

*(13 February 1869 Rev. John Whiteley was found lying shot beside his dead horse. His murderers were never brought to trial. In October the Government granted an annual pension of £100 to his widow.)*

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**Rev William & Jane (Garland?) Woon** (7 chn, 1 infant death)

**Garland William Woon**, b. Tonga 1831 (m. Anne George 1852, d. 1895 Wanganui)

**Katherine Garland Woon**, b. 1833 (m. Rev J F Riemenschneider 1849, d. Wanganui 1901)

**Richard Watson Woon**, b. 1834, Mangungu (m. Frances Lake 1864, d. Gisborne 1888)

**Edwin Turner Woon**, b. 1836, (m. Harriett Penfold 1857, d. Gisborne 1888)

**James Garland Woon**, b. 1839 (d. 1910 Wanganui)

**Emily Jane Woon**, b. 1844 (d. 1862 Port Chalmers)

**William Charles Woon**, b. 1842 (d. aged 9 weeks 4 days)

**Rev James & Mary (Reddick) Wallis** (9 chn)

**Elizabeth Reddick Wallis**,

**William Henry Wallis**, b. 1837 (*m. Harriet introduced by visiting Aunt Mary Wallis, 1858*)

**Sarah Lydia Wallis**, b. 1838

**Thomas Jackson Wallis**,

**James Waterhouse Wallis**,

**Robert Martin, Wallis**,

**Mary Harriet, Wallis**,

**Emily Rebecca, Wallis**,

**Jabez Bunting, Wallis**,

**Rev James & Jane (Martin) Buller** (10 chn; 2 chd deaths)

*["In October, 1835, that the newly-married Buller and his wife, Jane, both "young and hopeful" sailed for Port Jackson aboard the *Platina*." ]*

*Kaipara was a lonely posting, James had to baptise 8 of his own chn*

**James Martin Buller**, b. 1836; (d. *while still at school*)

**Walter Lawry Buller**, (*became a significant naturalist, linguist, magistrate and author*)

**Anna Buller**,

**Margaret Buller**,

**Lilla Buller**,

**Fletcher Buller**,

**Wesley Buller**,

**Thomas Buller**,

**Boyce Buller**,

*? died as an infant (9 of 10 chn born at Kaipara; 2 buried there)*

**Rev James & Hannah Watkin** (5 chn)

James was 34 when he and Jane with their 5 young chn arr Wakouaiti, Otago, May 1840; the youngest child being 10 months; they arrived from Sydney after working in the Tonga mission.

**Rev Gideon & Mary Ann (Bumby) Smales** (2 sons & 5 daughters) [Obituary, NZ Herald 6 Oct 1894]

**Rev John & Mary (Lawry) Aldred** (2 sons & 2 daughters alive when John's died 1894)

**Rev Thomas & Sarah (Dixon) Buddle** (m. 18//1839 in Durham); they had 10 children

### Families with connection to the Hokianga Missionaries

**Samuel** (son of CMS missionary, John G Butler) & **Ann** (Dunn) **Butler** (Hokianga settlers)

**Ann Butler**, born/died 1822, Sydney

**Samuel John Butler**, b. June 1824, Sydney

**Lucy Butler**, born/died 1827, Sydney

**James Butler**, b. 1828, Hokianga, (baptized by John Hobbs, on 7 June 1828);

**Elizabeth Butler**, b. 1831, Hokianga (baptized 6 July 1831 by W White);

**Lucy Ann Butler**, b. 1833, Waima (baptized 15 December 1833 by J Whiteley)

**Eliza White Butler**, b. 1836, (baptized 28 July 1836 by W White)

**Francis** (bother of Rev W White) **and Jane White** (Hokianga settlers)

**William White**, b. abt 1820, England;

**Titus White**, b. abt 1822, England;

**John White**, b. 1826, England, (*became authority on Maori customs, fluent linguist & magistrate*)

**Joseph White**, b. abt 1828, England;

**Hannah White**, b. 1830, England

**Jane Ann White**, b. 1833, England

**Eliza Leigh White**, b. abt 1835, New Zealand

**Harriet White**, b. 1837, New Zealand

### Additional 'interest' information

**Luke Wade** arr NZ 1821 (*labourer for CMS*) became a labourer for the WMS in 1823; returned to England 1827 to get his wife, who unknown to him was on her way to NZ.

**Mrs Wade** arr. 1827 at Wesleydale. Her health failed Luke took her to NSW, where she died soon after their arrival Oct 1829. (She is only referred to as 'Mrs Wade' I can find no child records for these Wades; Rev William Richard & Sarah (CMS) arr Bay of Islands 1834 and there had 3 chn: William 1835; Thomas 1837, Sarah Elizabeth 1839)

**Kezia Bedford** arr Oct 1827 (WSM teacher) was briefly engaged to **William Puckey** (CMS). Both CMS & WMS missionaries were concerned by 'this young person's behaviour' and she was dismissed and escorted back to Sydney, where she in Jan 1829 (aged 27) she married Lancelot Iredale.

**Rev John Bumby** (Superintendent for WMS) with his sister **Mary Anne Bumby** arr at Mangungu in 1839; Mary Anne hosted the Government officials for the Treaty signing 12<sup>th</sup> Feb 1840 as John was in Australia on mission business; John Bumby was drowned in May 1840. Mary Anne m. **Rev Gideon Smales** (who had also arrived in 1839) Dec 1840. They had 6 children.

**William Wallis**, brother of James arrived at Mangungu in 1836 to work as a missionary but fell from the vessel while he was disembarking and drowned. James' oldest son, born a year later on 29 April 1837, was named William almost certainly in honour of James' brother.

**Mehetabel Newman** (1822–1908) arrived in New Zealand in 1844 and lived with her sister and brother-in-law, Jane and George Buttler, at Te Kopua, Waipa, south of Auckland. A brother, Joseph, and two other sisters, Elizabeth Fairburn and Ann Atkin, were also living in New Zealand. Mehetabel shared with Jane Buttler the customary women's work at the mission station: teaching Maori girls to read, write and sew; taking Sunday school; helping to run a large household in an efficient manner; nursing the sick; providing hospitality; and seeing to the daily needs and education of the European children. As an unmarried woman she was subject to family criticism and pressure, particularly when

she continued to live with George Buttle and his eight children after he was widowed in 1857. She married George and when he died she married the widowed missionary Rev John Warren

**NZ Herald** WARREN - BUTTLE - At Remuera, on April 3 [1878], at the residence of Joseph Newman, Esq., by the Rev. James Wallis, the Rev. John Warren, of Onehunga, to Mehetabel, relict of the late Rev. George Buttle.

**James Wallis** signed the Treaty of Waitangi 1840, as a witness. In July 1842 the Governor William Hobson and Ensign Best visited the station at Raglan staying with James and Mary for two days. Hobson expressed appreciation of the work.

**Samuel Butler (1802-1836)** drowned aged 34 and was buried on the 5th December 1836 leaving a wife, Ann Dunn and six children. He was settled at the entrance to the Waima River in 1827. His boat upset getting timber for the Brazil Packet and he was intoxicated at the time. There was a collection taken up for the family and Mrs Butler and her children departed for Sydney on the Nimrod arriving 11th May 1837.

#### **Francis White**

Francis White arrived in NZ in 1835. He established a prosperous business in the Hokianga district as a timber merchant and built a spacious and, eventually, comfortable home, Mata, about a mile from the Mangungu mission station and stayed there until 1850 then moved to Auckland. Initially the children attended the mission school. Later they were taught at home by a private governess, and they joined in lessons with their cousins, this time under the supervision of their aunt, Eliza White.

#### **Other private tutors**

**Mr James Buller** - first residence was at Mangungu in the Hokianga, in 1836, where he was a tutor in the family for Rev Nathaniel Turner. (son Walter Lawry Buller b. Kaipara 1838)

**Dr Richard Day** (WMS medical missionary) arr. 1836 – became a tutor to the Hobbs children

**Charles Davis**, from Australia, was tutor to the Woon children

#### **Hokianga (European) Census 1938 (Extracts)**

**Revd. J. Whiteley, Mrs Whiteley & 3 children** Pakanai Wesleyan Missionary  
**Reverend N. Turner, Mrs Turner & 9 children**, Mangungu Wesleyan Missionary  
**Reverend W. Woon, Mrs Woon & 4 children**, Mangungu Wesleyan Missionary  
**Reverend J. Hobbs,, Mrs Hobbs, & 4 children**, Mangungu Wesleyan Missionary  
**J. Buller, Mrs Buller & 1 child**, Mangungu Wesleyan Missionary  
**William Monk, Mrs Monk & 2 children** Mangungu Carpenter  
**Samuel Makin, Mrs Makin & 2 children** Mangungu Labourer

**Francis White, Mrs White & 8 children** Mata Trader

**Bishop Pompallier, Priest & Servant** Totara Roman Catholic Bishop

**Charles Baron De Thierry, Baroness De Thierry, 5 children & 2 servants** Waihou Trader

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