

**Jonathan INNES (1809-1864)**  
Colonist 10 May 1864 Obituary

On Monday, May 9, 1864, the mortal remains of the late Rev Jonathan Innes were borne, attended by a numerous concourse of followers, to the Wesleyan Chapel, Hardy-street, where the service was performed by the Revs W. Kirk and Wallis, from thence the procession wended its way slowly to the New Cemetery, and in the Wesleyan portion of which, and by the side of his beloved wife, his body was interred. The Rev J. Innes was born at Newcastle-on-Tyne in the year 1809. He entered the Wesleyan Ministry in 1838, and travelled four years in Scotland; and in 1842 he married, and proceeded to Australia, where he labored successfully in various circuits for many years. During the last nine years the sphere of his ministerial duties has been in New Zealand, viz. :- Wellington, Hutt, Nelson, and Taranaki. While at Taranaki, his wife (whom he had left in Nelson on account of the unsettled state of Taranaki), died, after a long and painful illness of disease of the heart, and was buried in the New Cemetery. At the last Conference he was appointed again to a circuit in Australia, and on his way there he arrived in Nelson in a very weak state. Before the steamer left for Sydney he became too ill to proceed, and gradually getting worse, after a few weeks of painful suffering he departed this life on Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup>. He breathed his last in peace. Aged 55 years.

Wellington Independent 14 May 1864

The late Rev J. Innes, whose death at Nelson on the 6<sup>th</sup> May, we chronicle in to-day's issue, was born at Newcastle-on-Tyne, in the year 1809, entered the Wesleyan ministry in 1838, and travelled first to Scotland. In 1842 he proceeded to Australia, where he labored successfully in various circuits for many years. During the last nine years the sphere of his ministerial duties has been in New Zealand, viz., Wellington, Hutt, Nelson and Taranaki. On Mr Innes's removal to Taranaki, he left his wife in Nelson, on account of the then troubled state of New Plymouth, and, after a painful illness, she died here of disease of the heart, and was buried in the new Cemetery. At the last Conference, Mr Innes was appointed to Albury circuit, in New South Wales, and was on his way thither when illness prevented him from pursuing his journey hence by steamer to Sydney. Mr Innes was buried on Monday, the 9<sup>th</sup> inst., in the New Cemetery by the side of his wife, and the large concourse of persons who attended the funeral testified to the respect in which the deceased gentleman was held by his Wesleyan brethren.

*Minutes of The Methodist Conferences from the first held in London by the late Rev John Wesley, A.M., Volume 7 published 1838*  
 Pages 465-466 (1835) What preachers are now received on trial? ... Jonathan Innes  
 Page 498 (1835) XXIX The Carlisle District 357 Appleby, Thomas Skelton, Jonathan Innes

*The British Magazine and Monthly Register of Religious and Ecclesiastical Information, Parochial History... 1839*  
 Correspondence – Wesleyan Methodists – page 417 – from the “Leeds Intelligencer” of the 17<sup>th</sup> of August last. “The ordination or admission into ‘full connexion’ of those young preachers who have travelled as probationers four years, and the public recognition of others, who, having been originally ‘set apart’ to missionary work, have returned home from foreign stations, and have an opportunity of assembling with their brethren, are among the most interesting and popular services at the conference. There were, as usual, distinct services for each of these classes. On Tuesday evening, August 6<sup>th</sup>, the preparatory services connected with the ordination of fifty-two young men, commenced in Brunswick Chapel, Liverpool, which was early filled to overflowing. The names of the young men follow:- ... Jonathan Innes...

*New South Wales, Australia – Returns of the Collony 1822-1857 – Return of the Number of Baptisms, Marriages & Burials 1840 – p305*  
 Wesleyan Methodists – Jonathan Innes, Maitland.

*Newcastle Morning Herald and Miners' Advocate 12 Apr 1879 Answers to Correspondents*  
 J. S., Newcastle – Wesleyan Methodism was introduced into Maitland in 1838. The first resident Wesleyan minister was the Rev Jonathan Innes, who commenced his labours in 1840.

*The Maitland Daily Mercury 29 Jan 1912 Early Methodism by Rev James Colwell – The First Minister*  
 The Reverend Jonathan Innes, the first missionary, commenced his work in the year 1840. The balance-sheet for that year discloses some interesting facts. The income was £79 7s 11d and the expenditure £482 10s 6d. Class and ticket money yielded £17 7s 3d; quarterly collections £10 4s 2½d; and missionary collections and subscriptions £51 16s 6d. The expenditure was abnormal including a large sum for furnishing the mission house. Mr Innes' allowances were £88 for 44 weeks' board, £52 as quarterage, £10 each for servants' wages and washing, £18 for fuel and candles, £12 10s for a “housekeeper”, medical attendance £12 12s, postage of letters £1 15s and water rate for one quarter £2 10s, making a total of £207 7s for 44 weeks, an average of £4 14s 3d per week, or a little over £245 per year. Among the items named as “extraordinaries” are some which well deserve that designation. Take, for example, the travelling expenses, including “horse keep, with hay, bran, corn, etc.,” with a total of £51 14s 10d and purchase of a horse £49. Mr Innes visited Sydney “on account of chapel,” and that cost £4 5s. He also travelled to Parramatta, but for what purpose is not stated. That trip cost £4. There was also “extra washing after voyage from England,” £1 10s. Among the furnishing are some interesting items that throw light on the cost of articles at that date – Two beds, with mattress, bolster, and pillows cost £16 10s; bookshelves, £5; “mosquito” curtains, £2 1s 6d; snuffers and tray, 6s; hair broom, 7s 6d; wheelbarrow, 15s 6d; water cask, 10s; and a corkscrew, 1s 6d. Mr Innes was in charge of the Hunter River circuit from February 26<sup>th</sup> 1840 to June 1843. During that time he visited Patrick's Plains, Newcastle, Wollombi, Raymond Terrace, and Cooley camp.

The first contribution of £1 in the form of class and ticket money from Raymond Terrace appears in December 1841, Newcastle followed in June 1842 with 15s 3d and East Maitland in June 1843 with £1 10s. On Mr Innes removal to Windsor his place was taken by the Rev Frederick Lewis, a Welshman, full of fire, and successful as a soul winner...

*The Maitland Daily Mercury 24 Apr 1934 Early Church – Start of Methodism – North Districts by 'Easel'*

Wesleyan Methodism was introduced into the Maitland district in 1837 by Mr Jeremiah Ledsam, following favourable reports by the Methodist Missionary Committee, in 1832, 1833, and 1835, on its prospects. The first service was held in Mr Ledsam's house. Apparently, the congregation was large and earnest, for during the week, a billiard room was engaged (at the rear of Gorricks Buildings). Seats and a reading desk were furnished by Mr Vincent Williams, and the billiard room did service for four years. Mr Ledlam worked very enthusiastically in the cause, and through his efforts a site was purchased for a chapel, which was opened in 1840 by the **Rev Jonathan Innes**, the first missionary stationed at West Maitland. It was opened free from encumbrance.

*Singleton Argus 22 Apr 1938 Induction of Rev H. Polkinghorne – Public Welcome in Methodist Hall*

Some historical facts... In 1840 the first missionary, in the person of Rev Jonathan Innes, arrived in Singleton, and in his first report to the district meeting he records the gift of land from Mr J. Kingsbury, upon which was erected a school house, used as a church and school, erected free of debt to the mission. From 1840 to 1856 Singleton was part of the Maitland circuit...

*The Sydney Herald 09 Jan 1841*

The Annual Meeting of the Auxiliary Wesleyan Missionary Society will be held in Macquarie Street Chapel, Sydney on Monday the 15<sup>th</sup> inst, at 7 in the evening. Alexander McLeay, Esq., will take the Chair. Preparatory sermons will be preached on Sunday, the 17<sup>th</sup> instant, in the several Wesleyan Chapels, by the following Ministers:- ... Prince-street, at 3 p.m., Rev J. Innes; Druitt-street, at 11 a.m., Rev J. Innes...

*New South Wales, Australia – Returns of the Colony 1822-1857 – Ecclesiastical Establishment 1841 – Page 306*

Wesleyan Methodist Ministers

Office:	Maitland West
Name:	Revd Jonathan Innes
Date of appointment:	26 May 1841

By whom appointed and under what Instrument:	By the Governor upon the recommendation of the Chairman of the Australian Wesleyan District Committee
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Annual salary in Sterling:	£150	Allowed a house and has never been absent from the Colony
From what Fund the Salary is Paid:	Colonial Treasury	

*Sydney Morning Herald 23 Jul 1938 Centenary of Methodism – Illawarra District by Rev Wesley Stocks*

The 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Methodism in the Illawarra district has been celebrated at Wollongong this month by four special Sundays, known respectively as Centenary Sundays... Mr Vidler travelled extensively through the South Coast and in 1839 visited Coolangatta, where he met Mr David Berry, who invited him to preach which he did to about 80 persons, most of whom were convicts or ticket-of-leave men. The Rev Jonathan Innes was the first minister of what was then called the Camden-Wollongong circuit, and resided at Camden...

*Dungog Chronicle: Durham and Gloucester Advertiser (New South Wales) 29 Oct 1949 Paterson and District a Century Ago*

By G. J. Geggie in the Maitland "Mercury". ... In 1840 the Rev Jonathan Innes was appointed first Wesleyan Methodist Minister and he commenced his ministry in Paterson in 1842. He had good congregations.

*The Methodist Weekly Advocate, 19<sup>th</sup> April 1888 Obituary for Mr William Crouch*

Ancestry Public Member story – attached to William Crouch 1827-1888

<http://trees.ancestry.com.au/tree/35109/person/-1573000760/storyx/6e8be4fc-7ead-44d8-bb43-6360b41b78f7?src=search>

... Early in life he came to Australia, the whole of his career as a colonist of 47 years standing being spent at Bolwarra on the Hunter River... In those early days the Methodist Church sent its first representative in the person of Rev Jonathan Innes, whose circuit extended from the seaboard to as far north as the population invited the labours of the preacher. During Mr Innes' superintendency, Mr Crouch was converted in a cottage prayer meeting at Bolwarra, under the prayer of his mother-in-law, Mrs Lambert...

*Mines, Wines and People – A History of the Greater Cessnock written by W. S. Parkes, Jim Comerford and Dr Max Lake*

Ancestry Public Member story – The Bridge Family Story - attached to Joseph Bridge (1814-1891)

<http://trees.ancestry.com.au/tree/18865547/person/2014514118/storyx/fa262998-3b34-41e8-9bad-f1218903106f?src=search>

On 2 March 1840 at the Wollombi the second-youngest of the Bridge brothers, George, married Mary Lynch in the presence of Michael and Margaret Byrne and was noted by the Reverend Fr. J. T. Lynch as "Protestant"; in 1842 George and Mary's infant, Elizabeth, was baptised on 14 August at a private house, "Bridgefield", by a Wesleyan clergyman, the **Reverend Jonathan Innes** of West Maitland...

*The Kiama Reporter and Illawarra Journal 13 Jul 1938 Early Methodism at Albion Park*

The recent centenary of Methodism in Illawarra brought to light some interesting details of the early days in the district... In 1840 there was an adult membership of 64 Methodists in the district between Wollongong and Kiama, this showing that there would be a considerable aggregate population at that time. A district meeting report stated that Mr Osborne had generously presented sufficient land for a church and dwelling-house, and in 1842, the chapel, with a seating accommodation for 200 was opened. The first minister was the Rev Jonathan Innes, who had charge of the Camden-Wollongong district.

<i>New South Wales, Australia – Returns of the Colony 1822-1857 – Ecclesiastical Establishment 1843 – Page 316</i>		
Wesleyan Methodist Ministers		
Office:	Windsor	
Name:	Revd Jonathan Innes	
Date of appointment:	26 May 1841	
By whom appointed and under what Instrument:	By the Governor upon the recommendation of the Chairman of the Australian Wesleyan District Committee	
Annual salary in Sterling:	£150	Allowed a house and has never been absent from the Colony
From what Fund the Salary is Paid:	Colonial Treasury	

*The Australian 25 Apr 1844 Christian Missions*  
 On Sunday next, the 28<sup>th</sup> instant, the Annual Sermons in aid of the Funds of the Wesleyan Missionary Society will be preached in the Wesleyan Chapels in Sydney... York-street Chapel – 11 a.m., The Rev J. Innes, of Windsor...

*The Sydney Morning Herald 10 Oct 1844 Central Criminal Court*  
 Burglary. Joseph Trusty, late a servant in the employment of the Rev Mr Styles, of Windsor, was indicted for breaking into the dwelling-house of the **Rev Jonathan Innes**, Wesleyan Minister, residing in the same township, on the 4<sup>th</sup> of August last, and stealing therefrom a quantity of jewellery, plate and money. It appeared from the evidence of the prosecutor that on the evening of Sunday, the 4<sup>th</sup> of August, he was engaged in the performance of divine service at the Wesleyan Chapel adjoining the house in which he himself resided, and during his absence the robbery was committed. Similar evidence was given by a female servant of Mr Innes's; and the chief constable of Windsor, to whom immediate information had been given, deposed that upon examining the premises he found peculiar footmarks, as if they were those of a person whose shoes had been half heel-pieced. Subsequently he met the prisoner, and took him into custody upon suspicion; and on examining his shoes he found them to correspond with the footmarks he had before perceived. Other evidence was given, but the case against the prisoner was not strengthened. Mr Windeyer, who appeared on behalf of the prisoner, having elicited from the prosecutor in cross-examination that the House occupied by him belonged to the Wesleyan Missionary Society, whose agent he was, submitted that a verdict of acquittal must be directed upon this point, the allegations of the indictment in this particular not being borne out. He also quoted several cases in support of this argument. His Honor said, that as this point was one which might be considered with equal effect in the event of a conviction, he should not withhold the case from the Jury, who might, in considering their verdict, attach what weight to it they pleased. Mr Windeyer then addressed the Jury for the defence, dwelling upon the various points of evidence, contending that nothing had been shown against the prisoner which could amount to anything more than a mere vague suspicion, totally insufficient to warrant a verdict against him. His Honor left the Jury to form their own opinion upon the degree of weight attachable to the various circumstances detailed in

evidence, as grounds of suspicion against the prisoner. The Jury, after retiring for a few minutes, found a verdict of not guilty in favour of the prisoner, who was discharged, but being a ticket-of-leave holder, was handed over to the police.

*New South Wales, Australia – Returns of the Colony 1822-1857 – Ecclesiastical Establishment 1845 – Page 316*

Wesleyan Methodist Ministers

Office: Windsor  
 Name: Revd Jonathan Innes – succeeded by Rev J. McKenny 01 August 1845  
 Date of appointment: 26 May 1841

By whom appointed and under what Instrument: By the Governor upon the recommendation of the Chairman of the Australian Wesleyan District Committee

Annual salary in Sterling: £150 Allowed a house and has never been absent from the Colony  
 From what Fund the Salary is Paid: Colonial Treasury

*Sydney Morning Herald 22 Feb 1845 News from the Interior – Parramatta*

Annual meeting of the Parramatta Branch of the Wesleyan Mission to the Heathen. The Annual meeting of the friends and supporters of the above was held on Wednesday evening last, in the Wesleyan Chapel, Macquarie-street, the chair was taken precisely at seven o'clock, by the Right Worshipful the Mayor of Sydney, Mr Allen, and shortly after that time the Chapel was crowded to excess. After the usual prayer the Rev Mr Sweetman. The Chairman in a short speech stated the objects of the meeting and impressed on them the necessity of liberality. The Secretary (the Rev Mr Sweetman) then read the Report, which opened with a brief history of missions generally, and then glanced at the success of Wesleyanism in the different parts of the world where it had been established. The amount received by the Central Society for the last year was £99,804, whilst that expended was £112,908, thus leaving a deficiency of £13,104 to be made up, but by incredible exertions that deficiency had been reduced to £1,274. The amount received by the Parramatta Auxiliary Society last year amounted to £87 4s 3d. The Rev Mr McKenny, in moving the adoption of the report said, that he had often regretted that it was not in the power of speakers, as on the present occasion, to lay before their readers some pleasing information received from the Ministers and Missionaries in various parts. The Rev. gentleman then instanced the hardships which missionaries suffered in various parts of the world, and read communications from Mr Hunt, Chairman of the Feejee and Tonga Circuit, and also from Messrs John Watsford and Hazlewood, Missionaries at the same place, in which the islands were represented to be in a most disastrous state from war, the inhabitants killing, roasting, and eating each other, and urged on the meeting the absolute necessity of spreading the word amongst these unenlightened savages, to redeem them from the disgraceful scenes which debased them. Mr William Lowe, in a few words, glancing at the encouragement which the Missionaries had already received, seconded the resolution; which was put and carried unanimously.

The **Rev Jonathan Innes**, in moving the second resolution, said, that the Society could not complain of their want of success, for it had been beyond their most sanguine expectations, to such an extent even that their very success had become a burden on them too heavy to support, and the

question was whether they should give up a portion of the success realised, or whether they should increase the funds; not whether the means were adequate to go forward, but whether wanting the means they should retrace their steps. The advance of the Society was not checked by the strong arm of power, or by the influence of public opinion, for the first had not been exerted against them, and the last had been expressed in their favour; but from the Methodists not having done their duty. He would call their attention to the luxuries which were daily consumed, and which might easily be passed over, and not missed. Let them leave them, and he contended that as a people or a nation there was no want of resources or funds – all they wanted was liberality. Formality in religion must always be considered as an evil; he would therefore advise those who were in the habit of giving their five guineas annually, to increase that sum, and let their subscriptions keep pace with their success. He would ask them to look at the frightening effects that would accrue if the Society were compelled to diminish their labours; the greater part of what had been done would be lost, and the savage would again sink into his primeval barbarity. The extended dominion of Britain was not given to her by Heaven merely to increase her powers and resources; but a higher duty devolved on her, being a sacred trust direct from the hand of God, to extend Christianity throughout the habitable globe. The Rev Benjamin Hurst seconded the resolution in a few short words. Captain Buck, in moving the third resolution, entered into a long and interesting account of the manners and customs of the natives, and the proceedings and success of the Missionaries in the various islands he was in the habit of visiting, and dilated upon the sufferings of the missionaries and Christian natives in many places, more especially at Rawa, where a savage war was raging; and assured them, from his own knowledge, that Christianity was extending on all sides, and would continue so to do if the means were but found. The Rev Mr Draper said, that the resolution called on them to assist the Society by their prayers and donations, these were the most important motive powers they possessed, and could not be successful unless conjoined; and there were but few amongst them but could use both means. The sentiments broached by the Rev Mr Innes, respecting giving up luxuries was worthy of notice, and if that gentleman would set the example by giving up his favourite luxury of smoking, or at all events giving an equivalent to the amount, he was certain that many would follow the example. The rev. speaker then called their attention to a letter from Mr John Watsford, contending that that gentleman ought to be considered exclusively as their missionary, whom they were bound to pay and support, he having been born, raised up, and appointed in the town – and he considered that the town stood pledged to support this man and his family. He then impressed on them all the absolute necessity of liberality to help forward the good cause. A collection having been made, the Rev J. Innes moved, and Mr J. Lowe seconded, a vote of thanks to the officers of the society for the last year. The Mayor having vacated the chair, which was taken by the Rev Mr McKenny. Mr Draper moved, and Mr Sweetman seconded, a vote of thanks to the Mayor, who briefly returned thanks; and after a hymn, the meeting dissolved. The amount received was announced to be £15 5s.

*Joseph Warren – An Interesting Personality of Old Canterbury – by Irene Sykes May 2000*

– submitted to Canterbury Genealogy Discussion Group - Ancestry Public Member story – attached to Joseph Warren (1805-1890)

<http://trees.ancestry.com.au/tree/649544/person/-2065079520/storyx/5b9cbc5c-7a84-4a44-a603-4195d945fc55?src=search>

Harriet Ann Warren, the first daughter of Joseph Warren and Sarah nee Hessell, born 04 Oct 1845, was christened by the Reverend Jonathan Innes of the Wollongong/Camden Circuit.

*Family Search – Australia, Births and Baptisms 1792-1981 – Film 993971*

William Innes baptised 07 Aug 1845 at St James, Sydney, Cumberland, New South Wales son of Jonathan Innes and Grace Hutchinson

*South Australian Register 27 Jan 1847*

The Wesleyan Preachers' Stations for the current year, of which we have received a copy by the 'David Malcolm', mentions the appointment of a missionary direct from England for this station. His name is the Rev Jonathan Innes...

*Sydney Morning Herald 06 May 1847 Wesleyan Missions*

The annual meeting in connexion with the above missions took place on Monday evening last, in the Wesleyan Chapel, Macquarie-street, Windsor. The business of the meeting was commenced by the singing of a hymn, followed by a prayer, offered up by the Rev Mr Harris... The Rev J. Innes moved that the following persons form the committee for the ensuing year:- Rev J. Schofield (treasurer), Mr Millard (secretary), Messrs Paul, Callaway, Ducker, Moore, Cotton, Everingham, and Staunton. The Rev Mr Harris seconded and the motion was carried...

*Colonial Times (Hobart) 20 Jan 1852 Local Intelligence – Ross – Wesleyan College*

The Rev Jonathan Innes, Minister of Longford

*The Courier 14 Feb 1855 Launceston – Arrivals February 10*

L. S. N. Co.'s steamer 'Royal Shepherd', 184, Saunders, Melbourne and Geelong. Cabin – Mr and Mrs Fellowes, Dr Barry, Miss Rowe, Mr and Mrs Dalzil, Miss Dalzil and servant, Mrs Hughes, Messrs C. Beveridge, Sparrow, Read, Drew, March, Oldfield, O'Brien, Squire, Grant, Jacobs, Ring, **Rev. J. Innes**; 23 steerage.

*Launceston Examiner 15 Mar 1855 Cornwall Auxiliary Society*

Perhaps the most interesting and best attended meeting of the Cornwall Auxiliary Bible Society was held last evening, to receive the deposition sent out by the parent society. The Temperance Hall was filled, and the sympathy of the audience seemed to be thoroughly awakened. The ministers of all the protestant denominations in town were present, and several from the country. W. Henty, Esq., occupied the chair, supported on his left by the Rev M. H. Beecher, and on his right by Dr Charles, the two gentlemen forming his deputation. The Rev C. Price said it fell to his lot to introduce to the chairman the Rev M. H. Beecher, and Dr Thomas Charles, the deputation from the British and Foreign Bible Society. Both gentlemen rose and shook hands with the chairman, who bade them a cordial welcome – the whole assembly rising at the time in testimony of its hearty concurrence. At the request of the chairman the Rev C. Price, secretary to the society, read the report. The **Rev J. Innes** (Wesleyan), in moving the first resolution, said it was truly gratifying to those interested in that noble cause to see that amidst all the electioneering excitement so many persons had assembled on that occasion: it spoke well for Launceston, and he hoped it augured better days. The resolution he had to move was, that the meeting approve of the



report just read, and that it be printed for circulation. No doubt that was a mere matter of form, but perhaps it might be turned to good account upon reflection. Could the meeting in good conscience approve of the report? He felt that the achievements of that auxiliary during the last year were not what they ought to have been, or what they might have been. However, he hoped the resolution would be adopted unanimously, with a resolve to do more for that noble society which seeks to elevate our common humanity, and to point the way to eternal life. Although now more than fifty years old, it has no signs of decrepitude or decay; and as during that period, notwithstanding the difficulties it has had to contend with, it has made the records of inspired truth accessible to more than six hundred million human beings, now that it is in an efficient working state what may not be expected from the next fifty years ? (applause). The friends of the society ought not, and must not rest until the Bible is translated into all the languages of our Babel earth, and circulated in every part of the world. Seeing the deputation present he would not occupy the time of the meeting farther. The Rev W. Law (independent), in seconding the motion remarked, that it had been said "brevity is the soul of wit;" and certainly on that occasion it was the course of Christian propriety. He then proceeded to show the importance of sustaining the society, by pointing out the value of the bible. Since the formation of the society, forty-eight million copies of Holy Writ had been circulated through its agency, and that it was highly prized he proved by instances in his own experience. When on his way to the mission field, there were five thousand copies of the Scriptures on board the vessel. As they approached the islands a gun was fired to let the natives know, and soon the canoes came off. The natives shook hands with their missionary, and many of them left the price of the Word of God in his hand. One old man, who obtained a copy, clasped it to his heart and said – "Now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace;" another went home and read the book of Job through before stopping, - so delighted was he. The present age, the rev. gentleman considered as pre-eminently one for circulating the word of God; and though great things had been accomplished, it was principally in Europe: how little had been done amongst the heathen. There was a famine of the Word of God, and Christians should not rest until every perishing sinner was in possession of the Bible. It is a book that must be co-existent with the world: its truths must live for ever; and when the archangel shall call the quick and dead to judgment, some one will be arrested in the perusal of its pages, and if there was one thing in this world that he could desire to take with him it would be the Bible. He sometimes thought that if ever he got to heaven it would be pleasing to read the Word of God there, and to compare his knowledge then with his knowledge now (applause). He had much pleasure in seconding the resolution. Carried unanimously....

*Launceston Examiner 05 Apr 1855 Marriage*

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> instant, by special license, at the Wesleyan Chapel, Patterson-street, by the Rev J. Innes, Mary, youngest daughter of the late Mr John Atkinson, of Portadown, county Armagh, Ireland, to Mr William Kirkus, of Launceston.

*On Our Way: The First 150 Years of the Methodist Church in Lower Hutt page 18*

The much esteemed Charles Creed was only two years at the Hutt and in 1856 when the first Trust was formed the Reverend Jonathan Innes was in the Chair.

**Geelong Advertiser 27 Feb 1861 Central Police Court – Bigamy**

Robert Hanlay was charged with this offence. Thomas Wilson, a storeman in the service of Mr Hart, of Launceston, deposed – I was examined at the Police Court, of Launceston, some time since as a witness in a charge of bigamy against the prisoner. The depositions produced were those sworn to by me on that occasion. I know the prisoner. He was married **28<sup>th</sup> April 1855** to my daughter Lydia Wilson. She was seventeen years of age, and married with my consent. I was present at the marriage ceremony, which was performed by the **Rev Jonathan Innes**, minister of the Wesleyan Chapel, Patterson-street, Launceston. A Mr David Hill was also present. The prisoner resided at my house for ten months after his marriage. Till within the last eighteen months he resided in Tasmania with his wife. The issue of the marriage is two children, one of whom is still living. I saw my daughter this day week. The document produced is a certificate copy of the marriage register taken on the 19<sup>th</sup> December 1860, at Launceston. Prisoner left Launceston about eighteen months since. He was living on good terms with his wife at the time. The reason why he left was, he was charged with committing a forgery, and he absconded.

**David Hill** – I reside at the Wesleyan Chapel, Patterson-street, Launceston. I was present at the marriage of the prisoner with Lydia Wilson. I signed the register. I identify the prisoner as Robert Hanlay. I never knew him by any other name. I was examined on the 7<sup>th</sup> January at Launceston in this case, and the signature to the depositions produced is mine.

**David Hill recalled** – The copy of the certificate produced I did not compare with the original, but I swear that the prisoner and my daughter signed the marriage register in my presence.

**John Chapman Adkins** sworn – I am a driver on the railway at the Viaduct. I know the prisoner under the assumed name of Thomas Wilson. He was living at the Viaduct 27<sup>th</sup> last September. I accompanied prisoner on that date to Geelong, to be married to Maria Wilson, my stepdaughter. She is nineteen years of age. The marriage took place at the Rev Joseph Dare's residence. I belong to the Wesleyan body. I identify my signature to the marriage certificate produced. A person named Alfred Carr was present. They lived after their marriage in Pakington-street, till prisoner was apprehended on a charge of forgery. Prisoner was married in the name of Thomas Wilson.

**Rev Joseph Dare** – I am a Wesleyan minister of Yarra-street chapel, Geelong. In the month of September last, I performed a marriage ceremony between the prisoner and the young lady (Miss Maria Wilson) now in Court. The certificate produced of the marriage is signed by myself, and is in my handwriting. The prisoner was married by banns in the name of Thomas Wilson, a miller, aged 24, native of Launceston. Two persons who were present signed their name as witnesses of the marriage.

**Alfred Carr** – I am a carrier living at Ashby. I know the prisoner, and was present at this marriage with Miss Wilson. I always knew the prisoner by the name of Thomas Wilson.

**Sarah Maria Adkins** – I reside at the Moorabool Viaduct. Previous to my second marriage my name was Wilson. My first husband's name was Edward Harvey Foster Wilson. Maria Wilson, now present in Court, is my daughter by my first marriage. She was nineteen years of age last May. She was married to the prisoner with my consent. The name Maria Wilson in the certificate produced is my daughter's handwriting.

The prisoner was remanded till Tuesday next for the production of proof of copy of the first marriage certificate. The victim of the prisoner's duplicity, Miss Maria Wilson, is a young lady of very prepossessing appearance, and during the inquiry she was so affected as to be compelled to leave the court.

*The Cornwall Chronicle (Launceston) 05 May 1855 Important Meeting at the Wesleyan School-Room, Patterson-street*

This meeting was held on Thursday evening last, in the above school-room, and though very unpretending in its general appearance, the results proved most effectual and successful. Tea had been provided by the committee, and after a sufficient time had elapsed to admit of the company's judging of its quality and cheering influences, the Rev J. Innes fully, but in brief terms, explained the object of the meeting. It was for the purpose of raising funds to defray the expenses of new roofs for the Chapel and Mission House, erecting a gallery at the south end of the Chapel, for the accommodation of the school children, and to provide additional sittings, to admit a number of new members of the congregation. The reverend gentleman pointed out the absolute necessity for these works being immediately performed, and called on the Chapel Steward to read a statement showing the position of the Chapel Funds, the total amount required, and the sum which they were deficient, and which they had then met to make up. Mr T. J. Bonner then read, very clearly, an account of the different items of necessary expense to be incurred in effecting the above repairs and improvements, showing that the sum actually required would be £500. The Rev J. Innes said that a friend had suggested to him that the present meeting should not have been announced as the one for raising the amount required, but a meeting to devise means for that purpose; but he (Mr Innes) objected to these circuitous routes for effecting the object in view. He called upon all present to contribute what they could conscientiously afford, and he had no doubt but the full amount would be subscribed in that room: he had always great hopes of success where he saw so many ladies enlisted in the good cause, and although he was not precisely of the opinion of a certain young lady, whose papa requiring her to marry a gentleman of 50 years of age, suggested, as an amendment, that she would prefer two of 25, still, where he could not get a subscription for £50, he would not object to that sum in two twenty-fives. He was very confident that when they heard what other speakers had to say, that the object they all had in view would be accomplished...

*Launceston Examiner 04 Aug 1855 Marriage*

On the 1<sup>st</sup> August, by special license, at the residence of his father, Woodside, by the Rev J. Innes, John Robert Scott, to Elizabeth, third daughter of Mr John Badcock, Glenore.

*Launceston Examiner 16 Aug 1855 Marriage*

On the 13<sup>th</sup> August, at the Wesleyan Chapel, by the Rev J. Innes, Henry, eldest son of Mr Henry Crocker, coach builder, to Elizabeth, widow of the late Mr Price, pilot, of Hobart Town.

*The Courier 15 Feb 1856 Shipping News*

Launceston – Cleared out – February 12. Lady Bird, L. S. N. Co.'s steamer 'Robertson', Melbourne. Cabin – Rev A. C. Thomson, Miss Thomson, Rev J. Innes, Mrs Innes and Master Innes, Miss Moore, Miss Boyd, Mr and Mrs Stephens, family, and two servants, Mr and Mrs Rudd, Miss Jones, Messrs T. H. Davis, Smith, Hart; 16 in the steerage.

*Intention to Marry Notice – Archives NZ Reference BDM 20/2 – Microfilm R6906*

No.90 Married 10 Dec 1857 at the private residence of Thomas Watson, Hutt Road by Rev Jonathan Innes and others  
Thomas Watson, bachelor, tailor, aged 25yrs, resident at Hutt about 2 years  
Mary Ann Calicott, spinster, domestic servant, 23yrs, resident at Wellington for 3 years  
Date of Certificate: 04 Jan 1858

*Colonist (Nelson) 22 Dec 1857 Wesleyan Mission Meeting*

The annual meeting of the Wellington Auxiliary Society was held in Manners-street Church, on the 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov. last... The Report having been adopted, the Rev W. Kirton moved, and the Rev J. Innes seconded the first resolution:- "That the Report now read be adopted, and that this meeting, rejoicing in the evident tokens of God's blessing which have attended this and kindred institutions, feels called upon to renewed exertions in behalf of the funds of this Society."

*Intention to Marry Notice – Archives NZ Reference BDM 20/3 – Microfilm R6906*

No.23 Married 12 Apr 1858 at the private residence of William Bassett, Hutt Road by Rev Jonathan Innes and others  
Edward Humphrey, bachelor, shoemaker, aged 33yrs, resident at Hutt for upwards of 2 years  
Emma Jane Rooks, spinster, aged 20 years, resident at Hutt for upwards of 17 years  
Date of Certificate: 30 Apr 1858

*Intention to Marry Notice – Archives NZ Reference BDM 20/4 – Microfilm R6907*

No.15 Married 11 Mar 1859 at the private residence of William Tannahill (father) by Rev Jonathan Innes and others  
James William Fox, bachelor, bricklayer, aged 23yrs, resident at Stokes Valley for 2 years  
Helen Burns Tannahill, spinster, aged 18yrs, resident at Taitai for about 4 years (consent given by her father, William Tannahill)  
Date of Certificate: 21 March 1859

*Intention to Marry Notice – Archives NZ Reference BDM 20/4 – Microfilm R6907*

No.16 Married 21 Mar 1859 at the Wesleyan Chapel at the Hutt by Rev Jonathan Innes and others  
Henry Farr Smith, bachelor, shoemaker, aged 22yrs, resident at Wellington for 8 years  
Ann Jefford Sellers, spinster, aged 22yrs, resident at Hutt for 10 years  
Date of Certificate: 21 March 1859

*Intention to Marry Notice – Archives NZ Reference BDM 20/4 – Microfilm R6907*

No.57 Married 31 Aug 1859 at the private residence of William Bassett, Hutt Road by Rev Jonathan Innes and others  
Joseph Gigger, bachelor, labourer, aged 34yrs, resident at Hutt for 4 years  
Elizabeth Bassett, spinster, 18yrs, residing with her father, Hutt, about 18 years (consent given by her father, William Bassett)  
Date of Certificate: 31 August 1859

*Wellington Independent 18 Nov 1859 Wesleyan Missions*

... The third resolution "That the following gentlemen constitute the Committee of this Auxiliary Branch for the ensuing year, viz., Messrs Kinniburgh, May, G. H. Luxford, C. Luxford, Austin, Lewis, Jacka, W. Clarke, Wilkinson, and J. E. Watkins, Secretary, was moved by the Rev J. Woodward, (Congregational Minister), and seconded by the **Rev J. Innes**, (Wesleyan Minister from the Hutt.)...

*Wellington Independent 06 Mar 1860 Local Intelligence*

Wesleyan Mission Stations – Wellington District – 89. Nelson and Waimea – Jonathan Innes, James Moorhouse.

*Wellington Independent 20 Mar 1860 Local Intelligence – Re-opening of the Wesleyan Church*

The Wesleyan Church Manners street was reopened on Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> inst., commodious side galleries having been lately erected. This Church was built in 1849, on the site of the former brick building pulled down after the earthquake of 1848. The original cost of the present structure, with seat accommodation for 400 persons, was £1800, and in 1855 a sum of about £300 was spent in its completion and repair. The design contemplated the addition of galleries, and the increasing congregation rendering them necessary, a contract for their erection was recently taken by Mr Wilkinson. The outlay for the increased accommodation for 200 persons thus afforded, together with sundry items of repair, has been about £400, towards which the sum of £330 has been contributed by subscriptions and collections. The year before last, a very fine-toned organ was imported from London at a cost of £280; yet notwithstanding the heavy amount which has been expended on the church, the entire debt only amounts to £300 – for the gradual liquidation of which the trustees may confidently hope to meet with support from without. The **Rev J. Innes** preached the opening sermon to a numerous congregation on Sunday morning, from the 87<sup>th</sup> Psalm 2 v. and in the evening the Rev J. Buller preached from the 48<sup>th</sup> Psalm 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> verses. The collection for the day amounted to upwards of £10. A tea meeting was held in the School room last evening, but the inclement state of the weather prevented a large attendance.

*Wellington Independent 17 Apr 1860 Local Intelligence*

The Rev John Warren. We copy the following from the Nelson Examiner of the 31<sup>st</sup> ult. Mr Warren is the Wesleyan Minister to be stationed in Wellington. This gentleman who is about to depart for Wellington, met the office bearers at the Wesleyan Chapel on Monday last, on which occasion the following resolution, proposed by Mr Hough, was unanimously adopted:- "That the thanks of this meeting are justly due, and are hereby cordially presented to our faithful and beloved pastor, the Rev John Warren, for his instructive and efficient ministry, and for the zeal, ability, and discretion with which he has fulfilled the duties of Superintendent of the Circuit for the space of five years. And that the thanks of this meeting are also presented to the Rev W. J. Watkin for the energy and devotion with which he has sustained the office of second Preacher in this Circuit for the last three years, and especially for the great interest he has invariably manifested in the success of our Sabbath School operations." We believe that the Revs Messrs **Innes** and Moorhouse will succeed Mr Warren in his ministerial duties; the former gentleman being stationed at Nelson, the latter in the Waimea. The friends of Mr Warren intend meeting him at tea at the Wesleyan chapel, Hardy street on Monday evening next.

*Wellington Independent 17 Apr 1860 Local Intelligence*

At a Quarterly Meeting of the Wesleyan Circuit, held in Wellington on the 4<sup>th</sup> instant, Mr D. Hall, moved and Mr Austin, seconded, the following resolutions, which were agreed to with the utmost cordiality and indicate also the feeling in which other denominations equally share. [1] That the thanks of this meeting are due to the Rev James Buller, who has fulfilled the office of Superintendent for the last five years, for his very able and energetic management of affairs, and for his very able and efficient ministry, which has been instrumental, under God, in awakening in the minds of many, and especially in those of the Young, a deep sense of the vital importance of Christianity. This meeting had hoped that the Conference would have stationed him here another year, but inasmuch as they have acted otherwise, its earnest prayer to the great Head of the Church is, that his blessing may attend the labours of his servant, in his new Circuit (Canterbury) and also that they may resound to the Glory of God in the prosperity of the Church he has redeemed with his own blood. [2] The thanks of this meeting are also due to the **Rev Jonathan Innes**, who has already left the Circuit, for his sound and doctrinal sermons, which have tended greatly to the building up of the Church and the edification of the people generally. This meeting regrets that during his labours in New Zealand he should have suffered so greatly from bodily affliction, and prays Him who is the Great Disposer of events; that he may enjoy a better state of health in the town of Nelson, his future scene of labour.

*Colonist 24 Aug 1860 Taranaki Aid from Wellington and Canterbury*

We are happy to give publicity to the following correspondence, which shows the praiseworthy activity of our Southern neighbours... Wellington, Aug 16, 1860. Dear Sir – A committee having been formed in Wellington for the relief of our fellow colonists of Taranaki and their families, I have been instructed to request that you will kindly act with the Bishop, the Rev J. Innes, and the Rev P. Calder, as a committee for the distribution of the articles and money now sent or that may be forwarded hereafter. I beg to observe that I have written fully to the Bishop, explaining the views and wishes of the committee. I remain, &c., J. Woodward, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer. A. W. Scaife, Esq.... Wellington, Aug 20, 1860 Messrs Nash & Scaife, Nelson. Dear Sirs – Enclosed I have the pleasure to hand you bill of lading for seven packages of goods shipped to your address, per 'Airedale' and also Union Bank of Australia's draft £100, in favour of your Mr Scaife, the whole being intended for the refugee families from Taranaki, as more fully detailed in my letter to the Bishop of Nelson, of this date. A committee has been named by the committee here, consisting of the Bishop, the Revds P. Calder and **J. Innes**, and Mr Scaife, to whom the distribution of the money, &c., is confided, and they will apply to you for that which is now forwarded; and I have to request that you will be good enough to deliver the same to their order. I remain, &c., J. Woodward, Hon. Sec.

*Colonist 07 Sep 1860 Richmond Institute*

... The next lecture of this series is to be delivered (September 26) by the Rev J. Innes, on "Passion and Principle."

*Nelson Examiner and New Zealand Chronicle 27 Oct 1860 Taranaki Relief Fund Committee*

In compliance with the request of the Taranaki Relief Committee of Melbourne and Sydney, the following Gentlemen have consented to act as a Committee in correspondence with the Australian Committees:- Rev H. M. Turton, Rev P. Calder, Rev J. Innes, Mr J. B. Wemyss, J.P., Mr H. C. Daniell (Chairman), Mr M. Lightband, Mr W. Gray, Mr A. W. Scaife.

*Colonist 30 Oct 1860 Richmond*

[From a Correspondent] The Fifth Anniversary of the Baptist Chapel in Richmond has recently been celebrated. On Sunday week, two sermons were preached, that in the morning by Rev J. Innes, who took for his subject the miracle performed on the impotent man at the Pool of Bethesda, John v. 1-9; and in the evening by Rev D. Dolamore from Matt. ix, 36-38...

*Colonist 11 Dec 1860 Wesleyan Missions*

The Anniversary Sermons of the Nelson Branch of the Society was held at the Chapel on Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> December, and on Monday a public meeting took place. The proceedings having been opened by prayer, the Chairman (D. Rough, Esq.) addressed the meeting in an impressive speech, after which the Secretary read the report which will be found in the last page. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the chairman for his efficient services, and singing the Doxology. The collection amounted to £25 5s 6d. The Richmond meeting of this Society took place on Wednesday last, the **Rev J. Innes** presiding. Addresses on this occasion were delivered by the Rev J. Moorhouse, Messrs Green, Humphries, Sewell, Jenkins, Drew, and Hodder. The collection amounted to £17 9s 10d. Several resolutions were passed at the Nelson meeting, the 4<sup>th</sup> being:- "That the following persons form a committee of the Nelson Auxiliary of the Australian Wesleyan Methodist Missionary Society for the ensuing year:- Messrs Lightband, senior, Hough, Hewitt, Foy, Jenkins, Burns, Crisp, Brent, Wagg, Rose, Cresswell, Collier, and J. Jones; Rev J. Innes, Treasurer, Mr Lucas, Secretary."



The following image comes from a collection that belonged to Eunice Elizabeth Mewis Chambers nee Jenkins (1898-1985). It was simply labelled "Mrs Innis" with nothing further known. Eunice was the grand-daughter of William Jenkins, who was very likely to be the 'Jenkins' mentioned in the article above.



*Lyttelton Times 25 May 1859 Marriage*

On Sunday, the 15th instant, by special license, by the Rev John Moir, of the Free Church of Scotland, Wellington, William Henry Davis, Esq., Photographic Artist, late of Camden Town, London, to Miss Catherine Henrietta, only daughter of David Floyd Williams, Esq., of Lewellyn Cottage, Tinakore Road, Wellington.

*Nelson Examiner and New Zealand Chronicle 09 Jan 1861 Marriage*

On the 8<sup>th</sup> January, at Nelson, by the Rev J. Innes, Mr R. Quance, chief officer of the steamship 'Lord Ashley', to Mary, widow of the late J. Abbot, Esq., Leicester, England.

*Nelson Examiner and New Zealand Chronicle 11 Jan 1861 Marriage*

On the 15<sup>th</sup> November, 1860, at Nelson, by the Rev J. Innes, at the residence of Mr C. Bartlett, Washington-valley, George Hamilton, fourth son of William Higginson, Esq., of Hawkesbury, Canada West, to Miss Amelia H. Thompson, of this city.

*Nelson Examiner and New Zealand Chronicle 02 Mar 1861 Marriage*

On the 26<sup>th</sup> instant, by the Rev J. Innes, Mr John Wright Gower, of the Moutere, to Mary Cordelia Gapper, daughter of Mr Bernard Gapper, Waimea-east.

*Nelson Examiner and New Zealand Chronicle 13 Nov 1861 Marriage*

On the 11<sup>th</sup> November, at Nelson, by the Rev J. Innes, Mr John William Coleman, provider, steamer 'Airedale', to Sarah Ann, second daughter of Mr William Ball, late of Leire, Leicestershire, England.

*Intention to Marry Notice – Archives NZ Reference BDM 20/7*

No.14 Married 08 Mar 1862 at the residence of John Sutton, Farmer, Richmond by Rev Jonathan Innes  
Henry Gibson, bachelor, shepherd, aged 25yrs, resident at Nelson about 4 weeks  
Harriet Sutton, spinster, aged 23yrs, resident at Richmond for 10 years

*Nelson Examiner and New Zealand Chronicle 12 Mar 1862 Marriage*

On the 8<sup>th</sup> March, at the Wesleyan Chapel, Nelson, by the Rev J. Innes, Mr George Canton, late of Carisbrook, Victoria, to Mary, only daughter of Mr James Roberts, Hope, Waimea-east.

*Nelson Examiner and New Zealand Chronicle 12 Jul 1862 Marriage*

On the 24<sup>th</sup> June, at the Wesleyan Chapel, by the Rev J. Innes, Alfred Joseph Brown, of Liverpool, and late of Sydney, to Sarah Elizabeth, eldest daughter of Mr T. R. Berry, Nelson.

*Nelson Examiner and New Zealand Chronicle 13 Sep 1862 Marriage*

On the 10<sup>th</sup> September, by the Rev J. Innes, Mr W. N. Franklyn, to Miss Agnes Hudson.

*Wellington Independent 15 Nov 1862 Wesleyan Missionary Society, The Hutt*

On Sunday next, the 16<sup>th</sup> inst., two Sermons will be preached in the Wesleyan Chapel. That in the forenoon, at eleven, by the Rev James Buller and that in the Evening at half-past six by the Rev J. Innes, of Nelson. A collection will be made at each of the services.

*Colonist 17 Feb 1863 Marriage*

January 29, at Nelson, by the Rev J. Innes, Mr William Gordon Robinson Holland, to Miss Harriet Haslem, both of Nelson.

*Colonist 27 Mar 1863 Wesleyan Mission Society*

The meeting of the Wesleyan Missionary Society was held at Richmond, on Monday, March 23, 1863; the Rev J. Innes presided. The number of members in society in circuit remained the same, notwithstanding various removals during the past quarter; the pecuniary liabilities were met. In the course of the meeting, the following resolution was carried unanimously. Proposed by Mr Andrews, and seconded by Mr Austin – 'I have great pleasure in proposing on behalf of the circuit, a vote of thanks to our pastor, the Rev J. Innes, for the able and consistent manner in which he has conducted the affairs of the society, and the kind and friendly disposition he has evinced towards us during his residence in Nelson; also, to congratulate him upon the condition of the circuit, notwithstanding the conflicting and troublous circumstance in which it was found when he entered upon his labors among us; and that we believe his ministerial brother who succeeds him will have less difficulty, and greater pleasure in the performance of faith and labor of love, than our present pastor has had.'

*Colonist 17 Apr 1863 Wesleyan Missionary Society*

A tea meeting was held in the Temperance-hall, in connection with the above society, on Tuesday evening, 14<sup>th</sup> instant, for the purpose of bidding farewell to the Rev J. Innes, the Superintendent of the Nelson circuit for the last three years, and also to welcome his successor, the Rev W. Kirk, to his new sphere of labor. After the tea (which was well attended) a meeting was held in the Wesleyan Chapel, Hardy-street, which was opened by singing and prayer, when Mr Henry Drew was called to the chair, and introduced the objects for which the meeting had been convened which were severally spoken to by the following ministers and friends:- The Revs P. Calder and W. Cannell, Messrs Hammond, Atkins (from Geelong), and Wagg, who all bore testimony to the high esteem in which the Rev J. Innes was held by them as a Christian friend and pastor, and exhorted the members to union, increased co-operation, and prayer, that the services of their new pastor may be productive of great good to them and the city at large. The meeting was then addressed by the Revs J. Innes and H. Kirk, and concluded with prayer by the Rev P. Calder.

*Wellington Independent 08 Sep 1863 Death*

August 27, at Nelson, of heart disease, Grace, the beloved wife of the Rev Jonathan Innes, Wesleyan Minister, aged 54.

*Taranaki Herald 28 Nov 1863 Twenty-second Anniversary of the Wesleyan Sabbath School*

The Annual Sermons on behalf of the above School, will be Preached (D.V.) at the Wesleyan Chapel on Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, at 11 a.m. by Rev J. Innes, at 2½ p.m., by Rev R. Ward, at 6½ p.m. by Rev W. Cannell. Collections in aid of the funds of the above Institution will be made at each service. The Annual Tea Meeting will be held on Monday the 7<sup>th</sup>, on the Flat near Fort Niger, at 5 p.m. Tickets 1s 6d each. J. Whiteley.

*Colonist 11 Dec 1863 Shipping – Cleared Outwards*

Dec 2 'Rangatira', steamer, 174, Mundle, for Taranaki and Manukau. Passengers: saloon – Mr Mackay (junior), Miss Brown, Miss Revell, Rev J. Innes, Mr Mills, Mr A. J. Richmond, 15 volunteers, and 4 original.

*Ovens and Murray Advertiser (Beechworth, Victoria) 06 Feb 1864*

Movements of the Wesleyan Body in the Ovens District... The Rev George B. Richards remains in Beechworth, and the Rev Jonathan Innes, from New Plymouth, is appointed to Albury.

*Wesleyan Missionary Notices 25 Feb 1864 Death of Mrs Innes - page 51*

We regret to have to announce the death of Mrs Innes, the wife of the Rev Jonathan Innes. Mr Innes was appointed by the last Conference to New Plymouth. In consequence of the disturbed state of that province, he left his family in Nelson, and during his absence Mrs Innes was seized with illness, and soon carried off. Her sorrowing husband was prevented by boisterous weather from reaching Nelson until the day after she died. Her end was suited to the self-denying and zealous consecration to God she had evinced in every Circuit in which it was her lot to dwell. It was eminently triumphant. The following is from the Rev William Kirk with reference to her state of mind: "At first her mind was beclouded, owing to the nature of the complaint. Afterwards she became very joyful: singing was her great delight. She told those about her she was in the land of Beulah, and, like Dr Payson, in a flood of glory, and would have her friends called in to help her to praise God. She seemed much absorbed in the contemplation of Christ's moral character, and said she never before saw it so lovely and adorable. I saw her die. Her end was peace. Her death will make a blank here. She was universally respected in the Circuit, and much beloved by our own people. Her bereaved husband will have the sympathies and prayers of our friends."

*Colonist 01 Apr 1864 Shipping Intelligence – Entered Inwards*

March 28, 'Phoebe', steamer, 613, Wheeler, from Taranaki and Manukau. Passengers: saloon – Messrs H. E. Curtis, Scaife, Wills, Walker, Mrs Dare, Rev D. Bruce, Captain Johnson, Captain Harrington, Rev J. Innes, Captain Walker, 11 for South. Second cabin – Messrs Oxford, Scott, Brent, Walker, Jury, Mrs Hall and 12 for South.

*Nelson Examiner and New Zealand Chronicle 16 Jun 1864*

All persons having Claims against the Estate of the late Rev Jonathan Innes, Wesleyan Minister, must send in their accounts to Mr R. Lucas, Printer, Bridge-street, on or before the 24<sup>th</sup> day of June next, William Kirk, R. Lucas, Executors. Nelson, May 20, 1864.

*Probate for Jonathan Innes 1865 - Archives NZ Wellington Reference AAOO 17070 W5410/13*  
 Granted to William Kirk and Robert Lucas... being reserved to James Buller to apply – filed 13 May 1864

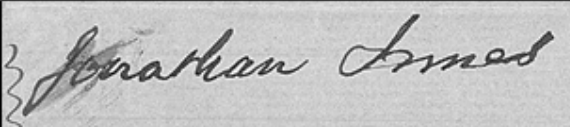
I, John Williams Wigzell, clerk to Donald Sinclair of the City of Nelson in the Province of Nelson in the Colony of New Zealand Gentleman one of the Solicitors of this Honourable Court make oath and say that I knew the Reverend Jonathan Innes of the same City Wesleyan Minister when alive and that the said Jonathan Innes was resident in the said City within this District and that the said Jonathan Innes died at the said City on the sixth day of May in this present year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty four. Sworn at the said City of Nelson this thirteenth day of May in the year of Our Lord 1864.

I, John Williams Wigzell, ... That I am one of the subscribing Witnesses to the last Will and Testament of the Reverend Jonathan Innes late of the same City Wesleyan Minister deceased the said Will being now hereunto annexed bearing date the twenty eighth day of April in this present year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty four and that the said Testator executed the said Will on the day of the date thereof by signing his name at the foot or end thereof as the same now appears thereon in the presence of me and one Mary Firth (wife of Joe Firth of the same City Clerk) the other subscribing Witness thereto both of us being present at the same time and we thereupon attested and subscribed the said Will in the presence of the said Testator. Sworn at the said City of Nelson this thirteenth day of May in the Year of Our Lord 1864.

We the Reverend William Kirk of the City of Nelson in the Province of Nelson in the Colony of New Zealand Wesleyan Minister and Robert Lucas of the same City Printer swear that we believe the paper writing hereunto annexed and marked A bearing date the twenty eighth day of April in this present year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty four to be the last Will and Testament of the Reverend Jonathan Innes late of the same City Wesleyan Minister deceased and that we are two of the Executors therein named and that we will well and faithfully administer the personal estate and effects of the said Testator by paying his just debts as far as the property will extend and the law bind us. Sworn at the said City of Nelson this thirteenth day of May in the year of Our Lord 1864.

This is the last Will and Testament of me the Reverend Jonathan Innes now in the City of Nelson in the Province of Nelson in the Colony of New Zealand Wesleyan Minister. I give and bequeath all my Personal Estate whatsoever and wheresoever situate at the time of my decease unto my son William Innes absolutely and hereby appoint the Reverend James Buller of Christchurch in the Province of Canterbury in the said Colony and the Reverend William Kirk of the City of Nelson aforesaid Wesleyan Ministers and Robert Lucas of the same City Printer to be the executors of this my Will and guardians of my said son William during his Minority.

In Witness whereof I the said Jonathan Innes have to this my Will contained on this side of this sheet of paper set my hand this twenty eighth day of April in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty four. Signed published and declared by the said Testator Jonathan Innes as and for his last Will and Testament in the presence of us, who in his presence at his request presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names as Witnesses thereto –



and in the  
 Mary

Firth wife of Joe Firth, Clerk, Nelson and Jno. W. Wigzell, Clerk to Donald Sinclair, Solicitor, Nelson.

In the Goods of the Reverend Jonathan Innes deceased I Robert Lucas of the City of Nelson in the Province of Nelson Printer – one of the executors named in the last Will and Testament of the above named Jonathan Innes deceased make oath and say that the whole of the personal Estate and Effects of the said Testator does not amount in value to the sum of one hundred pounds to the best of my knowledge information and belief. Sworn at the said City of Nelson this twenty fifth day of May in the year of Our Lord 1864.

*Wesleyan Missionary Notices 26 Sep 1864 Deaths – page 172*

We announce with much regret the death of the Rev Jonathan Innes, at Nelson, New Zealand, on the 6<sup>th</sup> of May.