

Joseph Foord Wilson, Registrar, Motueka

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Inwards correspondence of the Registrar General

Registrar of Births &c Office, Motueka 18 Oct 1881

Sir, I have the honour to forward under separate enclosure Quarterly Returns Births, Deaths and Marriages. I have delayed until now in order that I might complete two of the entries in the Death Return. I find great inconvenience on some occasions in having to send to Nelson for information contained in the old Books, which were sent to Nelson some time ago because there was no safe available, since that time the Courthouse here has been supplied with a good safe, fit for purpose. The Nelson Registrar – Mr Kirton – visited this place the other day and examined the safe, he said it was as large as his, and he would be glad to get rid of the Motueka Books as his safe was much crowded.

Memoranda

The old books are collected into certain localities appointed by the Governor in terms of section 38 of the Registration of B & D Act 1875. It would not only be in conflict with the Act but undesirable to redistribute them.

Registration of Births and Deaths Act 1875

http://www.nzlii.org/nz/legis/hist_act/robada187539v1875n23440/

Section 38: All register books containing entries of births and deaths in the custody of Registrars holding office under any Act hereby repealed at the time of this Act coming into operation shall be forwarded by them respectively to such Registrars as the Governor may appoint, and the Registrars so appointed to receive the said registers shall safely keep them in some place provided for the purpose.
