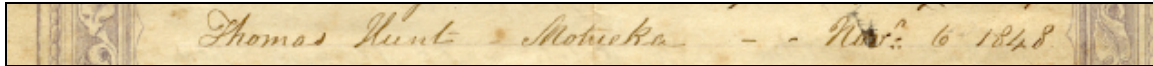


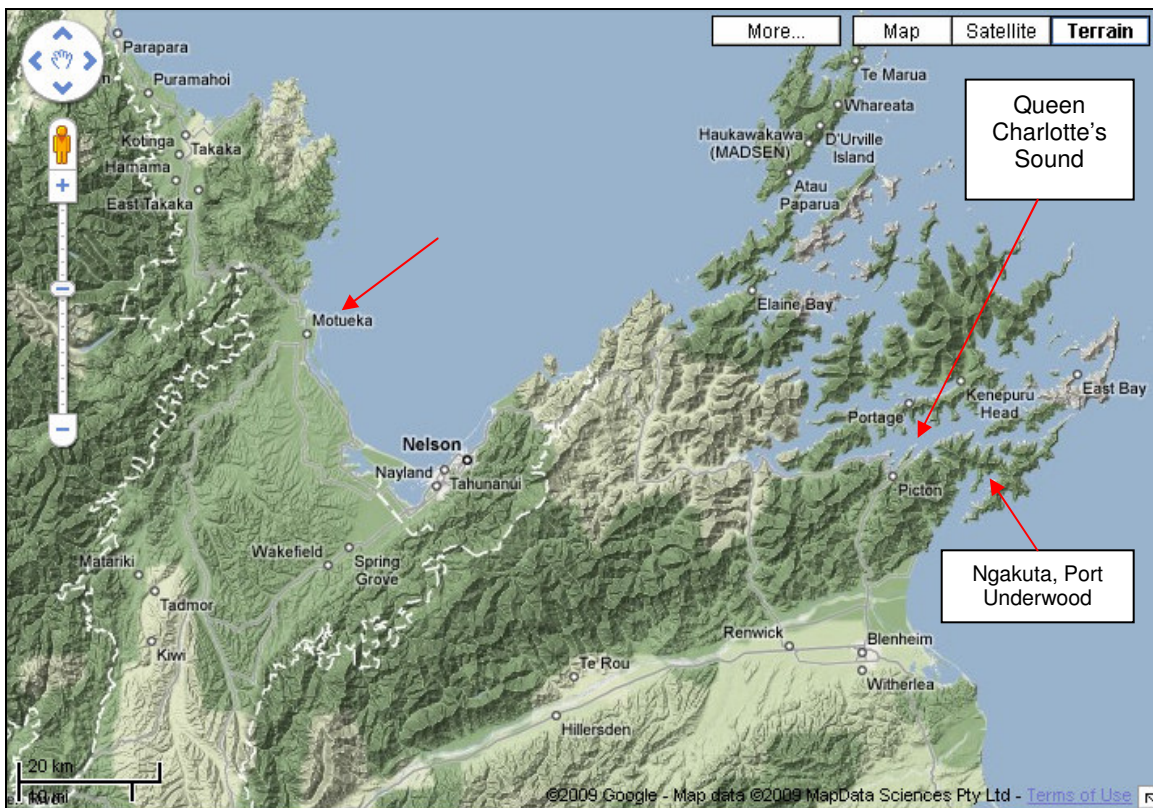
Motueka 1848-1850 Jenkins Family

As a result of the earthquakes in October 1848 the Jenkins family and some local Maori moved from Ngakuta at Port Underwood to Motueka. The 'Ebenezer' chapel was probably moved at the same time and a local tradition to this effect has survived.



Birth entry for Thomas Hunt Jenkins at Motueka 6 Nov 1848 - from the Family Register

On 30 December 1848 Alfred Domett sent a circular to "*Revd William Jenkins, Port Underwood and Queen Charlotte's Sound*" requesting the collection of statistical information about the "*Natives resident in your neighbourhood.*"¹



In 1910 Reverend Charles Broughton Jordan, who was stationed at Motueka, "*was given an item of information about another old chapel, the successor of the first one*" and that the year 1849 was entered in an old Circuit Schedule book. His mother also verbally informed him "*that this same 1849 church was brought over from Port Underwood to Motueka.*" Reverend Jordan asked his old schoolmate, Warena Tiwini, about this and he replied that his own father, Rupini Tiwini, was one of the "*many early Motueka Maoris*" who "*came thither from Port Underwood.*"

¹ Archives NZ Wellington Reference NM 10/9 p461-462 Outwards Correspondence, Colonial Secretary's Office, New Munster – Circular No. 48/17

It was concluded that the chapel became the old schoolroom and that this "was a building of considerable dimensions well able to accommodate the considerable gatherings of people that assembled there on occasions of tea-meetings and such-like functions."²

The 1849 New Munster Blue Book lists two schools in Motueka. William Jenkins was the schoolmaster for the Free school that had 18 scholars. Of these 17 were boys. Benjamin Allen, with 18 boys and 18 girls, was the schoolmaster of the Public school.³ William probably took over from Joseph Wilkinson, who was listed as a schoolmaster in the 1849-1850 Jury List.⁴

"The second Methodist chapel, built in 1849", was painted by Thomasina Vigers Jennens (nee Banfield). A mission house was also built about the same time and this was "soon occupied by William Jenkins and his family."⁵

Methodist Births 1842-1892 Nelson Branch NZ Society of Genealogists
From the Methodist Church of New Zealand Connexional Archives

Children of William Jenkins, Catechist, Motueka and Catherine Jane
No.419 Agnes Crocker Jenkins b 4 Nov 1845, bp 14 Oct 1849 by Samuel Ironside
No.420 William Naylor Jenkins b 19 Apr 1847, bp 14 Oct 1849 by Samuel Ironside
No.421 Thomas Hunt Jenkins b 26 Nov 1848, bp 14 Oct 1849 by Samuel Ironside

Son of William Satherly, labourer, Motueka and Sarah
No.422 George Satherly, b 21 Sep 1846, bp 14 Oct 1849 by Samuel Ironside

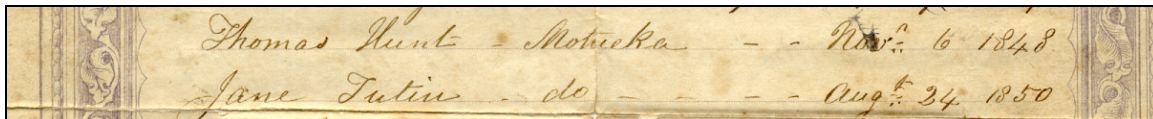
"The first church for Europeans and Maoris was erected in Pah Street in 1849."⁶

Nelson Examiner and New Zealand Chronicle 17 Nov 1849

Wesley Church, Motueka. The above place of worship will be opened for divine service on Tuesday and Wednesday, the 20th and 21st instant. On Tuesday, the 20th, Sermons will be preached at eleven a.m. by the Rev T. D. Nicholson, and at six p.m., by the Rev S. Ironside. On Wednesday, the 21st, there will be a tea-party in connexion with the above opening services. Tickets of admission, 1s each. All who purchase tickets for the tea, previous to the 15th inst., may be provided with a Free Passage to Motueka and back. Boats will leave Sclanders' Wharf about six o'clock on the morning of Monday, the 19th.

Nelson Examiner and New Zealand Chronicle 1 Dec 1849

Ebenezer Chapel, Stoke, will be opened for Divine Service on Sunday, the 9th instant; Sermons, in the morning, at 11 o'clock, by the Rev. S. Ironside, and in the evening, at six, by Mr W. Jenkins, of Motueka. On Monday, the 10th, at eleven o'clock, the Rev T. D. Nicholson will preach; and there will be a tea party in the afternoon at four o'clock; admission to the tea 1s.



Birth entry for Jane Tutin Jenkins at Motueka 24 Aug 1850 - from the Family Register

² Some Yesteryears of Motueka Methodism by the Rev C. B. Jordan, M.A., B. D. (1952) pages 4-7

³ Archives NZ Wellington Reference NM 11,2 The 1849 Blue Book for New Munster - Education p126-127

⁴ Nelson Examiner and New Zealand Chronicle 24 Feb 1849 Jury List

⁵ And So It Began - Motueka & District Historical Association Volume 2 page 58

⁶ Archives NZ Reference AAMK 869 W3074 138e 6/0/29/1 Document titled "Motueka Methodist Church" written by E.S. Wratt.