

Alfred Baigent 1833-1883

Alfred Baigent, Office of the Registrar of Births &c., Waimea South 19 Jan 1875

Sir, With reference to your letter of November 18th 1874 I thought it best to see Dr Oldham personally and ask him the reason why he would not fill up the Vaccination forms after vaccinating any children when he told me that he would not do so as the Act was only made for paupers.

He also stated that he was not a public vaccinator as he had not excepted of the office. Neither would he do so; but that he did vaccinate all of his own patients and charged them six shillings each for doing so and would charge the same to any one else unless they came to him as paupers and then he would do it for nothing as he knew the great importance of vaccination and considered it a duty of any Public Medical man to do so.

Dr Oldham told me that if I would make out a list of names of children registered by since giving out the last kind of forms that he would answer me yes or no whether they had been vaccinated by him, and whether successfully or not.

I made out a list accordingly and the accompanying is the names of the successful vaccinations performed by him. I also send another sheet with two entries for which I have received the proper forms filled up.

N.B. Please let me know whether I had better enter all the names of successful vaccinations in the Vaccination Register Book without the forms being filled up.

Comment by Registrar General 25 Jan 1875

Should not Mr Baigent be instructed to prosecute Dr Oldham for neglecting to comply with the provisions of the Public Health Act Sections 105 and 109.

Comment by George Sisson Cooper (Under Secretary) 29 Jan 1875

I certainly think Dr Oldham should be prosecuted for refusing to comply with a law so plainly imperative.

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New Zealand Gazette 1869 p38 Register of Medical Practitioners for 1869

Thomas Oldham, Waimea South, Nelson

Date of Registration: 9 Dec 1868

Qualification: No diploma produced. In practice prior to 1857.

New Zealand Gazette 1873 p290 Appointment of Vaccination Inspectors

8 May 1873 Nelson District: Waimea South – Alfred Baigent

Colonist 12 Apr 1882 Death Notice

April 7, at Sherwood House, Lower Wakefield, after a painful illness, and greatly regretted, Dr Robert Gray Brewster, more generally known during his long practice in the Colony as Dr Thomas Oldham, aged 66 years.

The following is a list of successful vaccinations performed by Dr Oldham according to his statement made to me on December 5th 1874. (no certificates filled up by Dr Oldham)

No.	Name of Child	Parents	Date of Birth	Certificate
292	Charles William Mead	John/Mary	8 Jan 1874	27 Jan 1874
294	Alice Bertha Verry	George/Martha	9 Jan 1874	3 Mar 1874
296	Herbert Kerr	William/Eliza	9 Feb 1874	10 Mar 1874
301	Mary Ann Rose Watkins	Joseph/Charlotte	10 Feb 1874	24 Mar 1874
305	Thomas Herbert Martin	Patrick/Catherine	9 Mar 1874	20 Apr 1874
306	Leonard Stanard Fauchella	Antoni/Mary Ann	16 Mar 1874	22 Apr 1874
308	Leonard Hugh Thomason	Benjamin/Maria	16 Mar 1874	27 Apr 1874
309	Mary Ann Smith	Stephen/Sevina	24 Mar 1874	27 Apr 1874
310	Herbert George _	George Trass/Caroline Seymore	22 Feb 1874	28 Apr 1874
311	Anne Forster	William/Ann	27 Mar 1874	7 May 1874
312	Ellen Landon Lane	George Landon/Susan Lane	28 Mar 1874	9 May 1874
314	Gertrude Alice Baigent	Samuel/Elizabeth	6 Apr 1874	16 May 1874
315	Edith Ann Feary	John/Sarah	20 Apr 1874	21 May 1874
316	Henry Palmer	Richard/Mary Ann	9 Apr 1874	21 May 1874
318	Mary Ann Pieard	William/Amelia	1 May 1874	29 May 1874
319	Mary Henrietta Ephyan	Thomas David/Mary Ann	1 May 1874	11 Jun 1874
322	Ellen May Baigent	Arthur/Ann	11 May 1874	20 Jun 1874
324	Sarah Ann Wells	William/Jessie	27 Apr 1874	26 Jun 1874
327	Mary Louisa Wadsworth	William/Eliza	3 Jun 1874	13 Jul 1874
329	Arnold Walter Mead	Thomas William/Elizabeth	14 Jun 1874	27 Jul 1874
331	Zoe Ethel Tidd	Thomas Samuel/Louisa Emma	20 Jun 1874	31 Jul 1874
332	Alice Kerr	Peter/Anne	2 Jul 1874	5 Aug 1874
333	Peter Henry Eaves	George/Caroline	17 Jun 1874	12 Aug 1874
335	Owen Dew Tunnicliff	Joseph/Sarah	16 Jul 1874	27 Aug 1874
336	Charles Alexander Kruse	William/Ellen	1 Aug 1874	5 Sep 1874
337	Herbert Harry Williams	Harry Williams/Anne Amelia Watson	26 Jul 1874	11 Sep 1874
343	Albert Edward Hill	Jabez/Charlotte	8 Aug 1874	5 Oct 1874
344	Edmond Shea	Thomas/Mary	10 Sep 1874	6 Oct 1874
346	Horace Leonard Savage	Richard/Elizabeth	9 Sep 1874	9 Oct 1874
348	William Charles Andrews	Edwin/Ann	15 Sep 1874	13 Oct 1874
349	John Bunn	Elijah/Amy	31 Aug 1874	14 Oct 1874
350	Elizabeth Alford Chattock	Richard/Hannah	11 Oct 1874	19 Oct 1874
351	Arthur Rumbold Carter White	William/Sarah	1 Sep 1874	20 Oct 1874
356	Winnifred Nesta Newth	Tom/Mary Jane	7 Nov 1874	17 Nov 1874

All of the foregoing children have been vaccinated by Dr Oldham successfully according to his statement made to me by him but he refuses to fill up the vaccination forms.

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