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**Objet** : Archives numérisées de la « London Missionary Society » – Société missionnaire de Londres

**PJ** : Catalogue des archives de la « London Missionary Society », South Seas/Pacific, 1796 - 1970

**Monsieur le Ministre, ia ora na**

La société missionnaire de Londres fondée en Angleterre en 1795 a constitué l'une des plus grandes entreprises d'évangélisation et de propagation de la foi chrétienne dans le monde. C'est d'ailleurs à son initiative que de nombreuses missions chrétiennes furent établies en particulier en Asie orientale, en Afrique subsaharienne et dans les îles du Pacifique sud.

Le 7 mars 1797 marque la rencontre entre les premiers missionnaires protestants qui voyagèrent à bord du *Duff* et le jeune roi *Pomare II*. De cette rencontre entre ces deux mondes, s'ensuivit l'une des plus grandes aventures intellectuelle, religieuse, politique, ethnographique et historique de notre pays.

A cet égard, les archives constituées au fil du temps par la « London Missionary Society » aujourd'hui détenues par l'Université de Londres, représentent une valeur patrimoniale inestimable pour notre pays. Elles contiennent notamment pour les férus de généalogies polynésiennes les certificats de baptêmes des polynésiens ayant épousé la foi chrétienne, avant l'établissement de l'état civil ainsi que des informations relatives aux missionnaires protestants dont certains firent souche dans notre pays.

Ces archives contiennent également des informations d'importance sur la langue et les « recherches ethnographiques » effectuées par les missionnaires qui furent les témoins privilégiés des mœurs et coutumes de notre civilisation en grande partie éteinte.

Aussi, je souhaiterais être instruite des démarches que compte entreprendre votre ministère auprès de l'Université de Londres afin que nous puissions disposer d'une copie des archives numérisées de la « London Missionary Society », consultable depuis notre pays .

Je forme le vœu, en cette année 2021, que vous puissiez faire œuvre de mémoire en participant ainsi à cette entreprise de réappropriation de notre histoire collective.

Je vous prie d'agréer, Monsieur le Ministre, l'expression de ma considération distinguée.  
**Maururu e te fa'atere hau.**



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# Guide to the London Missionary Society Archive 1764-1977



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## 4. South Seas / Pacific

**Dates:** 1796 - 1970

The first mission of the London Missionary Society was to the South Pacific or South Seas in 1796. The missionary ship *The Duff* left England in August 1796 with 30 missionaries and their families and landed in Tahiti, in the Society Islands in March 1797, going on to Tongatabu (Tonga or the Friendly Islands) and the Marquesas Islands. The early mission encountered language and cultural problems, and some of the early missionaries abandoned the mission for New South Wales. However, in 1801 more missionaries arrived, and with the support of King Pomare made advances, despite conflicts amongst the islanders. Missionaries worked in Tahiti and Moorea (Eimeo) as well as Huahine and Raiatea. The main stations were at Matakava, Papeete, Papara, Tairabu, Papeeteoai, and Afareaitu. In 1821, a deputation from the London Missionary Society under Rev Daniel Tyerman and George Bennett visited the Islands to report on the progress that had been made. By the 1830s, many local people had been converted to Christianity. However, Roman Catholic priests arrived in the South Pacific which caused problems for the LMS mission. Tahiti was declared a French Protectorate in 1842, and missionaries encountered restrictions on their work. In 1866, the LMS stopped work in the Leeward Islands, and in 1890 left the Windward Islands, leaving the work to the Paris Evangelical Missionary Society.

The mission to Tongatabu or Tonga failed in 1799 after some of the missionaries were killed, others returned to England, and work was left to the Wesleyan Methodist Missionary Society. Work in the New Hebrides was limited, and John Williams was killed at Erromanga in 1839. A mission to the Cook Islands or Hervey Islands was started in 1823 by John Williams and was supported by indigenous teachers; the Takamoa Theological Institution on Rarotonga was established as early as 1839. A mission was started at Rarotonga in 1828 and Aaron Buzzacott did much work throughout the islands. Many native Cook Islanders worked as teachers throughout the South Seas in support of the LMS missions. The mission to the Cook Islands, which included stations at Rarotonga, Mangaia and Aitutaki, was hindered by the difficulties of travel and contact between the various islands, and between 1914 and 1940 only two missionaries were at work.

A mission to Samoa or Navigators Islands was started after a visit by John Williams in 1830, and it became a successful mission, famous for its educational work. For example, the Malua Theological College was established in 1844 and the Leulumoega High School was established in 1890. A school for girls, called Papauta, was founded in 1892. By 1905 the indigenous Church was well organised and became effectively financially independent in the 1920s. A high percent of the population were allied to LMS churches. The main LMS mission stations were on the islands of Upolu and Savaii in Western Samoa and Tutuila in Eastern Samoa. The Gilbert Islands [later Kiribati] became part of the Samoan mission in 1870, and together with the Ellice Islands [later Tuvalu] were known as the North-West Outstations of the Samoan mission. Ocean Island and Nauru were brought into the LMS sphere between 1916 and 1919, although missionary residence on these islands was sporadic and relied heavily on the native South Seas ministry.

The Loyalty Islands were first visited in 1841 but due to French influence from New Caledonia, the mission was abandoned in 1887. LMS missions had varying degrees of success in other groups such as Niue, Ellice Islands [later Tuvalu], and Tokelau.

The South Seas islands, and the missions, were certainly deeply affected by the events of the Second World War, which obliged the LMS and its administrators in London and Sydney to reassess its policies, budgets and programmes in the post-war years. As in other areas, the period after the war was characterised by the metamorphosis of mission into independent church.

The material is arranged into the following series:

Incoming correspondence (1796-1927)

Incoming/outgoing correspondence (1928-1970)

Journals (1796-1899)  
Reports (1866-1970)  
Odds  
Subject files (1941-1970)  
Photographs  
Maps

South Seas materials can also be found under the series of private papers found in the Personals Division. Generally, South Seas material is not arranged by geographical sub-divisions or island groups, with the exception of incoming correspondence to 1927.

See also sections relating to Australia and Papua New Guinea, as correspondence for these regions include frequent references to activities in the Pacific.

**Extent:** 233 boxes, 15 maps & 74 blueprints

## 4.1 South Seas Incoming Correspondence: 1796-1927

South Seas Correspondence from missionaries to LMS HQ. Incoming correspondence to 1927 is arranged chronologically into yearly files and then into geographic/island groups within these annual divisions.

\*Detailed lists available (H1): 1796-1840, Boxes 1-13; (H2): 1841-1848, Boxes 14-21; (H3): 1849-1872, Boxes 22-33, (full details of letter contents up to 1866); (H4): 1873-1899, Boxes 34-45.

### **Order with this reference: CWM/LMS. South Seas. Incoming correspondence. Box...etc.**

1796-1810	FBN 10* (must be consulted on microfiche)
1812-1818	Box 2*
1819-1820	Box 3A*
1821-1822	Box 3B*
1823-1824	Box 4*
1825	Box 5A*
1826	Box 5B*
1827-1828	Box 6*
1829-1830	Box 7*
1831-1832	Box 8*
1833-1834	Box 9*
1835	Box 10A*
1836	Box 10B*
1837	Box 11A*
1838	Box 11B*
1839	Box 12*
1840	Box 13*
1841	Box 14*
1842	Box 15*
1843	Box 16*
1844	Box 17*
1845	Box 18A* Society Islands, Extra papers, 1843-1846
1845	Box 18B* Hervey Islands, Samoa
1846	Box 19A* Society Islands
1846	Box 19B* Hervey Islands, Samoa
1847	Box 20*
1848	Box 21*

1849	Box 22*
1850	Box 23*
1851	Box 24A*
1852	Box 24B*
1853-1854	Box 25*
1855-1856	Box 26*
1857-1859	Box 27*
1860-1861	Box 28*
1862-1863	Box 29*
1864-1865	Box 30*
1866-1868	Box 31*
1869-1870	Box 32*
1871-1872	Box 33*
1873-1875	Box 34*
1876-1879	Box 35*
1880-1881	Box 36*
1882-1883	Box 37*
1884	Box 38A*
1885	Box 38B*
1886-1887	Box 39*
1888-1889	Box 40*
1890-1891	Box 41*
1892	Box 42A*
1893	Box 42B*
1894	Box 43A*
1895	Box 43B*
1896-1897	Box 44A*
1898	Box 44B*
1899	Box 45*
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1901-1902	Box 47
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1907-1908	Box 50
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1913	Box 53
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1916	Box 56
1917	Box 57
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## 4.2 South Seas / Pacific Incoming & Outgoing Correspondence: 1928-1970

Incoming & outgoing correspondence from 1928 is arranged alphabetically by sender, and then chronologically, with files spanning a year or a number of years.

\*Detailed lists available for accruals 1941-1950, 1951-1960 and 1961-1970.

### **Order with this reference: CWM/LMS. South Seas. Incoming correspondence. Box...etc.**

Missionary surnames (A-H)	1928-1929	Box 64
Missionary surnames (H-W)	1928-1929	Box 65
Missionary surnames (A-E)	1930-1932	Box 66
Missionary surnames (G-L)	1930-1932	Box 67
Missionary surnames (L-W)	1930-1932	Box 68
Missionary surnames (A-H)	1933-1934	Box 69
Missionary surnames (H-W)	1933-1934	Box 70
Missionary surnames (A-E)	1935-1936	Box 71
Missionary surnames (H-W)	1935-1936	Box 72
Missionary surnames (A-E)	1937-1940	Box 73
Missionary surnames (E-L)	1937-1940	Box 74
Missionary surnames (M-W)	1937-1940	Box 75

### **Order with this reference: CWM/LMS/1941-1950. Box...etc.**

Missionary surnames (A-C)	1941-1950	Box PAC/1*
Missionary surnames (D-E)	1941-1950	Box PAC/2*
Missionary surnames (F-L)	1941-1950	Box PAC/3*
Missionary surnames (M-P)	1941-1950	Box PAC/4*
Missionary surnames (R-S)	1941-1950	Box PAC/5*
Missionary surnames (T-W)	1941-1950	Box PAC/6*

### **Order with this reference: CWM/LMS/1951-1960. Box...etc.**

Missionary surnames (Ariki-Bottoms)	1951-1960	Box PAC/1*
Missionary surnames (Boxall-Bradshaw)	1951-1960	Box PAC/2*
Missionary surnames (Brame-Check)	1951-1960	Box PAC/3*
Missionary surnames (Cohen-Foreman)	1951-1960	Box PAC/4*
Missionary surnames (Gaskin-Hughes)	1951-1960	Box PAC/5*
Missionary surnames (Jones)	1951-1960	Box PAC/6*
Missionary surnames (Kae-Knightley)	1951-1960	Box PAC/7*
Missionary surnames (Larsen-Matanle)	1951-1960	Box PAC/8*
Missionary surnames (Mutanle-Milne)	1951-1960	Box PAC/9*
Missionary surnames (Murphy-Norwood)	1951-1960	Box PAC/10*
Missionary surnames (Page-Reynolds)	1951-1960	Box PAC/11*
Missionary surnames (Robinson-Sturney)	1951-1960	Box PAC/12*
Missionary surnames (Tagoilelai-Williams)	1951-1960	Box PAC/13*

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Missionary surnames (Anderson-Bradshaw)	1961-1970	Box PAC/1*
Missionary surnames (Chpman-Challis)	1961-1970	Box PAC/2*
Missionary surnames (Elliott-Hawthorn)	1961-1970	Box PAC/3*
Missionary surnames (Jeremia-Judge)	1961-1970	Box PAC/4*
Missionary surnames (Kightley-Norwood)	1961-1970	Box PAC/5*
Missionary surnames (Ranford-Rivett)	1961-1970	Box PAC/6*
Missionary surnames (Sa'aga-Sykes)	1961-1970	Box PAC/7*
Missionary surnames (Taba-Wardle)	1961-1970	Box PAC/8*

### 4.3 South Seas Journals: 1796-1899

\*Detailed lists available (A2), for 1796-1899. Detailed records are also available on the SOAS Archive Catalogue.

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1796-1803	Box 1*
1804-1806	Box 2*
1807-1816	Box 3*
1817-1822	Box 4*
1823-1826	Box 5*
1827-1830	Box 6*
1832-1834	Box 7*
1834-1837	Box 8*
1837-1844	Box 9*
1845-1871	Box 10*
1871-1881	Box 11*
1882-1899	Box 12*

### 4.4 South Seas / Pacific Reports: 1866-1970

Series of official or annual reports from LMS mission stations to LMS headquarters, relating to the South Seas missions. Comprises detailed reports from missionaries in charge of stations, schools and hospitals, as well as their wives and occasionally indigenous teachers or assistants. The reports contain a great deal of information, including statistical data on the number of local converts, the number of indigenous preachers, and the amount of local children attending mission schools for example. They can provide information on specific institutions. Some reports were used in missionary publications, and many have been edited with blue pencil lines. Occasionally, a report has been cut up and areas of text removed. Reports written in January of each year are included in the previous years' file. Some reports consist of decennial reviews of the advances or otherwise made by the mission.

The South Seas or Pacific Reports include reports from Samoa, including Apia, Malua, Leulumoega, Tutuila, Upolu and Savaii. Also includes stations at Saluafata and Falealili; the Society Islands - Tahiti (including Papeete), Raiatea, and Huahine; the Loyalty Islands - Lifu [Lifou] (including Mu), Mare and Uvea [Ouvea]; the Cook Islands or Hervey Islands - Mangaia, Aitutaki, Rarotonga (Tereora), Atiu; Niue; Tokelau, Gilbert Islands [Kiribati] and Ellice Islands [Tuvalu] - including Beru (Gilbert Islands), and Ocean Island. Some reports relate to specific Institutions, and for the South Seas these include the Malua Theological Institution or Malua Mission Seminary (founded in 1844), Leulumoega High School (opened 1890), Papuata Girls School, Atauloma Girls School.

Significant missionaries reporting for the period to 1940 include Samuel Hickman Davies (1841-1917, Samoa mission 1867-1895 & later Niue), Frances Edwin Lawes (1843-1917, Niue mission 1868-1910), William Edward Goward (1860-1931, Samoa mission 1888-1899, then Gilbert Islands to 1919), James Hadfield (1864-1934, Lifu, Loyalty Islands mission 1878-1920), John William Hills (1864-1932, Samoa mission 1887-1924) and his wife Elizabeth Hills (d.1961), John Joseph Knight Hutchin (1857-1912, Rarotonga mission 1882-1912), Elizabeth Moore (1862-1920, Samoa mission 1891-1920), James Edward Newell (1852-1910, Samoa mission 1880-1910), Wilhemine Franzeska Louise Valesa Schultze (1859-1935, Samoa mission 1890-1916), James Wilberforce Sibree (1871-1927, Samoa mission 1898-1921) and Samuel James Whitmee (1838-1925, Samoa mission 1863-78 & 1891-93).

Reports to 1940 are organised chronologically into yearly files, and then alphabetically by author. Reports written in January of each year, or where they specifically refer to the previous year, are included in the



previous file. From 1940, reports are arranged alphabetically by author, and grouped approximately by decade.

**Extent:** 15 boxes

\*Details of South Seas Reports to 1939 have been added to the SOAS Archive Catalogue. Lists are available for accruals 1941-1950, 1951-1960 and 1961-1970.

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1866-1880	Box 1*
1881-1887	Box 2*
1888-1892	Box 3*
1893-1898	Box 4*
1899-1904	Box 5*
1905-1909	Box 6*
1910-1915	Box 7*
1916-1924	Box 8*
1925-1932	Box 9*
1933-1939	Box 10*

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1941-1950	Box PAC/24*
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**Order with this reference: CWM/LMS/1951-1960. Box...etc.**

1951-1960	Box PAC/29*
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1961-1970	Box PAC/37*
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## 4.5 South Seas Odds

\* Detailed list (A3) available.

\*See also CWM/LMS Home Odds Boxes 10-12, which relate to the Tyerman and Bennet Deputation to the South Seas 1820-25 (detailed list A7 is available).

Boxes 15 - 18 have not been microfiched.

**Order with this reference: CWM/LMS. South Seas. Odds. Box...etc**

Papers relating to Loyalty Islands, particularly papers of James Sleight, 1862-1947	Box 1*
LMS Subject file on Nauru Island, 1922, 1930-37	Box 2*
Statement of the case of the Rev. John Jones of Mare, 1889	Box 2*
Subject files, papers, ms., letters, press cuttings re. Samoa, 1875-1939 Includes material on centenary, files on John Liston and Reginald Barlett, ms. articles and works, including 'Samoan Grammar' & 'Genealogy of the Samoan Kings'	Box 3*
Miscellaneous papers and correspondence on the Gilbert and Ellice Islands: 1900-1946. Includes subject files, papers relating to William Goward & Wilfred Levett, ms. article 'Introduction of the Gospel to Nanomanga'	Box 4*
Materials re. the Church on Niue Island 1857-1940.	Box 4*

Includes church book, church roll, typescripts on history	
Papers on Cook Islands including subject files 1929-45 Rarotongan dictionary possibly by HP Bradsford, Rarotongan notebook 1869	Box 5*
Correspondence re. Tahiti, 1934-47	Box 5*
Mss. history of the LMS in Tahiti, 1830; Correspondence and papers re. Tahiti mission 1830-1936	Box 6*
Microfilm of papers in the Nan Kivell Collection (National Library of Australia)	Box 13*
Microfilm of some William Henry letters in the LMS archive	Box 13*
Niue vocabulary book by ?George Pratt and Notes on Niue grammar by F E Lawes	Box 14*
Articles on the Gilbert Islands during World War II	Box 14*
Pacific Islands Monthly. Extracts 1936-1949, with loose cuttings 1953-54	Box 19
<b>Minute Books</b>	
Minute Books of the Loyalty Island Mission: 1857-1887	Box 2*
Accounts Book of the Loyalty Island Mission: 1858-1901 & Treasurer's accounts, Nengone Mission, 1870-71	Box 2*
Cook Islands Minute Book, 1845-74	Box 5*
Minute Book of the Samoan District Committee 1836-51	Box 14*
Minute books of the Fraternal Association at Rarotonga 1839-42 & 1842-45	Box 14*
<b>Deputation Papers</b>	
Papers of the deputation of George Barker & Alexander Hough, Samoa, 1928	Box 3*
Papers re. Secretarial visit of the Revd. Victor Arnold Barradale, Foreign Secretary of the LMS 1925-29, to the South Seas and Australia, 1926-27.	Box 7*
Correspondence 1898-1916 re. deputation visits of Revd. Frank Lenwood, Revd. MA Viner, and Revd. GJ Williams to the South Seas and Papua, 1915-16.	Box 8*
Lenwood, Viner & Williams deputation: papers, notes, correspondence.	Box 9*
Lenwood, Viner & Williams deputation: papers, correspondence, including map of German Samoa 1900	Box 10*
Correspondence and papers of the Revd. Norman Goodall re. Secretarial Visit to South Seas, Papua, Australia, and New Zealand, 1935-40	Box 13*
LMS Deputation to the South Seas and Papua. Gilbert Islands Mission. Maps. 1915	Box 19

## **Ships Papers**

Papers, correspondence, publicity materials etc. on various ships including the 'John Williams' I to VI, the 'Duff', the 'Harriet', the 'Camden', and the 'Messenger of Peace', 1911-1946.	Box 11*
Correspondence, blueprints, photographs, publicity materials re. 'The John Williams' numbers V, VI, and VII, 1930-62.	Box 12*
Papers on the 'John Williams' and relations with the Australian Ship Committee, 1920-27	Box 7*
Chief Officers log book Olive Branch from Sydney to New Guinea, 1900–1901	Box 15
Chief Officers log book <i>John Williams [IV]</i> from Sydney to New Guinea & the South Seas, 1909.	Box 15
Loose pages from the log book <i>John Williams [IV]</i> , from Sydney to Papua, 1920	Box 15
Chief Officers log book <i>John Williams [IV]</i> from Sydney to the South Seas, Voyage 100b, 1927.	Box 15
Chief Officers log book <i>John Williams [IV]</i> from Sydney to the South Seas Voyage 102a, 1928.	Box 15
Chief Officers log book <i>John Williams [IV]</i> from Sydney to the South Seas. 1929	Box 15
Chief Officers log book <i>John Williams [V]</i> from Grangemouth to London. 1930	Box 15
Series of 7 Chief Engineer's log books for the <i>John Williams V</i> for 1930-1940;	Box 16
Series of 7 <i>John Williams V</i> Deck log books for 1938-1940	Box 16
4 loose volumes, Chief Officers log books of the John Williams V, 1930	Box 17
Plans and instructions for making a wooden model of the <i>Duff</i>	Box 18
The <i>Duff</i> model kit, in card.	Box 18
Plans for making a scale model out of wood of the <i>John Williams VI</i>	Box 18
'Coral Island', Beru, Gilbert Islands. Model and instructions.	Box 18
LMS centenary medal, 1895, showing the <i>Duff</i> , and press cutting.	Box 18
Share certificate for <i>John Williams IV</i> , dated 1 Jan 1895.	Box 18
4 letters from Roger Turpie, Captain of the <i>John Williams IV</i> , to Alan Smith, 1896-97. Also torn sheet. Includes duplicate photocopies.	Box 18
Record and souvenir brochure for the <i>John Williams IV</i> , presented to Ralph Wardlaw Thompson on the occasion of his visitation to New Guinea and the South Seas, 1897. Includes drawing of the ship, coloured maps of the missionary voyages.	Box 18

Letter referring to the <i>John Williams IV</i> log books in Australian archives.	Box 18
2 pages of blueprint from Chief Engineers log book of the <i>John Williams IV</i> , 1894-95	Box 18
John Williams VI souvenir brochure re: naming ceremony, 1948	Box 18
"The Quest of the Silver Doves" by Richard Connaughton. Manuscript concerning the voyage of the Duff, 1995.	Box 18
The Pilot manual and ideas book. Material for children produced by the LMS. Includes log book, record card, set of badges and 'Compass for pilots captains' – a guide to the Children's organisation of the Congregational Church. 1960s.	Box 18
Typescript photocopy 'Lessons on the Ships'. Set of lessons for schoolchildren. c.1962	Box 18
Material relating to the collecting activities in support of the <i>John Williams VII</i> , including collecting boxes and envelopes, badges and postcards.	Box 18
See also blueprints & drawings of ships (4.7 below).	

## 4.6 South Seas / Pacific Subject Files

\* Detailed lists for subject files available for accruals 1940-1951, 1951-1960 and 1961-1970.

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<b>Order with this reference: CWM/LMS. 1951-1960. Box...etc</b> 1951-1960	Box PAC/14-28*
<b>Order with this reference: CWM/LMS. 1961-1970. Box...etc</b> 1961-1970	Box PAC/9-36* Box PAC/38-42*

## 4.7 South Seas Blueprints & Technical Drawings

Collection of blueprints and technical drawings for the London Missionary Society's 'John Williams' line of mission ships, including the John Williams V and John Williams VII, in addition to earlier vessels and proposed vessels for the London Missionary Society.

\*Detailed records are available on the SOAS Archive Catalogue.

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