

## Marriage Locations on the West Coast.

Finding Marriages on the West Coast of the South island of New Zealand can be difficult as the miners moved from place to place seeking gold.

The lists which follow indicate where marriages took place in the three West Coast Parishes of Kumara, Hokitika and Ross ( later Ross & South Westland). Parish boundaries were flexible in the 1800's and so it is likely that a location can occur in more than one parish. For example Goldsborough appears in the lists for both Kumara and Hokitika.

The clergy were not always accurate in their recording of Church names either, for example the Churches at Goldsborough and Stafford are recorded as both St Luke and St John.

**Access to Marriage Registers** is presently based on the same dates as the Registrar General. Thus all Registers up to and including 1940 are available and maybe also available to the end of the register that includes 1940.

**Costs.** The cost of a copy in any one of these registers is \$10.00 plus postage. It is possible to make an appointment to come and view the entry and photograph it, but the cost of \$10 remains the same.

Researchers are reminded that information in Marriage Registers changes over time.

### **Up to 1880:**

- Date and place of marriage.
- Full name of the Groom
- Full name of the Bride
- Ages ("full age" means they were over 21 years of age)
- Rank, occupation or profession
- Condition i.e. bachelor or spinster or widow( sometimes includes maiden name) or widower
- Signature of officiating Minister
- Names and signatures of witness, and sometimes occupations and addresses
- Signatures and bride and groom
- Signatures can be replaced with a "x" and the words his/her mark

**The Marriage Act 1880** meant that additional information may be included. However if a Marriage register continued to be used, this information may not appear.

- Birthplace of the Bride and Groom
- Present and usual residence of the Bride and Groom
- Full name and occupation of the Father of the Bride and Groom
- Full name and maiden name of the Mother of the Bride and Groom

## **Kumara**

### **20 April 1874-24 April 1880**

Golden Age Hotel, Kumara  
St Luke, Goldsborough  
St John, Stafford  
The Schoolroom, Callaghan, Waimea

### **22 September 1937- 20 May 1972**

All Saints, Hokitika  
Holy Trinity, Kumara  
St Paul, Arahura  
St Christopher, Otira  
Private residence, Kumara

### **9 March 1905-9 August 1909**

Holy Trinity, Kumara  
St John, Goldsborough (sic)  
St John, Stafford  
Private residences Dillmanstown, Greenstone, Christchurch Road, Kumara

### **15 September 1909 - 4 November 1936**

Holy Trinity, Kumara  
Private residence Jacksons, Otira, Kumara Junction  
St John, Stafford  
St Paul, Arahura  
Bush Inn Hotel Aickens  
Railway Hall, Otira

## **Hokitika**

### **Grey River District**

#### **14 January 1866- 3 December 1866**

All Saints, Hokitika  
Government House, Hokitika  
Court House, Hokitika  
Camp, Hokitika  
Warden's Court, Hokitika  
Private Residences River Grey District'

### **Grey District**

#### **4 March 1866 to 28 April 1867**

Hokitika  
Hokitika Hospital  
Hokitika Goal  
Kaniere  
Woodstock  
Cobden  
Greymouth  
Ross

**20 December 1866 to 16 March 1872**

All Saints, Hokitika  
Hospital, Hokitika  
St Andrew, Kaniere  
St Luke, Goldsborough  
St Luke, Stafford  
Te Whare Karakia o Paora, Arahura  
Jones Flat Hotel, Ross  
Greymouth  
Ross

**24 April 1872- 4 September 1880**

All Saints, Hokitika  
St Luke, Goldsborough  
St John, Stafford  
Private Residences Hokitika, Arahura

**3 November 1880- 23 July 1892**

All Saints and All Saints Schoolroom, Hokitika  
St Andrew, Kaniere  
Hotel, Hokitika  
Private residence Kaniere

**5 December 1892-30 December 1903**

All Saints, Hokitika  
St Andrew, Kaniere  
St Paul, Ross  
Private residences Hokitika, Hende's Ferry, Okarito, Kokatahi, Lower Kokatahi, 5 Mile  
Public Hall, Kokatahi

**3 February 1904 to 24 July 1912**

All Saints, Hokitika  
St Andrew, Kaniere  
St John, Rimu  
St Paul, Arahura  
St Aidan, Kokatahi  
St Columba, Koterangi  
Private Residences Humphries/Humphreys, Hokitika, Arahura, Rimu

**5 September 1912 to 30 August 1922**

All Saints, Hokitika  
St Andrew, Kaniere  
St John, Rimu  
St Paul, Arahura  
St Columba, Koterangi  
Private residence Humphreys

**14 September 1922 to 27 October 1926**

All Saints, Hokitika  
St Andrew, Kaniere  
St John, Stafford  
St John, Rimu  
St Columba, Koiterangi  
Private residence Hokitika

**16 November 1926 to 25 August 1931**

All Saints, Hokitika  
St Andrew, Kaniere  
St John, Rimu  
St Andrew, Kokatahi  
St Aidan, Kokatahi  
Church of England, Hari Hari

**16 December 1931 to 8 August 1935**

All Saints, Hokitika  
St Andrew, Kaniere  
St Columba, Koiterangi  
St John, Rimu

**12 August 1935 to 24 July 1943**

All Saints, Hokitika  
St Andrew, Kaniere  
St John, Rimu  
St Columba, Koiterangi  
St Aidan, Kokatahi  
St Paul, Ross

**Ross**

**20 August 1867-27 May 1880**

St Paul, Ross  
Sailor's Gully, Ross  
Private residences Ross, Okarito  
Maori Whare, Bruce Bay

**30 December 1867 to 26 October 1898**

St Paul, Ross  
St John, Rimu  
St Paul, Rimu  
St Andrew, Kaniere  
Court House, Okarito  
School, Arawata Flat  
Parsonage, Hokitika  
Accommodation House, Haast River  
Private residences Ross, Mikanui, Okarito, Paringa River, Blue Spur, Woodstock, Wanganui River,  
Cook's River, Koiterangi, Kokatahi, Waihao, Waikukupa

**9 April 1902 to 14 April 1909**

St Paul, Ross

St John, Rimu

St Andrew, Kaniere

Private residences Mikonui, Little Waitaha, Jacobs River, Kokatahi, Upper Kokatahi, South Spit

**21 April 1909 to 17 May 1921**

St Paul, Ross

St Andrew, Kaniere

St Aidan, Kokatahi

St Columba, Koiterangi

St Luke, Wataroa

St Cuthbert, Hari Hari

Private residences Hari Hari, Karangarua, Bruce Bay, Wataroa, Matanui, Waikukupa

**20 September 1921-10 August 1931**

St Paul, Ross

St Luke, Wataroa

St Cuthbert, Hari Hari

All Saints, Hokitika

Public School House, Bruce Bay

Private residence, Bruce Bay, Hari Hari

**12 August 1931-21 June 1937**

St Paul, Ross

St Luke, Wataroa

St peter, Bruce Bay

St James, Waiho Gorge

Private residences Bruce Bay, Okuru

**22 January 1938 to 4 April 1946**

St Paul, Ross

St Luke, Wataroa

St Cuthbert, Hari hari

St Peter, Jacobs River

Christ Church, Waitaha

St James, Waiho Gorge/ Franz Josef Glacier