

CHRONOLOGICAL HISTORY OF GERMAN SETTLERS IN NEW ZEALAND

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Reference and source of information

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Date	Details	Ref
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1842

1842 Feb 02	New Zealand Company Directors decide to discontinue all land transactions.	
1842 Mar 4-6	First comet sighted by the New Zealand Settlers in Nelson, which was also sighted by the passengers aboard the St Pauli.	
1842 Dec 26	The German Missionaries and Immigrants left Hamburg German on the St Pauli and their voyage to Nelson New Zealand begins	

1843

1843 Mar	The St Pauli anchors in Bahia (Salvador) South America	
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1843 Jun	Legs tired from being aboard ship for so long that they found it hard to walk any distance to Nelson town	1
1843 Jun	Stayed at NZC Barracks 12 room's 16 feet square walls mud 2 feet thick roof split shingles. No floor made rushes to lay on	1
1843 Jun 14	"St Pauli" arrives in Nelson with the first German Immigrants and the Lutheran missionaries	
1843 Jun 16	Arrived in Nelson wreck on rock Fifeshire	
1843 Jun 16	German Immigrants went to stay in NZ Company Barracks	
1843 Jun 17	Wairau Tragedy with the death of Te Rangihaeata wife, Captain Wakefield and twenty-two Europeans for the Nelson settlement.	
1843 Jun 18 Sun	Held service at Barracks where the German immigrants were. It rained outside.	2
1843 Jun 19 Mon	Weather Fine	2
1843 Jun 25 Sun	Held service in an English Episcopalian Church of Rev Raey were Sixtus boy was confirmed.	2
1843 Jun 26 Mon	New of Wairau hit town of Nelson. Haase, Schneider, Kirber_and Pahl came and asked to rent our church town section	2
1843 Jun 27 Tue	Let our Town section to above men. Confirmed W Wakefield's death at Wairau. Maori's vanished from Nelson and everyone including clergy were sworn in.	2
1843 Jun 20 Tue	Woke to frost and ice in puddles Sun came up and melted ice	2

1843 Jul 07	Public meeting about Defence of Nelson settlers	
1843 Jul 08	"Earthquake, which was felt both here [Nelson] and at Wellington on the 8 th July, was far more severely felt at Wanganui. Several bricks chimneys were thrown down, and on the banks of the river the earth sank in several places depth of many feet."	
1843 Jul 22	Public meeting about Defence of Nelson settlers	
1843 Jul 26	Lutheran ministers Rev Wohler, Heine and Ulrich left for Moutere	
1843 Jul 26 Wed	Left for Moutere [Wohler, Heine & Ulrich left Nelson to build a mission on section 155 Moutere]	2
1843 Jul 26 Wed	Heine left for Moutere with Rev Wohler	2
1843 Jul 29	Ministers hired Ulrich to help at Moutere	

1843 Jul 29 Sat	We hired Ulrich Berthold who came from Kirchosten Germany (latter it said he came from Hamburg). Mr Tucket hired a Vine German from the Rhine who was single and Catholic to help start a vineyard.	2
1843 Jul-Aug	Went to Moutere	1

1843 Aug 07 Mon	Rev Wohler went back to Nelson to assist in bringing the German settlers to Moutere	2
1843 Aug 11 Fri	Wohler and Trost returned from Nelson	2
1843 Aug 15	German men arrived in Moutere to build shelters for their families	
1843 Aug 15 Tue	Went to Moutere 10 families joined them. Haase and Schneider came to Moutere and left Pahl and Kirber on the rented town section of the Lutheran mission. Frieke from Bremen Germany who is single is here and Jaensch who is also single. [8 families and 2 single men left for section 63 at Moutere]	2
1843 Aug 21	Rev Riemenschneider arrived at Moutere	
1843 Aug 21 Mon	Husbands brought families to Moutere sections - Wives and children join their husbands at Moutere	2
1843 Aug 22	Other Lutheran missionaries went to Moutere	
1843 Aug 22 Tue	Rev Reinenschneider came to Moutere	2
1843 Aug 22 Tue	Brought dog-called "Chasseur" to chase the rats. Something about German "Dorf" section after the missionary sections. I think they mean that the families sections are after the missionaries section and "Dorf" means village. Haase very ill with dysentery. [Reiminschneider and Trost joined the other Lutheran missionaries at Moutere]	2

1843 Sep 02	Two accounts paid for boat hire to take luggage and German settlers to Moutere. The Settlers named the village "St Paulidorf and the valley "Schachtstal".	
1843 Sep 02	Two accounts paid for boat hire to take luggage and German settlers to Moutere	
1843 Sep 08	Haase very ill with Dysentery	2
1843 Sep 10	NZ Postal Ordinance of 1842 disallowed and Treasury Warrant of 1841 brought Post Offices under Customs control. <i>NOTE: In the early Nelson newspapers they advertised that there were letters for the Nelson settlers to up lift. It would be worth searching the Nelson Customs records in case there is a register of these letters. The register may have the German name and address recorded.</i>	
1843 Sep 10 Sun	Heine went to the village called "St Paulidorf" Mr Friedrich Wilhelm Haase very sick. All this time Ullrich stayed with us and worked at the mission	2
1843 Sep 15	Account paid for boat hire taking provisions and remainder of luggage for German settlers	
1843 Sep 18	Mr Thompson came to subdivide section 63 for the German settlers	2
1843 Sep 23	Account for surveying section 63 at Moutere	
1843 Sep 30	"Sisters" left for Hobart Tasmania with some of the "St Pauli" German Immigrants	

1843 Oct 07	Haase better, now Frieke sick with dysentery	
1843 Oct 07 Sat	Haase is better but Frieke is sick with dysentery. Dog no good at chasing rats. We have to wake him up to chase the rats.	2
1843 Oct 15	NZ Company boat arrives with 4 weeks rations for German settlers	
1843 Oct 15 Sun	4 weeks of rations from the NZC Company boat arrives for the local German families. We had been boiling wild growing herbs Sow thistle tasted lovely better than fennel herb.	2
1843 Oct 16	Account paid for boat hire taking provisions to German settlers in Moutere	
1843 Oct 29	Ministers baptised Stade's baby who was born on the 20 th , service held in Karsten whare	
1843 Oct 29 Sun	Baptised Stades baby who was born on the 20 th . Karsten clears his hut for	2

	the service.	
1843 Nov 03 Fri	Some gentlemen arrived had lunch and went on down the valley to a Mr Moora	2
1843 Nov 07	Parkinson & Drake left Nelson to explore the Pelorus Valley	
1843 Nov 08	Heaphy, Spooner and three other left Nelson to explore between Lake Rotoiti and West Coast. They return to Nelson on 23.	
1843 Nov 17 Fri	Frieke is lame with Gout. The settlers had to carry him to the boat so he could go back to Nelson. The missionaries have been holding regular services and Sunday school for the children of "Dorf" (town/village)	2
1843 Nov 21	Rev Riemenschneider began school lessons for the children in St Paulidorf. There were 8 children of school age.	
1843 Nov 21 Tue	Riemenschneider began school in "Dorf" KIRBER Tenant in town had fire and was burnt severely. Frieke recovery is slow	2
1843 Nov 28	Frederick Tuckett left Nelson through Kaituna Valley to the Wairau	

1844

1844 Jan 26	Governor Fitzroy arrived in Wellington and proceeds to Nelson to investigate the Wairau affair and addressed the citizens of Nelson, blaming them for their part in the Wairau affair. He left Nelson around 10 February and arrived at Waikanae and heard Te Rauparaha's and Te Rangihaeata's account of the Wairau affair	
1844 Jan 27	NZC pays Germans for work in rations /cash	

1844 Feb	Flooding began and some German families began to abandon Moutere	
1844 Feb 27	NZC pays German workmen and documents names all the men	
1844 Feb 29	The NZC appealed to Lord Stanley for a loan of £10,000; his refusal finally resulted in the extinction of the company	

1844 Mar	The news of the collapse of the New Zealand Company began	
1844 Mar 14	NZC Officials Mr Fox. Mr Thompson visit the German settlers	
1844 Mar 15	The New Zealand Company suspended all its colonising operations	
1844 Mar 31	J F H Wohlers boarded the "Deborah" for Southland also aboard the vessel was Frederick Tuckett.	

1844 Apr 10	Ministers employed a boy to look after the cows but did not name him in the diary	2
1844 Apr 27	After postponing service several times only 3 came to confession from the "Dorf"	2
1844 Apr 28 Sun	Sunday service most Germans came. Afternoon bible classes for the children.	2
1844 Apr 30 Tue	Wohlers diary ends on this day.	2
1844 Apr Sun	Floods came had to preach in afternoon held bible classes' afternoon and then went back in evening.	2

1844 May 16	The Deborah reached Foveaux Strait with passengers Rev J F H Wohlers and Tuckett.	
1844 May 17	Rev Wohler landed at Ruapuke Island to commence work among the Maoris	

1844 Jun	Foundation stone laid for the first Lutheran Chapel in Moutere	
1844 Jun 26	"Sisters left Nelson for Hobart Tasmania	

1844 Jul 16	The German Naturalisation Ordinance passed so the German Nelson immigrants from the "St Pauli" could now be naturalised	
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1844 Jul 6-7	Great floods at Moutere	
1844 Aug	Rev Riemenschneider left Nelson and went to Taranaki	
1844 Aug 31	Last payment to Germans for work carried out at Moutere. Men are listed	
1844 Sep 01	"Skiold" arrives with the more German Immigrants including the Kelling brothers	
1844 Sun	Floods came, held bible classes in afternoon	
1844 Oct	Moutere was deserted. The missionaries and German settlers has all abandoned the land.	1
1844	Census statistics record 121 Germans living in Nelson district	
1845		
1845	Nelson Census was documented	
1845 Jan 14	Chief Paremata arrived at Happy Valley and threatened the settlers at Nelson	
1845 Jan 20	As a result of the Happy valley incident a meeting of settlers at Nelson decide to take steps to defend themselves	
1845 Jul 29	Governor Fitzroy offer of a Crown grant of land to the New Zealand Company at Nelson was rejected.	
1845 Aug 25	First recorded shooting of rabbits at Dicks Valley Nelson proving that some had been liberated in New Zealand	
1846		
1846 Mar 01	Heaphy, Fox, Brunner and Kehu arrived back in Nelson after discovering Lake Rotoroa and the Buller River	
1846 May 10	Spain decided that the New Zealand Company should receive a Crown grant of 151,000 acres, excluding the Wairau, in Nelson	
1846 Aug 22	Brunner and Heaphy returned to Nelson after their exploration of the West Coast	
1846 Oct 01	Francis Dillon Bell appointed Magistrate to Nelson	
1846 Dec 03	Brunner, Kehu and his wife leave Nelson to undertake a third expedition down the West Coast. They left Fraser's farm in the Motueka Valley on 11 th . Brunner reached Lake Rotoroa on 18 th . Brunner convinced that there was no open country or pass south of Lake Rotoroa, decided to concentrate on the Buller region.	
1847		
1847 Jan 06	Frederick Tuckett resigned as Chief Surveyor returning to England later in the year	
1847 Jan 30	Public meeting in Nelson to protest at the actions of the New Zealand Company	
1847 Mar 07	Governor Grey visited Nelson on <i>HMS Inflexible</i>	
1847 Mar 18	Wairau Valley, Marlborough and other land purchased by Governor Grey	

	on behalf of the Government	
1847 Jul 23	The New Zealand Company's Colonisation Act passed prescribed the conditions under which the company could promote colonisation in New Zealand	
1847 Aug 05	Frederick A Weld landed 2,500 sheep at Port Underwood and drove them to the Wairau Valley. The sheep were driven over the Wairau River on 13 th .	
1847 Aug 28	Schooner <i>Emergency</i> launched at Strong's yards Nelson	
1847 Dec 23	Signing of Charter that divided the country into the provinces of New Ulster and New Munster	

1848

1848 Mar 27	New Zealand Company purchasers allotted 34,219 acres of land in or near the Wairau Valley	
1848 Apr 18	Bishop Selwyn arrived at Nelson in the <i>Undine</i>	
1848 May 24	Brunner lost all the sketches he made on the West Coast journey when they were accidentally burnt. He reached Lake Rotoroa on the 5 th June and returned to Nelson on the 15 th June. The conclusion of the nineteen-month exploration of the West Coast	
1848 Sep 19	William Wakefield died	
1848 Oct 16	Severe earthquake at Wellington continued until 24 th felt in many parts of New Zealand	

1849

1849	Nelson Census was documented	
1849 Dec 23	Opening of first Presbyterian Church in Nelson	

1850

1850 Jul 04	The New Zealand Company surrendered its Charter and so terminated its existence. The resolution to dissolve the company confirmed at it's adjourned annual meeting on 16 July.	
1850 Dec 27	Large public meeting in Nelson to consider the future form of government of the colony with Dillon Bell	
1850 Dec 31	Post Office control returned to NZ by Proclamation but the offices remained with the Customhouses	

1851

1851 Jul 25	Henry Redwood arrived in Nelson from Sydney with a number of thoroughbreds and founded the Redwood racing stables	
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1852

1852 Feb 07	L I Lee commenced to drive sheep from Nelson to the Wairau Valley accompanied by E Jollie, John Berry and Simpson	
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1852 Apr 07	First meeting of Oddfellows at Nelson	
1852 May 03	Official opening of Nelson Collegiate School	
1852 Jun 03	Governor Grey issued a Proclamation dividing Province of New Munster into four electoral districts, Wellington, Nelson, Canterbury and Otago	
<u>1853</u>		
1853 Nov 03	First meeting of the Nelson Provincial Council	