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Methodist Ministers who served the St. Kitts Circuit

1787-2021

Mark Christmas

METHODIST MINISTERS WHO SERVED THE ST. KITTS CIRCUIT

Rev. William Hammett
1787-1789 (d.1803)

¹Rev. William Warrener
1791-1793 (d.1825)

²Rev. Robert Gamble
1790-1791 (d.1791)

Rev. George Skerritt
1790-1791

Rev. Richard Patisson
1791-1793 (d.1839)

Rev. John Harper
1793

Rev. Joseph Telford
1793

Rev. Walter Griffith
1794 (d.1825)

Rev. Richard Andrews
1794-1795

³Rev. Thomas Dumbleton
1794-1796, 1803, 1806
(d.1807)

Rev. James Alexander
1795 (d.1829)

Rev. Thomas Owens
1797-1800 (d.1808)

Rev. Richard Merritt
1797

Rev. William Jenkin
1798 (d.1830)

Rev. Archibald Murdoch
1799, 1803-1804 (d.1848)

Rev. Francis Hallett
1799, 1811

Rev. John Taylor
1800-1801, 1807 (d.1842)

Rev. John Brownell
1800, 1802 (d.1821)

Rev. Edward Turner
1801, 1808-1809

Rev. Thomas Pattison
1801-1802 (d.1811)

Rev. Edward Thompson
1802, 1805

⁴Rev. Phillip Debell (d. 1802)

Rev. James Hopewell
1803 (d.1862)

Rev. Joseph Morrison
1804-1805 (d.1807)

Rev. Henry Evans
1804 (d. 1808)

Rev. John Robinson
1805 (d.1807)

Rev. John Dace
1806-1807 (d.1821)

Rev. William Constable
1806 (d.1845)

Rev. Samuel P. Woolley
1807, 1810, 1831 (d.1834)

Rev. William Gilgrass
1808, 1810, 1817-1819
(d.1826)

Rev. Charles Hodgson
1808-1809

Rev. James Whitworth
1810, 1814-1815 (d.1852)

¹ Rev. John Neal estimated his years as 1790, 1792-93, the stations show 1791-1793.

² Based in part on information in Sir Probyn's, *Methodism in St. Kitts* (p 87). Also, based on the Minutes of the Yearly Conference, a few ministers seemed to have served at a time when St. Kitts and Nevis were twinned as one circuit.

³According to the Minutes of the Yearly Conference 1806, Rev. Dumbleton was appointed the first Chairman of the then St. Christopher's District comprising St. Christopher, Nevis, Tortola and the other Virgin Islands.

⁴ According to the Minutes of the Yearly Conference 1803, Rev. Debell is recorded as being the "first Methodist Missionary that had died in the island of St. Christopher's."

METHODIST MINISTERS WHO SERVED THE ST. KITTS CIRCUIT

Rev. John Willis
1810 (d.1860)

⁵Rev. Thomas Morgan
Basseterre
1811, 1813, 1820-1823
(d.1833)

Rev. William Driver
1811-1812 (d.1813)

Rev. Thomas Blackburn
1811, 1815-1816

Rev. George Johnstone
1812-1813, 1816 (d.1821)

Rev. Thomas Talboys
1812 (d.1851)

⁶Rev. Abraham Whitehouse
1812, 1825-1827 (d.1833)

Rev. Thomas Hurst
1812, 1814-1815

⁷Rev. George Poole
1813

Rev. John D. Allen
1813 (d.1817)

⁵ 185th Commemorative indicates that Rev Morgan would have been the minister in St, Kitts when the Wesley Chapel was completed. The stations do not have him stationed to St. Kitts at the time.

⁶ buried in Wesley churchyard

⁷ There is no death record of a George Poole but John

Rev. John Raby
Basseterre
1814-1815 (d.1858)

Rev. Jonathan Rayner
1814-1815 (d.1819)

Rev. Calverley Riley
1815 (d.1850)

⁸Rev. Jeremiah Boothby
1816 (d.1816)

⁹Rev. William White
1816 (d.1826)

¹⁰Rev. Patrick French
1817-1818

Rev. Joseph Chapman
1817 (d.1821)

Rev. Stephen Swinyard
1818

Rev. John Maddock
1819 (d.1821)

¹¹Rev. Thomas Pennock
1819, 1825-1826

Rev. John Hirst
1820-1822 (1825)

⁸ While stationed to St. Kitts, Rev. Boothby died in Dominica that same year before taking up appointment.

⁹ Died after suffering shipwreck while returning from Annual District Meeting

¹⁰ There is no death record

¹¹ No death record found

Rev. Charles Janion
Basseterre
1820, 1824 (d.1871)

Rev. Jacob Grimshaw
1820-1821

Rev. Thomas Harrison
1821, 1830-~~32~~ (d.1849)

¹²Rev. William Oke
1822 (d.1826)

Rev. Joseph Fletcher
1822

Rev. Henry Davies
1823 (d.1870)

Rev. William Maggs
1823-1824 (d.1824)

Rev John Gick
1824 (d.1836)

Rev. James Cox
1824, 1833-1835, 1839-43,
1849-1855 (d.1859)

Rev. John Manley
1825 (d.1828)

Rev. John Burton
~~182~~ (d.1897)

Rev William Clough
1825, 1832 (d.1846)

¹² Died after suffering shipwreck while returning from Annual District Meeting

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¹³Rev. Thomas Jones
1826 (d.1826)

Rev. William Box
1833 (d.1892)

¹⁸Rev. William Rigglesworth
1838 (d.1841)

Rev. Jonathan Cadman
1826, 1839-1840 (d.1891)

¹⁶Rev. John Keightley
1834

¹⁹Rev. John Horsford
1838, 1840-1843

Rev. Matthew Banks
Basseterre/Sandy Point
1827-1829 (d.1878)

¹⁷Rev. Edmund Gordon
1834 (d.1835)

²⁰Rev. George Croft
1840-1843

¹⁴Rev. John Hodge
1827-1828

Rev. Hilton Cheesbrough
1834-1836 (d.1883)

Rev. John R. Brown
1842-1843 (d.1848)

Rev. John Felvus
1827-1829 (d.1853)

Rev. James Horne
1835-1837

Rev. John Parkes
1843-1846 (d.1876)

Rev. Enoch Wood
1828, 1830

Rev. Thomas Jeffery
1835-1836

Rev. George Blanchflower
1844-1846 (d.1877)

Rev. Robert Hawkins
Basseterre
1829, 1831-1833 (d.1875)

Rev. William T. Waymouth
1836- 1837-1839 (d.1856)

Rev. Thomas James
1845-1849 (d.1876)

¹⁵Rev. James Walton
1830

Rev. Daniel Stepney
1836

Rev. Thomas Lofthouse
1845-1847 (d.1871)

Rev. Edward Fraser
Basseterre
1830 (d.1872)

Rev. Thomas Pearson
1837, 1843 (d.188(0)2)

²¹Rev. T. Meade Chambers
Basseterre
1846, 1851-1855, 1867-1885

Rev. Henry B. Britten
1831, 1833-1835 (d.1887)

Rev. Benjamin Tregaskis
1837, 1839, 1858-1860
(d.1885)

Rev. James Aldis
1847-1849 (d.1885)

Rev. Charles Bates
1833, 1840 (d.1841)

Rev. William R. Rogers
1838-1840 (d.1868)

¹⁸ Is believed to complete the first Chapel in Tabernacle. Does not appear in list of stations for that year but that he died in St. Kitts.

¹⁹ No death record found

²⁰ No death record found

²¹ died in St Kitts, 17 September, 1892, plaque on the wall in Wesley Chapel. He was Chairman of the St. Kitts District (St. Kitts, Nevis, St. Eustatius, St. Bartholomew's, St. Martin and Anguilla and Tortola)

¹³ Died after suffering shipwreck while returning from Annual District Meeting. He was the youngest of the five ministers in the tragedy.

¹⁴ No death record found

¹⁵ No death record found

¹⁶ No death record found

¹⁷ Plaque mounted in Ebenezer

METHODIST MINISTERS WHO SERVED THE ST. KITTS CIRCUIT

Rev. Joshua Jordan
1847, 1856-1858 (d.1888)

Rev. David Barley
1863-1865 (d.1901)

Rev. Charles Angwyn
1873-1875 (d.1934)

Rev. George Sargeant
1847, 1850-1853 (d.1899)

²³Rev. James Edney
Sandy Point
1863-1865 (d.1865)

Rev. Jonathan Chapple
1875 (d.1911)

Rev. Samuel Simons
1848-1850, 1859-1864
(d.1865)

Rev. Joseph Hammond
1863, 1865-1870 (d.1901)

Rev. George Grayson
1876-1877 (d.1877)

Rev. William F. Turtle
1849-1850 (d.1865)

Rev. Joel Peters
1865 (d.1907)

Rev. William W. Thackray
1876-1879 (d.1942)

²²Rev. Samuel Smyth
1850-1851

Rev. Manessah Barker
1866 (d.1915)

Rev. William Allen
1876-1878 (d.1891(?))

Rev. Aaron Edman
1851 (d.1899)

²⁴Rev. James Hothersall
1866-1869

Rev. Walter T. Baker
1877 (d.1938)

Rev. Theophilus S. Gregory
1852-1856 (d.1885)

Rev. Joseph F. Southern
1867-1871 (d.1874)

Rev. John H. Bridgewater
1878-1880 (d.1897)

Rev. Thomas B. Nibbs
1855-1858 (d.1897)

Rev. James N. Podd
Dieppe Bay/Old Road,
1868-1872, 1900-1905
(d.1909)

*Rev. Herbert I. Wonfer
1878-1880

Rev. Isaac Whitehouse
1857-1859 (d.1874)

Rev. James C. Brewer
1870 (d.1931)

Rev. Thomas H. Bailey
1879-1882 (d.1917)

Rev. Walter P. Garry
1858, 1866 (d.1893)

Rev. Enoch N. Maidment
1871-1872 (d.1880)

²⁵Rev. Frederick G. Elliott
1880 (d.1881)

Rev. John Badcock
Basseterre
1860-1863, 1888-1890 (d.
July 6, 1890)

Rev. Joseph S. Kelshall
1872, 1883 (d.1900)

Rev. William L. Bennett
1880-1882 (d.1936)

Rev. William J. Wilkinson
1862-1865 (d.1907)

Rev. Josephus Bishop
1872-1874 (d.1931)

Rev. Charles E. Killikelly
1882-1884, 1904-1905
(d.1915)

Rev. Richard Smith
1882 (d.1926)

²² No death record found

²³ Interred at Immanuel
Methodist Church grounds

²⁴ No death record found

²⁵ Plaque mounted in his
memory in Ebenezer

METHODIST MINISTERS WHO SERVED THE ST. KITTS CIRCUIT

Rev. John G. Warrington
1883-1887 (d.1940)

Rev. Thomas J. Drewett
1884 (d.1886)

Rev. Edward Hudson Scott
1887-1890 (d.1909)

Rev. Samuel J. Johnson
Sandy Point 1890-1894
(d.1908)

²⁶Rev. Jeremiah Sansom
Basseterre
1891 (d.1919)

Rev. Gilbert Irvine
Basseterre
1893 (d.1906)

Rev. Charles Ridge
1894-1896 (d.1932)

Rev. James H. Darrell
1897-1899 (d.1906)

Rev. John Price
Basseterre. 1900-1906
(d.1922)

Rev. M. Britton King
Basseterre, 1900-1905
(d.1943)

Rev. S. Reginald Sales
Sandy Point/Basseterre,
1902-1908, 1918, 1923-1930
(31) (d.1947)

²⁷Rev. Eardley M. Johnson
Sandy Point, 1902-1909
(d.1924)

Rev. Frederick W. Coward
1903, 1913-1917, 1920-1921,
1928 (d.1965)

Rev. J. Berkeley Wood
1905, 1914-1917, 1933
(d.1944)

Rev. Wilfred Wright
Sandy Point/Dieppe Bay
190(4)5-1908 (d.1954)

Rev. Edward Meanwell
Sandy Point
1906-1908, 1909-1911
(d.1924)

²⁸Rev. Walter Evans
Old Road 1907-1908, 1912-
1914(7) (d.1932)

²⁹Rev. William Saywell
Basseterre, 1907-1917
(d.1921)

Rev. George Herbert Rhymes
Sandy Point/Basseterre,
1908-1920 (d.1957)

Rev. John Daggett
Basseterre, 1909-1912, 1913-
1914 (d.1956)

Rev. William A. Unsworth
1910-1913 (d.1972)

Rev. William M. Sunter
Basseterre 1910-1924, 1927,
1930-1948 (d.1970)

Rev. Arthur R. Kirby
Sandy Point/Basseterre,
1911-1919 (1912?) (d.1932)

Rev. John R.F. Tull
1911-1912 (d.1913)

Rev. Algred G. Burnham
Sandy Point
1912-191(3)4 (d.1959)

Rev. Montague L. Foyle
1912-1916 (d.1962)

Rev. Joshua A. Wade
Dieppe Bay
1915 (d.1933)

Rev. William J. Williams
Basseterre, 1917-1930
(d.1943)

Rev. John J. Studley
1918-1923 (d.1974)

²⁶ Served as Chairman of the St. Kitts District (St. Kitts, Nevis, St. Eustatius, St. Bartholomew's, St. Martin's (Dutch) and Anguilla, St. Martin's (French), Tortola and St. Thomas' Mission)

²⁷ Interred at Immanuel Methodist Church grounds

²⁸ Last minister to reside at Old Road. Interred at Old Road

²⁹ Plaque mounted in his memory in the Wesley Chapel

METHODIST MINISTERS WHO SERVED THE ST. KITTS CIRCUIT

Rev. F. McKenzie Turner
Sandy Point, 1920-1921,
1924 (d.1928)

Rev. Ernest C. Raynes
Sandy Point, 1920 (d.1984)

Rev. Benjamin A. Queeley
Sandy Point/Basseterre,
1921 (d.1948)

³⁰Rev. Allan C. Belboda
Sandy Point, 1921 (d.1951)

Rev. Edgar Calvert
Sandy Point, 1922 (d.1978)

Rev. D. S. (J) McDonald
Basseterre/Sandy Point
1923, 1931, 1936-1937,
1940-1942

³¹Rev. W. Pollard
Dieppe Bay, 1926-1930

*Rev. A. S. Reed
Sandy Point, 1924-1926,
1940-1942

Rev. W. Victor Mitchell
Sandy Point, 1927, 1930-
1934 (1931-1933) (d.1937)

Rev. James S. Boulton
Dieppe Bay, 1927 (d.1969)

³⁰ Some sources mention his name as Allan C, others as Allan E, but the online death record has Alban E Belboda. He was a "son" of the Sandy Point Methodist Church.

³¹ No death record found

Rev Cyril Clark
Basseterre/Sandy Point
1928-1929, 1934-1935(6)
(d.1981)

Rev. Charles Mcl. Darrell
Sandy Point, 1928 (d.1956)

Rev. William A. Beckett
Basseterre/Sandy Point,
1929-1931, 1936-1938,
1940-1948 (d.1976)

Rev. Walter D. Fisher
Dieppe Bay, 1931-1935
(d.1958)

Rev. Herbert S. Clarke
Basseterre, 1931-1932
(d.1958)

Rev. Samuel M. Hawthorn
Basseterre, 1933 (d.1949)

Rev. Arthurton Didier
Sandy Point/Basseterre
1935, 1963, 1965, (d.1983)

Rev. L. Theodore Byron
Basseterre/Dieppe Bay,
1935, 1942-1944 (d.1986)

*Rev. J. Davidson
Sandy Point, 1935-1936

³²Rev. E. Maurice Hillier
Basseterre, 1936-1939, 1949,
1952-1957 (d.1979)

³² The Epworth/Maurice Hillier Memorial Junior School is named in his memory.

Rev. William J. Barrett
Sandy Point, 1936-1938
(d.1962)

Rev. John J. Lewis
Dieppe Bay, 1936-1937, 1941
(d.1978)

Rev. George E. Lawrence
Dieppe Bay, 1937 (d.1984)

Rev Albert. A. Pattie
Sandy Point, 1937 (8)-
194(0)1, 1944-1945 (46)

Rev. Robert A. Kirtley
Dieppe Bay, 1937-1941, 1948

*Rev. R. Cecil Hawkins
Dieppe Bay/Basseterre,
1939-1941

Rev. S. Challener
Basseterre, 1939-1940, 1948-
1957

Rev. Frank T. Squire
Dieppe Bay, 1940-1942

Rev. E. John Gazzard
Sandy Point/Basseterre,
1940-1943

Rev. Raymond Warner
Dieppe Bay, 1944-1945

Rev. R. Colley Hutchinson

Rev. William J. Palmer
Dieppe Bay, 1945-1947

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Rev. A. Williams
Sandy Point, 1946-1950

Rev. C.J. Phillips
Basseterre, 1948-1951

Rev. Handel H. Brown
Sandy Point
1949-1951

Rev. Harold L. Crichton
Dieppe Bay/Basseterre
1951-1953, 1967-1972

Rev. Franklyn A Roberts
Sandy Point/Basseterre
1951-1952

Rev. Norman Thomas
Sandy Point, 1951-1953

Rev. John Perkins
Dieppe Bay/Sandy Point,
1953-1955

³³Rev. Kenneth G. Swanston
Dieppe Bay, 1953

Rev. Ramsey Moore
Dieppe Bay (SP), 1954

Rev. A.E. Moffett
Dieppe Bay, 1954-1957

Rev. Cyril (E)F. Dixon
Sandy Point, 1956-1960

Rev. William Warren
Basseterre, 1957-1961

Rev. D. O Field
Dieppe Bay, 1957-1960

Rev Thomas Johnson
Dieppe Bay, 1958-1960

Rev. Trevor S. Bates
Sandy Point, 1958, 1962-
1963

Rev. Rueben A. Telemaque
Dieppe Bay, 1960-1961

Rev. C. Leonard Carty
Basseterre, 1960-1964

Rev. John Jones
Sandy Point/Basseterre
1960-1962(63), 1966-1967

Rev Roy B. Whyte
Dieppe Bay, 1962-1965

Rev. John R. Jennings
Dieppe Bay (SP), 1963-1964

³⁴Rev. Donald S. Ching
Basseterre, 1964-1967
(d.1968)

Rev. S. Wilfred Hodge
Sandy Point/Basseterre,
1964-1965 (d.2017)

Rev. John C. Neal
Dieppe Bay/Basseterre,
1965-1967

Rev. Edwin Vandeyar
Sandy Point, 1965-1969

Rev. Michael I. N. Dash
Sandy Point, 1969-1971

Rev. Claude Knight
Sandy Point, 1971-1972

Rev. Gay Nicholls
Dieppe Bay, 1971-1974

Rev. Eric L. Vernon
Sandy Point/Basseterre,
1971-1973

Rev. John F. Charles
Sandy Point, 1972-1974

Rev. Joseph Lloyd
Basseterre, 1973-1978
(d. 2022)

Rev. E. Lloyd Brissett
Sandy Point, 1974-1977

Rev. James J. Timothy
Dieppe Bay, 1975-1977
(d.2011)

Rev. H. W. Rogers
Dieppe Bay, 1975

Rev. E. Dunstan Richardson
Sandy Point, 1977-1978,
1986-1987

³³ The K.G. Swanston Memorial Methodist Church, Dieppe Bay was renamed in his memory as he was a "son of the congregation"

³⁴ Plaque mounted in his memory in the Wesley chapel

METHODIST MINISTERS WHO SERVED THE ST. KITTS CIRCUIT

Rev. John Whittle
Basseterre, 1978-1981

Rev. Allan Keedy
Dieppe Bay, 1978

Rev. Oscar Mathura
Sandy Point, 1978(9)-1980

Rev. Elkanah D. Edwards
Sandy Point, 1980-1982(3)

Rev. John A. Gumbs
Basseterre, 1981-1988

Rev. Moreland O. Williams
Sandy Point, 1983-1985

Rev. Kirton Lashley
Sandy Point, 1985

³⁵Rev. Leroy D. Henry
Sandy Point, 1988-1991

Rev. Joseph Hepburn
Basseterre, 1988-1989

Rev. Harold A. Gill
Basseterre, 1989-1993
(d.2017)

Rev. Cecil O. Weekes
Basseterre, 1993-1995
(d.2015)

³⁶Rev. Charles A. Seaton
Sandy Point/Basseterre,
199(1)2-2001

Rev. Agnus Cayetano
Dieppe Bay, 1994-1999

³⁷Rev. James Richardson
Dieppe Bay, 1999-2001

Rev. Novelle Josiah
Sandy Point, 199(5)6-1998

Rev. Relis Martin-Riley
Sandy Point, 1998-2000

Rev. Keith B. Lewis
Sandy Point, 2001(2)-2004

Rev. M. Peterson Joseph
Sandy Point/Basseterre, -
2000-2002

Rev. Rosemarie Cocks-Julius
Dieppe Bay, 2001-2007

Rev. Bonny Byron
Sandy Point, 2004-2007

³⁸Rev. Dr. Milton Davis
Basseterre, 2002-2003
(d.2019)

Rev. Franklin E. Manners
Basseterre, 2003-2007

Rev. Dr. Wycherley V. Gumbs
Basseterre, 2007-2013
(d.2020)

Rev. Alberic Rohan
Dieppe Bay, 2007-2016

Rev. Joyce F. Rohan
Sandy Point/Basseterre,
2007-2016

Rev. Damien E. Hughes
Sandy Point, 2014-2018

³⁹Rev. Telford D. Matthew
2017-2021

³⁵ Rev. Henry is a "son" of the Sandy Point Methodist Church

³⁶Bishop Seaton is a "son" of the Tabernacle congregation. He became the first Kittitian to serve as Superintendent. He currently serves as the President of the LID. The first Kittitian to do so.

³⁷ Rev. Richardson is a son of the Sandy Point Methodist Church.

³⁸ Dr. Davis was a retired UMC Minister residing in the Circuit and had opportunity to serve as Interim Superintendent.

³⁹ Resided in Basseterre but served Phipps Memorial, Ebenezer, Challengers and Cayon)

Deaconesses/Deacons

Sis. Vera Richardson (d.2003)

Sis. Cynthia Clare (d.2007)

Sis. Eileen Shanks (later Hawkins, d.2015)

Sis. Gloria Wright (later Simmonds)

Sis. Sheila Williams (later Maitland, d.2017)

Sis. Dorothea Ballah (later Dickson)

⁴⁰Sis. (Rev.) Althea Jacobs (d.1997)

Rev. June James

Rev. Janetta James

Rev. Arlene Bruce-Williams

⁴⁰ Sis. Althea was a “daughter” of the St. Johnston Congregation

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