

ALX 2 Box 25 (WANGELA) ANGLICAN ARCHIVES

Wanigela Log Book

1918-19 ✓

1919-1926 AL C563 6A7

Date?

March 2nd

"Two men had been killed by the fall of a tree and a third injured owing to the Uiahu people having fled to the bush when the Court Magistrate appeared"

3rd Jennings & 15 cones of Musin to Tufi

Oct. 20 - Miss Hallett goes to Uiahu to prepare house for Jennings's return

March 8, 1921

- Word that Jennings and Eltomer to go to Menapi & Fisher to take whole of district.

April 15 - The Bonardo incident

Wininbird betrothed to John, away at plantation

Dodi took her as 2nd wife, Bonardo complained

(already married to Elsie)

Fight resulted in which Iyo cracked Gebari's skull killing him; Fisher took Wininbird away to mission

4th 17 Bonardo people on way to Tufi

20 Case heard by Mr. Muscato - some people imprisoned and Iyo to be tried

25 Fisher spoke to CC. at Uiahu and took down the names of 84 men reputed to be using lime pots for nefarious purposes

April 26, 1921 "At 4.30 a meeting began at Uiahu, there would be about 300 men present, some from Wanigela. The talk turned on witch-crafts, the snake-cult, and behaviour in general. JF suggested that limepots should be broken up and the hatchet buried, and evil ways renounced. The discussion was exhilarating and after some talk and a little pressure the contents of one lime pot

was poured out. Then several were dramatically broken up. A large tin of food had been cooked and this was delivered devoured by men who had fasted from such because of the lime pot cult. Two staffs were religiously chopped up as a sign that enmity was at an end between certain families. Thus far all went well. But many things which ought to have been produced were not forthcoming and JF is to take further action on next visit.

May - 1st TAX.

July 30 - 12 From Uiahu baptised in Komabun Creek (listed) including Jethro Iyo and Florenu Eseri (wife of James Simbaro)

Dec. 3 - sickness and several deaths at Uiahu

→ ~~Feb 1923~~ ¹⁹²³ stopped. (good entry May 19, 1924)

April 21 - Oswald Kegege reported by Ambrose wats to be teacher

Aug. 15 Mr. Wells up from Uiahu seeking recruits
Ambrose up frequently for stores.

Nov. 28 Marriages and discipline by Bishop:

Barnabas Pola and Winiked Araja

Vernon Nogova & Daisey Segonde

Emily Sembora & Ombo - 'acknowledged'

Ambrose Ipanela & Nuaki "

Luy Baru & Iopiri "

Excommunicated -

Dunston Raveku

Augustine Gori - took Jessie as 2nd wife after his bro Winter Elsie (or Elise) Gamata; refused her; 1st wife Edith had no children

"Dunston Raveku who was married to Agnes by Rev. P. C. Jennings took Gimionde as a second wife & refused to give her up as she had born him a child. Agnes had lived with Edward (brother of Augustine)

but had returned when husband (sic). If she goes to Edward she & Edward must be excommunicated."

"Elsie (or Elise) Gamata went as second wife to Imbare whose first wife keke a heathen is a daughter of Daniel of Yuayu."

"Madeline Bika wife of Holman Uwe is afraid to live with her husband as he has hits & has threatened her. She is to live with Holmans brother Gobi - or with someone else for protection but neither Holman nor Madeline may marry during the lifetime of the other."

Sept. 1, 1982 (cont.)

"Augustine Gori had taken Jessie Aus as a second wife his wife being Edith. It had been arranged that Augustine should send Jessie away and she was to marry Winto brother of Augustine. Winto refuse & Augustine said he would keep Jessie: his reason being that Edith had no children. Jessie was not excommunicated as there seemed a possibility of her leaving Augustine. If she does not she must be excommunicated later."

Gordon Ogi and Margery Wawe Uihak - living together
 "If they wish to be man and wife they must be married in church. If they are not and do not separate both must be excommunicated."

Louisa Bagi & Kara } marriage by native custom; may be
 Mariel Anbum & Nama }
 acknowledged:

"Edric Mamatu or Emanu married Gameti by native custom but the marriage was not acknowledged. He then took Gertrude sister of Waites? Rarara & Eric Tama who object to their sister being with Edric. If Edric wants Gameti & will send away Gertrude marriage with Gameti will be acknowledged. If not Edric & Gertrude will be excommunicated."

(Edric came up to Wanigela & was acknowledged on this

this basis. Mixup tied up with R.M. telling Edrie to hold the woman until his return. Letter ref.

"Oira of Uiahu married Sarah, and then took Revive (?) as second wife. Oira sent Revive away and his marriage with Sara (sic) was acknowledged."

(Apparently the typical punishment for the girls at this time was to comb them and cut their hair).

1924

Jan. 8 Jennings returns to Uiahu "Warmly welcomed by old pupils & friends"

9 48 communicants. (on tour through area & with a school inspector at least for first part).

Feb. 2 "O dear! it is terrible, terrible. One needs to have nerves of iron to live any length of time in this place. I am sure a month more of it would send me to a mad-house" - after a fire burned down a row of houses in Rainu, Mr. J, still touring, down with fever, and a series of minor upsets & fights in the village. Dia going on of crying.

Feb. 6 - Jennings leaves.

17 Jessie Aus & communicate for living with Augustine Gori. Marriage of Edmund Gopari & Virei (?) acknowledged by Bishop - Bishop celebrates at Uiahu

Louise Bogi & Kori } acknowledged, married at doors of the church.
Marcel Ambum & Noma }

Thomas Tarmui & Marciel Gajari married by Bishop - living together 6 months and several attempts before could get into a church. - but put under discipline for a time.

"Edward Godima & Agnes Inasan (the wife of Dunstan) were publicly & communicated by the Bishop of New Guinea in St. Thomas Church Uiahu on Saturday March 8 1924 for living together Agnes being the wife of Dunstan Ravaku."

"Barnabas Polaw Kimanu & Christobel (wife of Thomas Theodore Siado) are to be under discipline till Whit Sunday 1924 for adultery. Barnabas is husband of Winikred."

Charles Iro of Uiahu pupil teacher at Sinaga under Benjamin at 2/- a month, Ben to have 3 sticks of tobacco a week to pay for Charles's food.

Adultery case in ~~Feb~~ ^{March}, not easy to read writing - involving Christobel, Guy and Barnabas - following complaint from Thomas Theodore Siado. Macdonnell ordered them to Tafi & Guy and Barnabas sentenced to 3 months, Christobel to 2 for adultery.

April Thompson arrive from Foulough.

May 3 Anthony Fasi and Gertrude married in church.

- injections given by Mrs T. to Joan Mamato, 5
Makwei⁴ (children of Adam Dairo) ⁵ Coribi, Mary Parra 8

May 19th "A meeting of Uiahu Christians and heathens was held in the Mission station grounds during the evening. The meeting was for the purpose of etc endeavouring to tighten up the lives of Christians and to strengthen the Church in Uiahu. The position was explained to the people assembled (in all 110 - 35 heathens & 75 Christians exclusive of children) & then Christians were told that their lives & their actions are not consonant with their Christian profession & the promise they made at their Baptism. Many had fallen into grave sin & many others are acting very little differently from their heathen neighbours. The Oga Bakada was rebuked for their own slowness & their indifference toward the practices being indulged by the Baptised people & for their failure to attempt in any way to lead the way by their word or example back to obedience. It was explained to the people that their slowness was one of the main reasons why a Priest has not been appointed to reside at Uiahu and that if they would return to ~~the~~ faithfulness to the Church and show by their actions that they really desire the spiritual ministrations of a resident Priest a request for the appointment of a Priest would be forwarded to the Bishop. In reply the spokesman of the people said that their slowness dated from the time Mr Jennings was withdrawn and although they would not promise to return to complete faithfulness without the aid of a Resident Priest lest should they fail they find themselves in

the position of those who break a promise yet they would at once begin to endeavour to amend their ways & show that they really deserve a Priest to live amongst them. They were reminded of the presence of their leaders who are there to help them & if they obey these they will be led in the ^{prepared} right way. The heathen then were given an opportunity to make their statement especially in view of the fact that the Priest asked them would they be willing to commence Gui. Their spokesman stated that they greatly wished to attend Gui for Baptism but the weak conduct of the Christians is holding them back. This statement was used as an additional incentive to the Christians to amend their ways & so exact Christianity in the presence of their heathen neighbours. My one comment upon the situation at Ukiak is that given a chance by the appointment of a resident Priest (not a Layman) the Maisin people are capable of a great response. The straight-forward manner in which they made their statements is an indication of a sincere mind."

June 27 Oga Bakada meeting. T. told them that if there were challenges to the OB he would use his powers to back it any way he could. OB members said that the Christians in the community were making a real effort.

Simon WOKI & BEN BORE to go to Digwa in Aug. to Anniversary.

July 24 Ambrose reports that Bartholomew took Phyllis as 2nd wife & that Oswald(?) Bogege PT & Charles Isaro had signed on for work (1)

Aug. 21 Wangela - info on "SIMAG" a type of curse that a widow or widower at Wangela could lay against a fri gross baring. Stops the fire, makes the gun run odd directions, hunters lazy etc
- widows said they were Christians and didn't do this now - why not ask those Orjok Polus?

28 59 candidates baptised by Bishop at Waiwon (?) though some could be Ukiak which they visited 1st

1924-25

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Sept 5 Trs off to Mombasi for a spell.

27 Returned.

1925

Jan. 12th

"Thomas Sjado complained that on account of his living alone at Uiahu he was held to ridicule & tempted alternately by the village women. He could find no one to go line with him as a companion." Allowed to stay at Woniwela for time being.

27 "A boy from Lu-ai-yu & a girl from Banjiga come to announce their marriage in the presence of the Priest, thinking thereby to avoid the necessity of doing so in the villages where the subject was unpopular. In fact they admitted having left their villages during the absence of the girl's guardian her brother. Both being heathen they were told that their marriage was the concern of themselves & their people in the villages. & they must conform with the custom prevailing in the matter. Shortly after they left, the girl's brother came & asked my consent to his taking the girl back to his mother. He too was told that he & the parties concerned must settle the matter themselves as it is not the practice of the missionaries to interfere in the affairs of heathen people."

April 19 Uiahu contributes £ 2/17/2 to U.C.C.

Elenora living in adultery with Fakesi - he is away on labour and she is to move out immediately

Madelie Bika still with Orra & to be Ex.

Lorel Gomez & Lene Etouton to be separated, Banns published and then married in Church.

June 24 Elenora says she left Fakesi who he took Jessie (?) Surei as 4th wife - he had signed on & she left Madelie Uwe (Bika) publically Ex.

Dec. New church completed at Uiahu

Feb 1926.

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Feb. 11 - Wanigela (Thompson's away) - Mr Hall?

"All the villages very excited & distressed about a rumored influx of hundreds of white men to Samarai & a plan for the ultimate extinction of the New Guinea people, compulsory work at the oil fields for life being one of the means." People stayed at home all day discussing it.

- spoke to them about it and they calmed down.

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Note on prices at Missia store for Teachers and other Mission
Workers

Tobacco	3d	'per stick
Rice	1½	" lb.
Kerosene	5	" bottle
Meat or fish	9	" tin
Other	at invoice price	

July 10 Norah Darebo wife of Ernest Isaro taken by a crocodile while washing in river - of Yuayau

Aug 25 3 Ex (canned) at U.

1927

May 5 Ambrose Darra dies at 2pm (Thompson away)

Aug. Apparently a teacher named Ernest going down to Uialu regularly to kill in for Ambrose).

Sept. 19 Jennings visits Uialu

Sept. 31 two boys run away from Wanigela school to Uialu after punished by Jennings.

1928

April 1928 - Livingstone leaving Kewonsaras to start at Uialu
July 21 Max and Lillian acknowledged

1928

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Aug. 25 "Interview with Lionel of Uialu & Vivienne Parra. Vivienne stated definitely she has no ~~interest~~ wish to marry Lionel who has been pestering her for some time. Lionel warned to desist."

24 - Murder at Marica of Romney & young wife Helda investigated by Tuh Hides

Sept. 10 Note on the "SUM"

- small piece of cuscus tail tied with ire(?) with sticks indicating the no. of daws; hidden in a present
- somehow tied with war - the giver kills the receiver (I think - not at all clear)
- Poriri 'scares' through this period.

Sept. 2, 1982.

Dec. 21 Mariul Owen Yega & Sylvia Yafani

1929

Sept. 26 Bishop visits Uialu

Confirmation; Baptism of adults
restoration of 3 & communicates

Nov. new church at Uialu. Romney (?) pt? - coming up to get stores

Aidon also seems to visit Uialu a great deal - not clear about what he does.

Dec 4 Maisin dancing at Yuaya

1444 "While the Bishop was at Uialu some people of the village this side of the Mission Station asked if they might build inside the Mission area, as the sea has encroached to such an extent that their houses have to be moved. If they cannot do so they must move to Uwe as there is no other available land. The Bishop gave permission for this dom to build there - about six houses, taking in about 30 ft of the Mission area.

About New Year each year they are to give the Mission a bag of food as a nominal rent. The space is not for dancing, and if any member of the group becomes incommunicate he or she must leave that part.

Apparently to use the western side and from the north (now on the south). People involved:

Johnson Arima & Kali Tora (?)
 Guy Kumana (sic) (to marry Phyllis Raria)
 Marcus Tavule (?) & wife Lillian Raurua
 Ani (h) & Maris Rose
 Ororogo (h) & Itupo
 Andrew Riri - bro of Ani - single
 Christopher Maric (?) - single
 Remegius Riri (with Johnson) - single
 Benjamin Ihoni & Clarisa Iankure
 Mamaso (h) - widower
 Peter Vavasi - widower.

- counsils Moses & Edward present

- counsils remain the property of the mission.

Some Upiaku people objected because this cut down area for football & also that DADUMO had relatives nearby where they could build. Livingstone didn't pass on objection must to the annoyance of the people. Could be blocked by rest of village.

Dec. 12 - marriage of Frederick Uiake & Naomi blessed.

Dec 21 St. Thomas

Bishop restored Phyllis Raria to communion

Recognised Ahu marriage David Borcia & Rausa (?)

Excommunicated:

- (1) "Lazarus Susambe for polygamy living with two heathen women. Lazarus claims he had these women when he was baptised."
- (2) "Jessie Suresi. living as third wife with a heathen Fakesi. FAKES had a heathen wife and also another Christian Eleanora Tedekio."
- (3) "Arthur RODUA. living in polygamy. Arthur claims that he was married to his death wife Dabica when he was

baptised. He then threw her over and was married in the church to Catherine Kaire. and took Dabira again when she bore him a daughter. Strictly Arthur should not have been married to Catherine, his wife Dabira being alive but having taken her back again after marrying Catherine "he must love Catherine ~~and not D.~~ ^{only}". Also the marriage of Arthur and Catherine having been registered Catherine can marry no one else. Should she do so she would be liable for bigamy in the eyes of the Law. Arthur said he would send away Dabira (sic) only that the daughter would cry for her mother."

- (4) "Bartholomew GABADU living with GEGERA wife of Eric TAMA"
- (5) "Eric TAMA husband of GEGERA (marriage was acknowledged) living with a heathen woman BEGA."
- (6) "James SIMBORO husband of Florence living with a heathen Nuaki, as his second wife"

25 Big gathering of people including Maasin at Womigela for Christmas

29 Mr Jennings visits Uiahu and out stations.

1930

Jan 21 Livingstone brings up 7 mission boarders for Pagara - all communicants:

Cyril Fauwar, Hubert Ororogo, Taptet Aiyame, Egbert Goni, Henry Dagai, Eustace Kuvu, Anstern Sasara (Cone family)

"On Sunday there was a shocking crocodile episode at Uiahu. Margaret Ivoruba & another child were bathing. Margaret ducked, came up ~~and~~ & found the other girl gone, only bubbles. She gave the alarm, nets were spread. The crocodile dropped the child and went off. A man dived for the body, the crocodile turned on him, tore one thigh off & broke the other. While he was being rescued the brute took a big pig off the beach & got away. The man is dying. The child was buried yesterday."

27 Appears report exaggerated - only one calf badly bitten by crocodile

March 10 - SRM Gill visited & said people worst.

- May 15 - Livingstone's wife gives birth to twins
 July 2 - "Jeremiah & Evelyn of Uiahu bought a month old baby for bottle feeding. The mother has twin boys & was starving this one & was stopped from throwing it away altogether today."
 Nov. 3 Humphreys visits speaking about a plan to train Papuans to become own magistrates - asking for volunteers
 Claude Rari & Murray Foreman of Wang.
 4 Offered part of mission grounds as playing field.

1931

- Jan 1 Jeremiah (at Wang) hears news of his father being mauled by a crocodile at Uiahu
 May 4 Election of new Oga Rabada at U.
 July 19 Representing Uiahu at Anniversary at Pogwa Aug.
 Uiahu: Livingstone (Voruba Teacher
 Friedrich Bogera
 1 other
 Sinopa Benjamin Caroe Teacher
 Patrick
 Kewonsasap Rev. Aidan Umedo (44)
 Randolph Nam (?) Teacher + 2.
 Nov. 26 - Jan. 23, 1932 missing.

1932

- May 13 Gordon Car Oui & Frank Adone (?) Ex.
 Thompson away from station May 25 - June 7
 Incident took place on May 20 - will get pc of report
 "The proceedings were accompanied by acts practiced by followers of the Oroka cult. May it not be an ordumbration of the working out of God's will for his people in Papua by one of the divers methods of His choice."

Letter - something about a Mr Wells setting up some sort of business, being a box of stores in charge of a local bay. Thompson wanted him to do same at Wang. Pyrees.

Interview with Kitore:

- July 10 - again should check whether this is duplicated and get it copied 243-45 in Log Book.
 - Kitore gave interview at Wang. upon return from Nomin

1933

April - some business with Barney Noma - unclear.

July - influenza at Wangala

- 25 " Two Asissi Cult people arrived at Rainu from Uiahu 11.30. Livingside arrived 12 am. I went down to Rainu and packed the Cult people off to Uiahu in double quick time.
 - because of epidemic - Uiahu not affected
 - Frederick and Carson - pt. - had left their posts for the village giving no reason.

27. Fred under discipline 3 mo. "The reason for his recent action was the shame he felt because of improper words he had had spoken." Carson not to return until makes a confession.

- 30 Visits Ganj. - decides to cancel visits of C.B. villages to Dog Annin because of influenza - ~~though~~ little sign of it in South
 - much mail seems to pass through Uiahu?

Aug. Sunday 20 " Vivienne, Fred, Elizabeth, Mary, Iris, Nathaniel, Esau arrived with a canoe piled high with many bundles of wood and proceeded to unload it directly opposite the church and then transport it to their house. Mary Parra took one large-sized bundle to some friend or relation in Rainu! Fred explained that all the wood had been prepared and cut the previous day!!"

- 22 Frederick still not taking the school. - unable to contact him while at Uiahu.

30 Seaplane forced down at Singa

Sept. 18 Sir Walter Kingsmith & Mrs. Spiller came to W. to inspect the Sugar Co. Land.

Nov. 10 Wharf site at Singa being built for 'Tropicare' by Mr Chance (A.R.M. there)

- 28 - Letter from Sydney Chance complaining that some natives were wearing blue loin cloths with red ribbon edge, thus

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pretending to be police. T. promises to stop this in his area.

Dec. 22 Patronal Festival - 'delightful'
- 124 baptised (60 Sinaga, Uiahu 64). - many offerings made

1934

Ben Conae passes away March 14, 1934 after coming up to Waniwela with stomach cramps.

- no school or work on the station that day to honour Ben.

21st - Michael Kirai to go to Sinaga temporarily

- Fredrich offers to take up his work again.

May 21st Dedicated new school at Uiahu

- married Gerald Bernari & Beatrice Saunia

June - caterpillars destroying taro - wrote to Agric. Advice

Aug. 2 - Fredrich summoned to court at Tufi "on some undefined charge at the instance of Mr. Wells."

Let from Healy 6/8/34

"Rev. Sir,

In reference to your letter dated the 2nd of August I have to advise that Fredrich has this day been convicted and sentenced to 2 months T.H.L. for Disrespectful Behaviour towards a European (Sec. 91 b of the N.P.O.)."

Letter from Wells, 6/8

"I am sorry I had to make an example of Fredrich (sic), but the boy did everything he possibly could to create a fight & even then, had he said the woman was his wife, when I asked him what right he had with the woman's request, re: the knives, I would have known he was your boy & would either have written, or waited & seen you at 'Waniwela' to see if you could get at the bottom of his behaviour, but, no, he just wanted to fight & called me a liar & carried on & on, trying hard to get me to commit a breach of the peace, & then - of course, here ... before the court as the aggressor."

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Thompson to Wells: "... you can scarcely seriously expect me to believe that you did not know the boy was one of our

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house staff and I must say that I regard your action taken in our absence and without reference to me as distinctly unfriendly. I feel it is only fair to let you know that I think it better, whilst the feeling of indignation remains, that we refrain from offering your hospitality on your visits to Wangela.

Aug. 8 reports much local dissatisfaction with the decision
Sept. 25 large coc. killed at W. 14' long, 6' 10" ~~wide~~ & girth!
(Frederick Wainan was at Tufi - not Bogara).

Dec. 3rd Visit of Bishop to U; £5/10/7 + £1/15/-
contributed.

1935 (Log quite washed out here) → July 1935

Now Taylor in charge. Log 1935-1945 ALC 563 6A9.

Aug. 22 - Children moving Uiahu station
- new large church being built
- more land being cleared for station.

1936

New Timetable of Wang:

5.30 Rising Bell, 6 - church, 6.30 work 8. breakfast
8.30 school bell 8.45 Matins & Gai - school kids
9.15 school 11 recess 11.30 school 1 school ends
1-2 (or 43) school children work 4 Station work
5 Evensong (hard to read his writing)

March 13 (Fri!) - Poison said to be prevalent at present
time and a deal deal of 'medicine' and 'charms'
handed over at Uiahu and Siripa. Many destroyed
- most potent taken to Wang. to show to the R.N.
U Uia said to have been killed by sorcery.

Sat. July 26, 1937

- big church dedicated at Uiahu by the Bishop
132' x 41' with 250 communicants.
- donations of £6-0-0