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REVIEWS

Middleton, A. *Kerikeri Mission and Kororipo Pā - an entwined history.* **Otago University Press, 2013. \$29.95 (paperback). 76 pp. ISBN:978-1-877578-34-2.**

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Angela Middleton's new book *Kerikeri Mission and Kororipo Pā An entwined history* is well written and perfectly targeted for a general audience with an interest in learning more about the Kerikeri Mission and Kororipo Pā from the period 1819 to 1845. There is just the right balance between fact, detail and beautifully illustrated pictures to cover the cohesive history of Māori and Pakeha, mission and pā within this nationally significant heritage site. The book details the history and whakapapa of the pā and kainga prior to European arrival and describes how the place developed through time to become the stronghold of the chief Hongi Hika, when he invited Samuel Marsden and his missionaries to set up on his land under his patronage. The book also discusses the missionaries, with snippets such as the "Rules for the Settlement" – detailing each person's weekly provisions compared with Hannah Butler's workload of cooking for the mission population, as well as general life at the mission station. The book concludes with the Kemps' ownership of the mission station in the 1840s, when the mission had fallen into decline and Māori shifted their focus elsewhere.

The success of the book lies in the way it details the evolving relationship between the missionaries and Māori; a relationship that helped form a substantial part of our heritage. The book identifies all of the significant figures during this time - Hongi, Tareha and Rewa, Butler, Clarke and Kemp. It also provides a voice to women and children who are at times overlooked in such research. One small criticism would be that the book does not contain any footnoting for those tantalizing bits of information that one would like to explore further. However, as Middleton declared at the book launch, "this is just a taster before the main course" - a larger publication on the Bay of Islands is currently being completed. Middleton compiles a lot of historical and archaeological information that has only existed in the grey literature into one place, whilst also providing new information and details – it is a highly recommended book.