

Genealogical Sources Guide

Internet Sources



Nau Mai Haere Mai ki Te Uare Taoka o Hākena:

Welcome to the Hocken Collections

He mihi nui tēnei ki a koutou

kā uri o kā hau e whā arā, kā mātāwaka o te motu, o te ao whānui hoki.

Nau mai, haere mai ki te taumata.

As you arrive

We seek to preserve all the taoka we hold for future generations. So that all taoka are properly protected, we ask that you:

- place your bags (including computer bags and sleeves) in the lockers provided
- leave all food and drink including water bottles in the lockers (we have a researcher lounge off the foyer which everyone is welcome to use)
- bring any materials you need for research and some ID in with you
- sign the Readers' Register each day
- enquire at the reference desk first if you wish to take digital photographs

Beginning your research

Most of the commonly used genealogical sources available at the Hocken Collections can be found in the Ready Reference section of the main reference area on the ground floor. Please ask staff if you need help locating any of these.

We hold numerous other sources—both published and unpublished—and you can search for material on our Online Public Access Catalogues:

- for books, theses, journals, magazines, newspapers, maps, and audiovisual material, use Library Search|Ketu. The advanced search - <https://tinyurl.com/mtske2x9> gives you several search options, and you can refine your results to the Hocken Library on the left side of the screen.

The Library Search Guide <https://otago.libguides.com/ketuhelp> contains helpful tips and assistance for using Library Search|Ketu;

- for pictures, photographs and archives and manuscripts, use Hākena - <https://hakena.otago.ac.nz>. Listing of the ephemera collection has just begun on Hākena; please talk to desk staff if you have any questions about this collection.

The Hākena Search Help Guide <https://otago.libguides.com/hakena> contains helpful tips and assistance for using Hākena;

- some of the photographs from the Pictorial Collections are available for viewing online via Hocken Snapshot at <https://hocken.recollect.co.nz/>. Some other photographs and artworks can be viewed at <http://otago.ourheritage.ac.nz/>.

This list may provide some useful starting points for genealogists interested in pursuing family connections via the Internet. Please note that the accuracy of these sources is by no means guaranteed.

General

FamilySearch

This site provides access to a large range of worldwide indexed and digitised resources, and for New Zealand there is access to Archives New Zealand Probate Records 1843-1998 and Archives New Zealand Passenger Lists 1839-1973 - <https://www.familysearch.org/en/>.

Ancestry

This site provides access to a huge number of worldwide family history resources including New Zealand electoral rolls, directories, and birth, marriage, and death indexes <https://www.ancestry.com.au/> (This is available on any of the public computers in the library. University of Otago/Otago Polytechnic staff and students can also access this database offsite with their account details).

New Zealand

General

Papers Past

National Library of New Zealand digital collection of selected New Zealand newspapers and periodicals, some police gazettes, plus digitised reports from selected volumes of the *Appendix to the Journals of the House of Representatives* - <https://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/>.

Archives New Zealand Collections Search

Online catalogue of Archives New Zealand - <https://collections.archives.govt.nz/web/arena#/>.

You can locate records, and some are also viewable online eg., *Otago Police Gazette*, Dunedin Industrial School records, individual World War One service files. See their useful research guides at <https://bit.ly/3c1P5j0>.

Te Ara

This website contains over 3,000 biographies of New Zealanders who have 'made their mark' on this country. It does not include people who are alive -

<https://www.teara.govt.nz/en/biographies>.

New Zealand History online – genealogy links

<https://nzhistory.govt.nz/hands/links-genealogy/genealogy-links>.

New Zealand Society of Genealogists

<https://www.genealogy.org.nz/>.

Poles Down South

Website of the Polish Heritage Trust of Otago and Southland Charitable Trust –

<https://polesdownsouth.org.nz/>.

Christchurch City Libraries. Cemeteries and Cemetery Records

Contains links to online New Zealand cemetery databases -

<https://my.christchurchcitylibraries.com/cemetery-databases/>.

Stuff Death Notices and Celebrations

Recent New Zealand death notices and engagement, birth and anniversary notices can be viewed on this site <https://deaths.stuff.co.nz/obituaries/stuff-nz/>. You can also search for references to older notices and then view the relevant newspaper in the library.

Births, Deaths and Marriages Historical Records

<https://www.bdmhistoricalrecords.dia.govt.nz/Home/>.

A Memory Tree

This site allows you to search for death notices in New Zealand newspapers from December 2006 onwards. It provides the age of an individual and date of their death as well as the newspaper and date a death notice was published - <https://www.amemorytree.co.nz/>.

Wellington City Archives

The collection includes Union Steam Ship Records from 1875-1990s (these complement the records held by the Hocken Collections, 1873 – 1964) - <https://archivesonline.wcc.govt.nz/>.

Auckland City Libraries

Family history databases online, including passenger arrivals, ships, street names, cemeteries and an early census - <https://goo.gl/4EQoh4>.

Land Information New Zealand

Contains details on how to request a copy of a land record -

<https://www.linz.govt.nz/products-services/land-records>.

Canterbury Police Gazette

A digital collection of the 1869-1871 volumes -

<https://christchurchcitylibraries.com/Heritage/Digitised/PoliceGazette/>.

Directory of Community Archives

Use this directory to find websites and contact information for organisations and institutions across New Zealand who hold archival information about local communities -

<https://bit.ly/2YuT0Bh>.

New Zealand Electronic Text Centre

A free online archive of New Zealand and Pacific Islands texts and heritage materials, offering an ever expanding, fully searchable, set of images and full-text books, manuscripts

and journals. Includes all volumes of the *Cyclopedia of New Zealand* -

<http://nzetc.victoria.ac.nz/>.

Images

Hocken Snapshot

Access and order some of the photographs from the University of Otago's Hocken Collections

- <https://hocken.recollect.co.nz/>.

Digital Collections University of Otago Library

Access digital images from the University of Otago's Hocken Collections, Medical Library and

Special Collections - <https://otago.ourheritage.ac.nz/>.

National Library Image Search

Includes selected New Zealand and Pacific images from the collections of the Alexander

Turnbull Library, the research library within the National Library of New Zealand -

<https://natlib.govt.nz/photos>. The National Library has made a number of images free to download and use at https://www.flickr.com/photos/nationallibrarynz_commons/albums .

DigitalNZ

Access digital images from a range of New Zealand institutions including the Alexander

Turnbull Library, Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki, Auckland City Libraries,

Christchurch City Libraries, and Otago Museum. A collaborative project of the National

Digital Forum - <https://digitalnz.org/>.

Dunedin City Council Archives Flickr

Access photographs from the Dunedin City Council Archives -

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/dccarchives/albums>.

Archives New Zealand Flickr

Access photographs from Archives New Zealand -

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/archivesnz/albums>.

Whakamīharo Lindauer Online

Auckland Art Gallery's *Whakamīharo Lindauer Online* is a website dedicated to Gottfried

Lindauer's celebrated portraits of 19th century Māori leaders –

<http://www.lindaueronline.co.nz/>.

Maori

Te Runanga o Ngāi Tahu

This provides access points for information for Ngāi Tahu -

<https://www.ngaitahu.iwi.nz>.

Ara Ipurangi mo te Iwi Maori

A collection of sources and information relating to Maori -

<https://my.christchurchcitylibraries.com/te-ao-maori/>.

IWIDEX

An index to sources of information on tribal history, tikanga-a-iwi, and whakapapa held in the Heritage and Research Collections of Auckland City Libraries -

<https://kura.aucklandlibraries.govt.nz/digital/collection/iwidex>.

Te Kooti Whenua Maori. Maori Land Court

This is the New Zealand court that hears matters relating to Maori land. Maori Land Court Judgments, mainly from the Maori Appellate Court, are now available through this website. These include Maori Appellate Court decisions and some Lower Court reserved decisions, previously published in Tai Whati, dating from 1958 to 1985. Maori Appellate Court decisions from 1986 are also available – <https://www.maorilandcourt.govt.nz/>.

Waitangi Tribunal

The Waitangi Tribunal was established in 1975 by the Treaty of Waitangi Act 1975. The Tribunal is a permanent commission of inquiry charged with making recommendations on claims brought by Māori relating to actions or omissions of the Crown, which breach the promises made in the Treaty of Waitangi - <https://www.waitangitribunal.govt.nz/>.

Niupepa: Māori newspapers

A collection of historic newspapers published primarily for a Māori audience between 1842 and 1932 that is available in both Māori and English. The newspapers can be searched (full text), browsed (by series) or accessed by date - <https://goo.gl/P9rxu8>.

Immigration

New Zealand Bound

Dedicated to identifying genealogical resources to assist in locating which New Zealand bound ship an immigrant ancestor was aboard. Provides passenger lists and a list of the main ports - <http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~nzbound/> .

Passenger Arrivals at Port Chalmers March 1848 - January 1851

<http://www.ngaiopress.com/drhocken.htm> .

Passenger Lists for - Otago - Port Chalmers - Dunedin. c.1860s - 1880s

<http://www.angelfire.com/az/nzgenweb/otherOtago.html> .

Emigration to Canterbury: Shipping Lists 1856-1874

Passenger lists for ships to Canterbury which carried assisted immigrants. This immigration was organised by the Canterbury Provincial Government from 1856-1870, and the Central Government from 1870-1874. Please note that this is not a complete collection of embarkation lists for Canterbury -

<http://christchurchcitylibraries.com/Heritage/Digitised/Emigration/EmbarkationLists/>.

New Zealand Yesteryears

Passenger lists for a number of ships that arrived in New Zealand as well as transcripts of shipboard diaries and some photographs of ships - <http://www.yesteryears.co.nz/>.

Dunedin

Dunedin City Cemeteries Database

This database has been provided for those wishing to find information on anyone buried at any Dunedin City cemetery -

<https://www.dunedin.govt.nz/services/cemeteries/cemeteries-search>

Northern Cemetery, Dunedin, Otago

The Northern cemetery remembers many of Dunedin's and New Zealand's early settlers and founding residents - <http://www.northerncemetery.org.nz/>.

Otago Nominal Index to 1876

An index to names from electoral rolls, street directories, *Mackay's Otago Almanac* and the *Otago Police Gazette* for Otago and Southland - <https://www.otago.ac.nz/library/hocken/oni>.

Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand Archives Research Centre

Contains indexes to New Zealand Presbyterian marriages 1848-1930 and baptisms 1848-1920 - <https://www.presbyterian.org.nz/archives/>.

First Church of Otago

Database of marriages rolls 1848-1920, communicant rolls 1848-70 and baptism rolls 1848-1904 - <https://www.archives.presbyterian.org.nz/firstchurch/firstchurchdatabase.html>.

Dunedin Public Libraries

A guide to the genealogical sources held at the Dunedin Public Libraries - <https://www.dunedinlibraries.govt.nz/heritage/genealogy>. Access the Southern Regional News Index, the Dunedin City Libraries' online index to articles from local newspapers that includes recent articles back to 1993, and items from the 1850s, 1930s and 1940s -

https://ent.kotui.org.nz/client/en_AU/srni.

Access photographs and stories via Scattered Seeds, the library's growing online archive -

<https://dunedin.recollect.co.nz/>.

Dunedin City Council Archives

Contains a guide to family history sources - <https://www.dunedin.govt.nz/services/council-archives>.

Toitū Otago Settlers Museum

<http://www.toituosm.com/learn/research>.

Caversham Project

The Caversham Project is an interdisciplinary research project of the University of Otago studying the southern suburbs of Dunedin between 1893 and 1940. It includes several databases - <https://caversham.otago.ac.nz/dbaccess/index.php>.

Military

Auckland Museum Cenotaph Database

Primarily a roll of honour of those who died as a result of war service, but also includes some personnel who have died since. In addition to personal detail about the life and military career of each person, there are also images and links to other related online resources - <https://www.aucklandmuseum.com/war-memorial/online-cenotaph>.

New Zealand Defence Force Archives

Contains information about how to apply for military service records from NZDF Archives, what to expect from the files and where to go for further information - <https://www.nzdf.mil.nz/nzdf/medal-and-service-records/service-records/>.

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission

This Register provides personal and service details and places of commemoration for the 1.7 million members of the Commonwealth forces who died in the First or Second World Wars. The database makes it possible to identify the exact location, by cemetery plot or memorial panel, where any given name is commemorated - <https://www.cwgc.org/>.

South African War

Contains the names, contingents, companies' registration numbers, ranks, embarkation details, addresses, next of kin and occupations of every New Zealand soldier who joined the New Zealand contingents that sailed to the South African War. Excludes New Zealand soldiers enlisted with British, Australian or South African forces - <https://nzhistory.govt.nz/war/new-zealand-in-the-south-african-boer-war/database>.

Members of the (First) Australian Imperial Force 1914-1918 born in New Zealand

A database that draws on a wide range of sources to provide details on the 330,000 men and women who served overseas in the (First) Australian Imperial Force, 1914-1918 and includes details of the New Zealand born members - <https://aif.adfa.edu.au/aif/>.

Discovering Anzacs

Explore a growing selection of government records about Australians and New Zealanders in World War I and the Boer War - <https://discoveringanzacs.naa.gov.au/>.

Australian Sites

Websites for Genealogists. An Australian Gateway Site for tracing your family history
Contains links to Australian registries with details of their charges and the availability of
online indexes - <http://www.coraweb.com.au/>.

Society of Australian Genealogists

Contain a number of useful research guides - <https://www.sag.org.au/>.

National Library of Australia

Access to Australian digitised newspapers (from 1803), as well as photographs, archives and
more - <https://trove.nla.gov.au/>.

National Archives of Australia

<https://www.naa.gov.au/explore-collection/search-people/researching-your-family>

State Records Office New South Wales

Indexes include immigrants, convicts, land - <https://goo.gl/dVs746>.

Public record office, Victoria

Online indexes and digitised records, including passenger lists -

<https://prov.vic.gov.au/explore-collection/online-collections> .

LINC Tasmania

Contains a number of online indexes, including departures 1817-1867 -

<https://www.linc.tas.gov.au/archive-heritage/guides-records/Pages/Indexes.aspx>.

State Library of South Australia

<https://www.slsa.sa.gov.au/collections/family-history>.

State Records Office of Western Australia

<https://www.wa.gov.au/organisation/state-records-office-of-western-australia/research-using-state-archives>.

State Library of Queensland

Contains several online indexes including the Convict transportation registers database 1787-
1867 - <https://www.slq.qld.gov.au/research-collections/family-history>.

Australian Government Department of Veterans' Affairs Nominal Rolls

Access nominal rolls that list members of Australia's defence forces who served during

World War Two, Korean War, Vietnam War and First Gulf War. –

<https://nominal-rolls.dva.gov.au/>.

State Library of Victoria

<https://www.slv.vic.gov.au/search-discover/family-history>. This site also contains an online
archive of historic government gazettes provides access to over 160 years of official
information published in and about Victoria - <http://gazette.slv.vic.gov.au/>.

United Kingdom

Public Record Office Online Records

Allows online access to the PRO's collection of digitised public records –

<https://goo.gl/Z7vNUI>.

Scotlands People

The official government source of genealogical data for Scotland, over 37 million index entries (a) to the registers of births/baptisms for the years 1553 to 1902, and deaths/burials 1856 to 1952, and marriages 1553 to 1927 and (b) to the census of Scotland for the years 1881, 1891 and 1901. It also contains digital images of the statutory registers of births, marriages and deaths and of the 1891 and 1901 census records. -

<https://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk/>.

GENUKI UK and Ireland Genealogy

Provides links to a wide range of resources for United Kingdom genealogical research -

<https://www.genuki.org.uk/big/>.

Passenger Lists Leaving UK 1890-1960

An index to UK outbound passenger lists 1890-1960 - <https://goo.gl/zdExLT>.

Federation of Family History Societies

<https://www.familyhistoryfederation.com/>

Society of Genealogists

<http://www.sog.org.uk/>

The Scottish Association of Family History Societies

<https://www.safhs.org.uk/>

Irish Genealogy

Access to online Church and civil records - <https://www.irishgenealogy.ie/en/>.

Find my Past

Access to a number of UK family history records - <https://www.findmypast.co.uk/>.

Welsh Newspapers Online

Welsh Newspapers Online Beta is a free online resource from the National Library of Wales and lets you search and access over 420,000 pages from 40 newspaper publications generally up to 1910 - <https://newspapers.library.wales/>.

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Other guides in this series include:

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Printed guides are freely available in the Hocken or can be downloaded online at <https://www.otago.ac.nz/library/hocken/otago038951.html>



Portrait of Dr Hocken, Library, [Atahapara] 1893.

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