

# Whakapapa Research at the Hocken Collections



Hocken Collections/Te Uare Taoka o Hākena,  
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## 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

### What resources does the Hocken have?

The Hocken Collections includes both published and unpublished sources, and encompasses printed, written, electronic and art works. It holds materials relating to the history and cultures of this country, the Pacific and Antarctica, with a special emphasis on southern New Zealand. Please note that this means that we may not have much information about your northern whānau.

See also our Genealogical Sources guides at <https://www.otago.ac.nz/library/hocken/guides-to-the-hocken-collections>

### Beginning your research

As we are a research collection most of our resources are housed in closed stacks and are not available for browsing. Staff at the Reference Desk will retrieve items you request from the stacks and bring them to you to use in our Reading Room. Staff can show you how to locate and order material through the catalogues and can advise on resources.

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We hold numerous other sources—both published and unpublished—and you can search for material on our Online Public Access Catalogues: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 art, photographs, and archives, 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;
- Digitised images of many collection items are available via Hocken Digital Collections at <https://hocken.recollect.co.nz/>. There are also digitised images of Hocken and University of Otago Special Collections material that can be viewed via <https://otago.ourheritage.ac.nz/>.
- There is an online guide to the Hocken Collections for researchers at <https://otago.libguides.com/hocken>. It includes tips on referencing Hocken sources.

Find information about your:

**WHĀNAU**

**IWI & HAPŪ**

**TAKIWĀ/ROHE**

in

Publications collection  
(published material)

Archives collection  
(unpublished material)

Art & Photography  
collection

Includes:

- Books
- Journals, magazines  
& newspapers
- Audiovisual  
material
- Microfiche &  
Microfilm
- Maps

Includes:

- Letters
- Manuscripts
- Personal Journals
- Company &  
Organisational Records
- Private Papers
- Photographs

Includes:

- Photographs
- Paintings
- Prints
- Drawings & Sketches

Find information in these collections by using:

- Library Search | Ketu
- Indexes and  
Databases
- Bibliographies
- Consult with  
Reference Staff

- Hākena
- Consult with Archives  
Staff

- Hākena
- Hocken Recollect
- Consult with Art &  
Photography Staff

Bearing in mind that the greatest resource for finding out about your whakapapa is whānau, the Hocken Collections has many items that may provide information about your whānau, hapū, iwi, or takiwā/rohe. You might want to start by looking at:

Anne Bromell (1996). *Tracing Family History in New Zealand* 'Māori Genealogy or Whakapapa' pp.60-75. Auckland, N.Z.: Godwit. [reference collection]

Brenda Joyce, Bruce Mathers, Owen Ormsby, New Zealand Society of Genealogists. Māori Interest Group (2008). *Whakapapa: an introduction to researching Māori and Pākehā Māori families, their history, heritage, and culture*. Wellington, N.Z.: Māori Interest Group, NZSG Inc.

Te Ahukaramū Charles Royal (c1992). *Te haurapa: an introduction to researching tribal histories and traditions*. Wellington, N.Z.: Bridget Williams Books and Historical Branch, Dept. of Internal Affairs. [reference collection]

The following whakapapa research guides are also well worth consulting:

- Introduction to searching Māori genealogy, University of Auckland Library - <https://goo.gl/LutYbu>
- Whakapapa research, Christchurch City Libraries - <https://my.christchurchcitylibraries.com/whakapapa-guide/>
- Nga rangahau mō te kimi whakapapa: a guide to researching whakapapa, Te Rōpū Ratonga Māori, Auckland City Libraries - <https://goo.gl/dcu6C7>

## Starting your research

Bring as much information as possible with you, such as **full names, dates, places of birth, marriage, or burial** and so on. This will help you narrow down what resources to look at and will help our staff if you need assistance.

### Whānau

#### Publications

You can search Library Search|Ketu to see if any books have been written about or by a member of your whānau or look in the indexes of books about your iwi or hapū, or the area you are from, to see if your whānau is mentioned. The relevant whānau name may be your whaea's maiden name if she changed her last name to reflect her marriage relationship. You can also search by subject headings, for example:

- Māori (New Zealand People) — Biography
- Māori (New Zealand People) — Genealogy
- (sometimes the earlier spelling Maori is used)

Some general and biographical sources that may be useful are:

*Appendices to the House of Representatives* G-16 1886. Census of the Middle Island Natives made by Mr. Commissioner Mantell in 1848 and 1853. [see reference collection or <https://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/parliamentary/AJHR1886-I.2.3.2.19>].

H. J. Fletcher (1892-1910). *An index of Māori names*

<https://www.waikato.ac.nz/library/resources/library-publications/index-of-maori-names>

This index is from an unpublished manuscript compiled about 1925 by the missionary Rev. Henry James Fletcher (1868-1933). In its original form it was 987 pages long, a vast index of Māori names referred to in books and journals, including the names of boundaries, Māori individuals, canoes, trees, landmarks, and geographical locations.

Ngaitahu Māori Trust Board (1967). *Ngaitahu Kaumatua alive in 1848 as established by the Māori Land Court in 1925 and the Ngaitahu Census Committee in 1929 (the Blue Book)*.

Wellington: Printed by Wright & Carman, reprint 1<sup>st</sup> January 2002. <https://goo.gl/AjPINd>

Sir Apirana Turupa Ngata (2004-2007). *Ngā moteatea: he maramara rere nō ngā waka maha*. Auckland, N.Z.: Auckland University Press. Includes genealogical tables.

*Ngā Tāngata Taumata Rau / Dictionary of New Zealand biography series, 1769 – 1960.*

[reference collection]. This is also available online

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

*Te reo: newsletter: official publication of the Maori Interest Group*. (2001-). New Zealand Society of Genealogists. Māori Interest Group. Wellington, N.Z.: The Group. (Some issues are available via the National Digital Heritage Archive and can be viewed via links to the journal on Library Search|Ketu)

Miria Simpson (1984). *Index, Haere ki o koutou tipuna, He poroporoaki: obituaries 1952 to 1983* [Hamilton, N.Z.]: University of Waikato, Centre for Māori Studies and Research.

*Transactions of the Royal Society of New Zealand* (1868-1961)

<https://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/periodicals/all>

The Hocken also holds many newspapers and journals that may be relevant to your research, search Library Search|Ketu to see what we hold or check Papers Past for online versions <https://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/>. Copies of Māori language newspapers 1842-1932 are held in the microfiche & microfilm collections. These are also available online at <https://goo.gl/Dyayo7>.

Index New Zealand is an online database <https://natlib.govt.nz/collections/a-z/index-new-zealand-innz> that indexes articles published in New Zealand journals and some newspapers.

You can use this to locate articles on tūpuna or whānau. The printed version, *Index to New Zealand periodicals 1941/46-1986* [reference collection], covers earlier dates.

The website Pātaka Whenua (formerly Māori Land Online) has access to a wealth of documents and land block information that can show a land block's historical and contemporary holdings related to your whānau. If your tūpuna held land collectively throughout the 19<sup>th</sup> Century and belonged to a recognised hapū or iwi, then Pātaka Whenua may list your whānau land holdings, often with the current shareholder's name.

<https://www.maorilandcourt.govt.nz/en/contact-us/pātaka-whenua-our-online-portal/>

## Archives

Search Hākena, the art and photographs, ephemera, and archives catalogue, to see if there is any material in our archives collection that mentions your whānau, especially if they are from the Otago/Southland area. This catalogue is available online at <https://hakena.otago.ac.nz>.

## Official Records - Births, Deaths, and Marriages

*Birth, Death and Marriage Historical Records* - search online at

<https://www.bdmhistoricalrecords.dia.govt.nz/search/> for births that occurred at least 100 years ago; stillbirths if registered at least 50 years ago; marriages and eventually civil unions that occurred 80 years ago; and deaths that occurred at least 50 years ago or the deceased's date of birth was at least 80 years ago. You need to apply to Births, Deaths, and Marriages for the full details – just click on “Order product”. Please note that the registration of Māori marriages was not compulsory until 1911, and that the registration of Māori births and deaths was not compulsory until 1913.

*Registrar-General's index of births, deaths, and marriages 1840-1990* [microfiche - reference collection]. The Māori births and deaths index from 1913-1960 and Māori marriages index from 1911-1951 are available on microfiche in the ready reference area. Please note that after these dates Māori births, deaths and marriages are included in the general indexes.

*New Zealand Burial Locator Version 2* [on any of the public computers in the library]. This allows you to look for burial records by name and provides the location of that burial or death.

New Zealand Society of Genealogists Inc. *New Zealand cemetery records: a list of holdings*. [microfiche - reference collection].

D. Harold (2000). *Māori prisoners of war in Dunedin 1869-1872: deaths and burials and survivors*. Dunedin [N.Z.]: Hexagon.

#### Official Records - Electoral rolls

New Zealand Electoral rolls 1853-2010 and the separate publications Māori Electoral Rolls 1919 and NZ Māori Voters Roll 1908 are available via the database Ancestry. 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). The rolls are also available on microfiche in the ready reference area. General electoral rolls from 1982 onwards are available as print copies in the ready reference area.

#### School Records

Search both online catalogues to see if there is any information about the schools your whānau attended. The Hocken holds Access Progress and Withdrawal Registers for many schools in the Otago area, which give useful information about pupils and their whānau. There is also some information held about Native Schools. Check our *Education Guide* <https://www.otago.ac.nz/library/hocken/otago038951.html> or ask staff to help you.

**NB.** Personal information can also be found in many of the resources listed under *Iwi/Hapū* and *Takiwā*.

## Iwi and Hapū

#### Publications

Check Library Search|Ketu for books on tribal histories. If you cannot find any books on your hapū, try the main iwi name, and look in the index of any books found to see if there are entries on your hapū.

Holdings include:

A. H. Carrington (Arthur Hugh); Te Maire Tau; Atholl Anderson; Te Ruānanga o Ngāi Tahu. (2008). *Ngāi Tahu: a migration history: the Carrington text*. Wellington N.Z.: Bridget Williams Books; Christchurch N.Z.: Te Ruānanga o Ngāi Tahu.

Rongowhakaata (R.W.) Halbert; prepared for publication by Te Nonoikura Haronga, Peter Gordon and the Rongo Halbert whānau (2012). *Horouta: the history of the Horouta canoe, Gisborne and East Coast*. Auckland, N.Z.: Libro International.

Pei Te Hurinui Jones; Bruce Biggs; New Zealand. Tainui Māori Trust Board (2004). *Nga iwi o Tainui: nga koorero tuku iho a nga tuupuna = The traditional history of the Tainui people*. Auckland N.Z.: Auckland University Press.

J.H. Mitchell (Tiapki Hikawera Mitira) (2014). *Takitimu: a history of Ngati Kahungunu*. Oratia, Auckland, New Zealand: Libro International.



D. M. Stafford (Donald Murray) and Paul Tapsell (2016). *Te Arawa: a history of the Arawa people*. Auckland: Oratia Books.

J. A. W. Steedman (John Aramete Wairehu) (1995) *Pukenga: the Lament of Pukenga*. Tauranga: J. A. W. Steedman. (Of Ngāti Pūkenga)

## Official Records

Waitangi Tribunal reports include a lot of tribal history information. These are also available online - <https://www.waitangitribunal.govt.nz/> .

**NB.** A lot of tribal information can also be found in the resources listed under *Takiwā*.

## Marae

If you know the name of your iwi or hapū, you can contact them for information. The book

*TAKOA: te aka kumara o Aotearoa; directory of Māori organisations and resource people in Aotearoa*. Auckland, N.Z.: Tuhi2 Communications.

lists many marae and iwi organisations and provides their contact details. It is updated annually.

## Takiwā / Rohe

### Official Records

*The Māori Land Court Minute Books* (1865-1910) [microfilm - reference collection]. There are indexes for the years 1865-1900, 1900-1962, 1962-1975, plus an online index for the years 1865-1910 <https://collections.library.auckland.ac.nz/mlcmbi/> (or <https://goo.gl/rT5nb8>). Separate volumes of the 1900-1962 index relate to each Māori Land Court district. These are organised by date, place of sitting, name of minute book and judge. See the Archives New Zealand Info Sheet for more information - <https://bit.ly/3fidKlz>.

*Waitangi Tribunal reports* (see *Iwi & Hapu*).

The *New Zealand Gazette* [database] is a weekly publication of official government notices and proclamations including notices of Māori Land Court sittings, lists of lands for sale and selection etc. This is available as an electronic database (on the public computers in the library) which covers the years 1841—2002 and as printed volumes. Gazettes for the period 1845-1846, 1913-1992 are also available online at [http://www.nzlii.org/nz/other/nz\\_gazette/](http://www.nzlii.org/nz/other/nz_gazette/).

*Appendices to the Journals of the House of Representatives* (AJHR) [reference collection] comprise a selection of all the documents that have been tabled in parliament since 1858. Includes letters and petitions from individuals and iwi. Some early AJHRs are available at <https://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/parliamentary>.

Morgan, Evan & Jane Falloon (compilers) (1993). *Material by Maori from the Appendices to the Journals of the House of Representatives, 1860- 1869*. Wellington [N.Z.]: Waitangi Tribunal Division, Dept. of Justice. Includes an annual index of people, places, and iwi.

*Maori land claims in the Appendices to the Journals of the House of Representatives and the Legislative Council, 1855- 1985* [microfiche - reference collection]. This is a chronological listing of petitions from Māori regarding land. Also available via Ancestry for 1858-1980.

*Turton's land deeds of the North Island - An Epitome of official documents relative to native affairs and land purchases in the North Island of New Zealand*. N.Z. Government, 1877-1883 [microfiche - reference collection or <https://goo.gl/DorzL1> and <https://tinyurl.com/2srjxxsb>].

*A compendium of official documents relative to native affairs in the South Island*. (Mackay's Compendium) Govt. Printer, 1873. Land transactions information [microfiche - reference collection or <https://tinyurl.com/4jbp8vxxk> and <https://tinyurl.com/ze27tyvd>].

If you have *any* questions, please ask one of the staff: we are happy to help.

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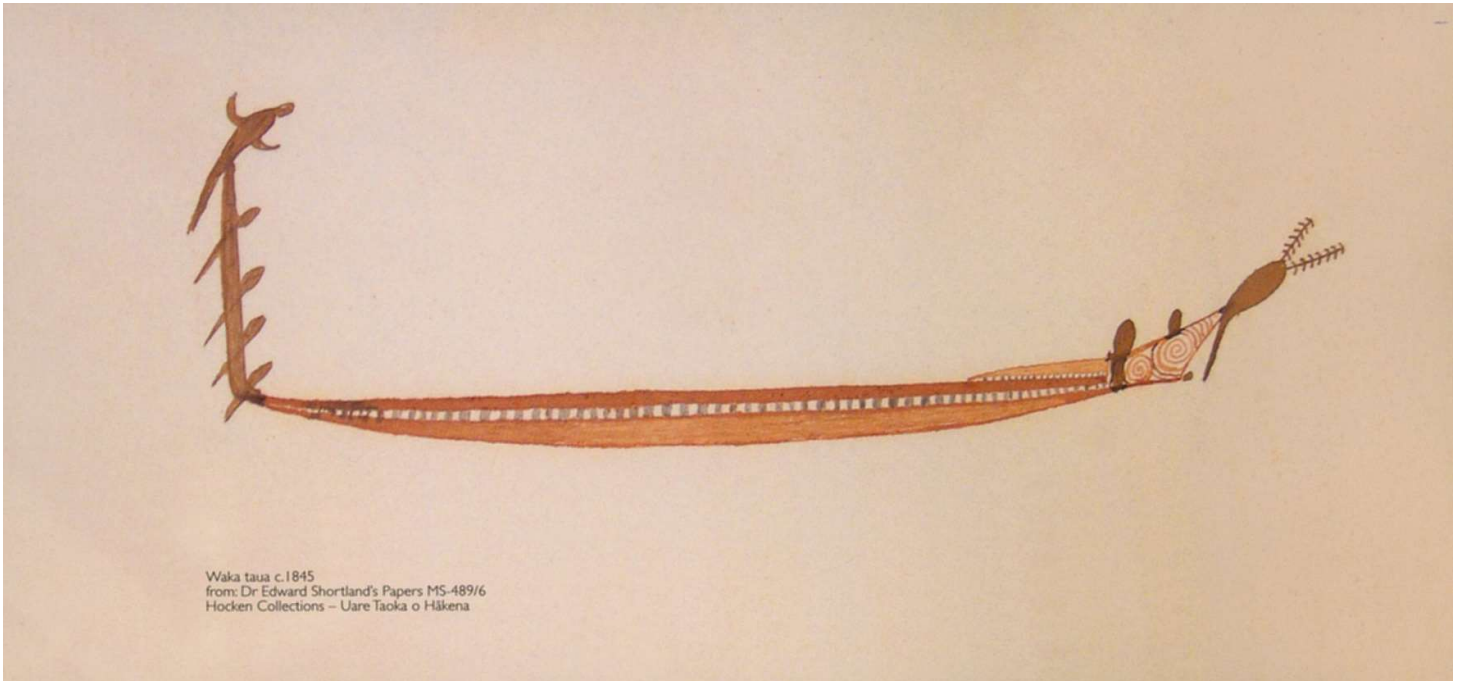
## Other guides in this series include:

Kā Taoka Māori: he timataka

Kāi Tahu sources at the Hocken Collections

Printed guides are freely available in the Hocken or can be downloaded online at

<https://www.otago.ac.nz/library/hocken/otago038951.html>



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