Reference Guide

New Zealand Wars Sources at the Hocken Collections

Part 1 – 1840s


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Nau mai, haere mai ki te taumata.

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- sign the Readers’ Register each day
- enquire at the reference desk first if you wish to take digital photographs

Beginning your research

This guide gives examples of the types of material relating to the New Zealand Wars held at the Hocken. All items must be used within the library. As the collection is large and constantly growing not every item is listed here, but you can search for other material on our Online Public Access Catalogues:

- for books, theses, journals, magazines, newspapers, maps, and audiovisual material, use Library Search | Ketu. The advanced search -
  http://otago.hosted.exlibrisgroup.com/primo_library/libweb/action/search.do?dscnt=1&fromLogin=true&dstmp=1385949413637&vid=DUNEDIN&ct=AdvancedSearch&mode=Advanced&fromLogin=true gives you several search options, and you can refine your results to the Hocken Library on the left side of the screen. This guide provides suggested subject terms and these can be entered in the browse search box (select “By subject” in the drop down menu) –
The Library Search Guide [http://otago.libguides.com/LibrarySearch](http://otago.libguides.com/LibrarySearch) contains helpful tips and assistance for using Library Search | Ketu;

- for archives and manuscripts, consult Hākena - [http://hakena.otago.ac.nz/nreq/Welcome.html](http://hakena.otago.ac.nz/nreq/Welcome.html).


To view this material and our art collection, please enquire with the pictorial collections staff (upstairs).

If you have any enquiries about ordering or other research questions please ask the reference desk staff – they will be happy to assist you.
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Introduction

This guide covers all the campaigns of the 1840s. There were three clearly defined phases of these wars, so it is separated into those phases. The Wairau Affray, near Nelson in 1843, was the first violent clash to take place between Māori and Pākehā after the Treaty of Waitangi. The Northern War – sometimes known as Heke’s War – was in the Bay of Islands during 1845 and 1846. The next round of fighting occurred in the Wellington and Whanganui districts in 1846 and 1847. Māori fought on both sides of the various campaigns – those fighting alongside the British were known as kūpapa. For a helpful overview of the wars, including a timeline, see the Ministry of Culture and Heritage’s history website at http://www.nzhistory.net.nz/war-and-society

Material relating to the wars appears on the catalogues under a variety of subject headings, for example,

- New Zealand – History – New Zealand Wars, 1843-1847
- Māori (New Zealand people) – Wars
- Hone Heke’s Rebellion, N.Z., 1844-1846
- Great Britain. Army

Individual battles are catalogued by name, for example,

- Boulcott’s Farm, Battle of, Hutt (N.Z.), 1846

Check also under the names of individual regions or people, for example,

- Wanganui (N.Z.) – History
- Heke, Hone, ca. 1810-1850
General sources


*Dictionary of New Zealand Biography* is available on the ready reference shelves or online - [http://www.teara.govt.nz/en/biographies](http://www.teara.govt.nz/en/biographies). It includes biographies of many people involved in the wars. Search by name or, on the website, try an advanced search under “occupation / activity” using “armed forces.”


See also the *Friends of the Hocken Collections Bulletin, No 12 (1995)* for a list of 19th Century Views and Accounts of the New Zealand Wars (including some newspaper articles). This is available electronically at [http://library.otago.ac.nz/pdf/hoc_fr_bulletins/12_bulletin.pdf](http://library.otago.ac.nz/pdf/hoc_fr_bulletins/12_bulletin.pdf)
The Wairau Affray, 1843

The Wairau Affray receives only brief mention in the general studies of the New Zealand Wars listed above, although there is a chapter on it in Wards. The library catalogues refer to this incident as Wairau massacre, 1843.

Official records

Publications

*British Parliamentary Papers.* Located on the ready reference shelves, these include government correspondence and reports of the incident. Check the Australia & New Zealand Index under Wairau for references. There are numerous official and court reports with sworn statements of witnesses included, for example, in the Appendix to the Report of the 1844 Select Committee on New Zealand (Volume 2 of the British Parliamentary Papers relating to New Zealand, Appendix, pp. 128-84). Digitised despatches and reports relating to New Zealand from selected volumes of the British Parliamentary Papers are now available at [http://digital.liby.waikato.ac.nz/bppnz](http://digital.liby.waikato.ac.nz/bppnz).

Arthur Edward Macdonogh, Notice “To the Inhabitants of Wellington and its Vicinity and to the British Settlers in Cook’s Straits,” 26 June 1843. Hocken Variae 5, Item 14 (order via the University of Otago Library catalogue). Macdonogh was police magistrate and his notice gives an account of the events at Wairau.

Archives

Willoughby Shortland: Government letters &c (MS-0052). This collection of the acting governor’s correspondence includes a May 1843 letter (item 23) from Wakefield concerning the Wairau survey and trouble anticipated.

Records of the New Zealand Company are available on microfilm (Micro 215). These include correspondence from Nelson and Wellington during the period of the Wairau incident. See the ‘microfilm lists’ folder on the archives reference shelves.

Māori perspectives

Publications


Archives

Collected papers of and relating to George Clarke senior and family (ARC-0032). George Clarke, originally a CMS missionary, served as Protector of Aborigines. His son, also George Clarke, was a translator and Sub-Protector of Aborigines. One of the bound collections of correspondence within these papers (MS-0062; order the preservation copy PC-0058) includes some material relating to Wairau. Clarke junior visited Wairau
immediately following the affray, and later collected evidence from Māori. Of particular note are: a long letter (item 66) written by George Clarke junior in August 1843 about the Wairau Affray with evidence he had collected from Te Rauparaha and other Māori (item 66); and rough notes of depositions relating to the event (item 69).


Settler accounts

Publications
George Clarke, Notes on Early Life in New Zealand (Hobart: Walch & Sons, 1903). Also available online at the New Zealand Electronic Text Centre, http://www.nzetc.org/ George Clarke junior was an interpreter and from 1842 Sub-Protector of Aborigines (his father being the Protector). He went to Wairau immediately following the affray and gives his account in these memoirs.

Gerald Franklin, ed., Some Reports & Letters Written by Frederick Tuckett During his Time in New Zealand (Gerald Franklin & The Frenchay Tuckett Society, 2006). Includes transcripts of some of Tuckett’s correspondence and his statement regarding the Wairau Affray to a Special Meeting of the Magistrates, Wellington, 18 June 1843.


Edward Jerningham Wakefield, Adventure in New Zealand, From 1839-1844 (2 vols, London: John Murray, 1845). Also available online via the University of Auckland’s Early New Zealand Books project at http://www.enzb.auckland.ac.nz/ Although not present at the Wairau Affray, E. J. Wakefield became caught up in the aftermath of the event which killed his uncle. His account of the affair appears in Chapter 15 of volume 2.

The Nelson Examiner newspaper provides contemporary settler accounts of this event. As well as reports around the time of the incident in June, the issue of 23 December 1843 includes a special 12-page supplement containing a “Narrative of the Wairau Massacre, and Proceedings Connected Therewith.” It is available on PapersPast at http://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/cgi-bin/paperspast.

Archives
J. W. Barnicoat: Diary (PC-0208). Surveyor John Wallis Barnicoat was present at the Wairau incident and included a description in his diary.

Tuckett family: Letters and papers relating to Frederick Tuckett (ARC-0419). This collection includes letters from Tuckett, who was present at the Wairau Affray, to his family in England. Unfortunately the collection does not include the letter in which he
described the event to his family, but there are some references to it later (one of the relevant letters has been transcribed as part of Franklin’s Some Reports & Letters – see the full reference below).

**Flotsam & Jetsam**

These are scrapbooks of newspaper clippings and other items compiled by Dr Hocken. These can be ordered via the Hakena, archives and manuscripts catalogue. Items of interest relating to the Wairau Affray include –

**Volume 9**
- Item 82 – newspaper article giving an account by Mr M. Arldridge, a “very old settler,” concerning an earlier ‘massacre’ in 1840 and his discovery of remains relating to the 1843 incident.
- Item 106 – an 1897 newspaper article giving an account of the Wairau Affray according to one of the survivors, Eugene Bellairs. There is a more complete and better copy in Volume 10, noted below.

**Volume 10**
- p. 62 – 1897 newspaper articles giving accounts of the Wairau Affray according to one of the survivors, Eugene Bellairs.
- pp. 76-7 – 1897 newspaper articles giving accounts of the Wairau Affray by Gideon Smales, a Methodist missionary based at Nelson and involved in various related incidents.

**Modern studies**

*Te Tau Ihi o te Waka a Maui: Preliminary Report on Customary Rights in the Northern South Island, Waitangi Tribunal Report, 2007.* This gives some background to land issues in the district. This is also available electronically on the Waitangi Tribunal website—

http://www.waitangi-tribunal.govt.nz/reports/southisland/


There are numerous books relating to Te Rauparaha – check the University of Otago library catalogue under the subject heading *Te Rauparaha*.

## Northern War, 1845-1846

The library catalogues refer to this war as *Hone Heke’s Rebellion, NZ, 1844-1846*.

### Official records

**Publications**

The *British Parliamentary Papers* (available on the ready reference shelves and some reports available via [http://digital.liby.waikato.ac.nz/bppnz](http://digital.liby.waikato.ac.nz/bppnz)) include various official government reports and despatches relating to the war. Check the Australia New Zealand Index under the heading ‘Maori Wars – Heke’s War’. References to some of the Māori leaders (Hone Heke, Te Haratua and Tamati Waka Nene) can be found in the index under ‘Maoris, Individuals’ while leading Britons are simply indexed under their names.

_Wakarongo_ ... Proclamation by Robert FitzRoy (Governor) and Andrew Sinclair (Colonial Secretary) offering a reward of £100 for the apprehension of Heke. Parallel Māori and English texts, published 1845. Bound with other pamphlets in Hocken Variae Vol 4.

_Wakarongo_ ... Proclamation by Robert FitzRoy (Governor) and Andrew Sinclair (Colonial Secretary) pardoning all chiefs who separate from the ‘Rebel Chiefs’, Kawiti and Heke. Parallel Māori and English texts, published 1845. Bound with other pamphlets in Hocken Variae Vol 4.

George Clarke, *Notes on Early Life in New Zealand* (Hobart: Walch & Sons, 1903). Also available online at the at the New Zealand Electronic Text Centre, [http://www.nzetc.org/](http://www.nzetc.org/) George Clarke junior was an interpreter and from 1842 Sub-Protector of Aborigines (his father being the Protector). He witnessed many events of the war in the north. See also the Clarke papers listed below with archival collections.

Robert FitzRoy, *Remarks on New Zealand, in February 1846* (London: W and H White, 1846). Also available online via the University of Auckland’s Early New Zealand Books project at [http://www.enzb.auckland.ac.nz/](http://www.enzb.auckland.ac.nz/) FitzRoy includes an account of the events leading up to and during the northern war. FitzRoy was replaced as Governor of New Zealand in November 1845, before the war ended. See also the entry on FitzRoy in the *Dictionary of New Zealand Biography*.

Geoffrey Charles Mundy, *Our Antipodes: or, Residence and Rambles in the Australasian Colonies* (London: Bentley, 1852). Mundy was appointed Deputy Adjutant General in the Australian Colonies, first arriving there in 1846. In 1847-8 he visited New Zealand and accompanied Governor Grey on visits to Auckland, the Bay of Islands, Wellington and Whanganui. Vol 2 of this 3 volume work includes many details of the recently completed wars in the north, Wellington and Whanganui, obtained from those who were involved.
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Clarke, originally a CMS missionary, served as Protector of Aborigines. His son, also
George Clarke, was a translator and Sub-Protector of Aborigines. One of the bound
collections of correspondence within these papers (MS-0062; order the preservation copy
PC-0057) includes letters concerning the northern war. See especially letters 87 onwards –
many of these are letters from Clarke junior to his father, reporting on events of the
war.

Edward Meurant diary (reference ARC-0413). Meurant was an interpreter and
government agent who accompanied troops to the Bay of Islands in 1845. His diary
describes various activities of the war and includes a casualty report of Despard’s troops
killed and wounded at Heke’s Pa, Ohaeawai. These are transcripts of the original held by
the Auckland Public Library.

Soldiers’ accounts

Publications

Michael Barthrop, To Face the Daring Maoris (London: Hodder & Stoughton, 1979). An
account of the Northern War based on soldiers’ letters and diaries, compiled by an
English military historian with connections to the 58th Regiment. Includes many extracts
from primary sources.

was an officer in the 80th Regiment. He arrived in New Zealand in 1840 and served as
commander of British forces in the country until 1844. Volume 3 of his Reminiscences
recounts his experiences in New Zealand in the period leading up to the northern war.

T. B. Collinson, “Remarks on the Military Operations in New Zealand.” This extract from
Papers on Subjects Connected With the Duties of the Corps of Royal Engineers is bound with
other pamphlets in Hocken Pamphlets Volume 18. The author was a captain in the Royal
Engineers, and his paper, completed in 1853, “is intended to be a short connected
account of all the military operations that have occurred in New Zealand from the
commencement of the colony.” His sources were published books, private sources, and
“three years’ personal experience, from 1846 to 1850.”

Henry Despard, “Narrative of an Expedition into the Interior of New Zealand During
the Months of June and July, 1845. With some account of the attack on the native fortress
of Ohaioiawai, on the 1st of July, by the troops under the command of Liet.-Colonel
Despard, 99th Regt., acting as Colonel on the staff.” Originally published as a series of
articles in Colburn’s United Service Magazine in 1846 – these are bound together as item 10
in Hocken Pamphlets Volume 18.

Tom Gibson, The Wiltshire Regiment (The 62nd and 99th Regiments of Foot), (London: Leo
Cooper, 1969). A history of the 99th Regiment, including its involvement in the Northern
War and Wellington war.
Robert Hattaway, *Reminiscences of the Northern War* (Auckland: Wilson & Horton, [1889]). Hattaway was one of the first of the 58th Regiment to land at Auckland. He became Colour and Pay Sergeant and after his discharge served in the New Zealand Militia.

H. F. McKillop, *Reminiscence of Twelve Months’ Service in New Zealand as a Midshipman, During the Late Disturbances in That Colony* (London: Bentley, 1849). McKillop was a midshipman on HMS *Calliope*, which arrived at the Bay of Islands in December 1845. He was involved in military action during the Northern War and later in the Wellington region.

John Webster, *Reminiscences of an Old Settler in Australia and New Zealand* (Christchurch: Whitcombe & Tombs, 1908). Webster arrived in New Zealand in 1841 and was living in Northland when war broke out. He volunteered and fought under Tamati Waka Nene against Heke’s forces.

**Archives**

Transcript of the journal of Cyprian Bridges (reference MS-0051). Cyprian Bridges was a major in the 58th who commanded the regiment in its fight against Hone Heke and Kawiti at Puketutu in 1845. He later served as Resident Magistrate in the Bay of Islands.

Dr Hocken made this transcript of Bridges’ journal from an unknown source. There is also another transcript at MS-2117.

Transcript of the journal of J. J. Symonds (reference MS-0051). John Jermyn Symonds served as a captain with the 99th Regiment during the Northern War. In 1846 he was appointed private secretary to Governor Grey. Dr Hocken made this transcript of Symonds’s journal from an unknown source.

**Settler accounts**

**Publications**

Alexander Kennedy, *New Zealand* (London: Longmans, Green, 1873, 2nd edition 1874). Kennedy had lived in Auckland for about thirty years when he wrote these reminiscences. They include coverage of the northern war, including various war scares in Auckland.

Frederick Maning, *History of the War in the North of New Zealand Against the Chief Heke* (Auckland: Chapman, 1862). Hocken Pamphlets Vol 41 No 5. 2nd edition published 1864 is in Hocken Pamphlets Vol 115 No 1. Maning was a trader and Pākehā-Māori who organised supplies to the government’s Māori allies and witnessed several of the major fights during the Northern War. He wrote this history from the perspective of an imaginary Māori supporter of Hone Heke.

A. S. Thomson, *The Story of New Zealand* (2 vols, London: John Murray, 1859). Also available online via the University of Auckland’s Early New Zealand Books project at [http://www.enzb.auckland.ac.nz/](http://www.enzb.auckland.ac.nz/) This early history of New Zealand includes considerable discussion of the Northern War and later events at Wellington and
Whanganui. Thomson, a Scottish doctor, served with the 58th Regiment in New Zealand from 1847-1858 (after the regiment’s involvement in the Northern War).

Newspapers
The Auckland weekly newspaper, the New Zealander, began publication in June 1845 and included news of the war in the north. The Hocken has reasonable holdings for the early years of this paper, which is also available online via the National Library of New Zealand’s Papers Past website - http://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/

The New Zealand Journal, which was published in London, contained much general news concerning the war. In particular, see 21 November 1846 and 5 December 1846 for an abridged translation of two reports by Captain Berard of Le Rhin, commander of the French station at Akaroa, concerning the northern war, originally published in Le Moniteur. Berard visited the Bay of Islands shortly after the attack on Kororareka to offer his assistance to Pompallier and the Catholic mission. The 5 December 1846 edition also includes a report by the translator Joseph Merrett of a visit to Hone Heke and Kawiti shortly after the war with their accounts of events.

Flotsam & Jetsam
These are scrapbooks of items relating to New Zealand history (mostly newspaper cuttings) compiled by Dr Hocken. These can be ordered via the Hakena, archives and manuscripts catalogue. Items of interest relating to the Northern War include –

Volume 2
- Item 9 – extracts from journals of Captain Robertson of HMS Hazard describing his men’s engagement with Māori during the Northern war.

Volume 5
- Item 15 – letter from George Clarke to Shortland, 18 March 1845, discussing the destruction of Kororareka.

Volume 6
- Item 14 – fragment of a letter to Shortland from unidentified correspondent, 18 March 1845, discussing the destruction of Kororareka.

Volume 9
- Item 2 – a detailed account of events in the Bay of Islands published in the Sydney Morning Herald on 13 June 1845. The report was written by an officer on HMS North Star, which had just returned to Sydney.
- Item 4 – 1879 article concerning a painting The Battle of Okaihau.
- Item 6 – a later newspaper account by a source quoting Bishop Selwyn.

Volume 10
- pp. 131-2 – 1886 article on “Heke’s War” from the Canterbury Times.
- p. 182 – obituary of Riwhitete Pokai, who fought in Heke’s campaign.
• p. 55 – 1898 letter to the editor concerning Heke and the flagstaff.
• pp. 55-6 – extracts from the diary of William Woon, Methodist missionary at Hokianga during the Northern War (a copy of the manuscript diary is also available at Hocken – see below under missionaries).
• pp. 56-8 – reminiscences of the war by Robert Hattaway, Sergeant in the 58th Regiment (also published as a book – see above under soldiers’ accounts).
• p. 43 – account of a lecture on Heke’s War by Dr Hocken.

Volume 11
• pp. 50 & 52 (NB there are two pages numbered 52) – two opposing accounts (evidently published much later) regarding the death of Lieutenant Philpotts of HMS Herald, killed at the assault on Heke’s pa at Ohaewai.

Missionaries
The Church Missionary Society staff in the Bay of Islands were deeply involved in the war in the north and were, to a significant extent, caught between Māori and British perspectives, sometimes acting as negotiators between the two parties. See also our separate reference guide on missionary sources.

Publications
Extracts from a Diary kept by the Rev R. Burrows during Heke’s War in the North in 1845 (Auckland: Upton & Co, 1886). Hocken Pamphlets Vol 115 No 2. Also available in a modern facsimile edition and online via the New Zealand Electronic Text Centre - http://www.nzetc.org/ Robert Burrows was an Anglican priest who served with the Church Missionary Society (CMS) at Kororareka from 1840. He moved to the mission station at Waimate in October 1844. His diary covers the period March to December 1845 and includes explanatory remarks added later. See the list of archives below for further Burrows items.

Frances Porter, ed., The Turanga Journals: Letter and Journals of William and Jane Williams New Zealand 1840-1850 (Wellington: Victoria University Press, 1974). William Williams was a CMS missionary at Turanga (Poverty Bay) during the 1840s. However, he spent some time at his brother Henry’s Bay of Island mission station during 1844 and his diary includes an account of Hone Heke’s first cutting down of the Kororareka flagstaff. William Williams wrote the pamphlet Relative to the Late War in the Northern District of New Zealand, published at Auckland in 1847 and intended, according to Frances Porter (Turanga Journals, p. 402), to put an end to “malicious rumours about his brother’s duplicity.”

Lawrence M. Rogers, Te Wiremu: A Biography of Henry Williams (Christchurch: Pegasus, 1973). This biography gives quite a bit of detail about the involvement of Williams, leader of the Bay of Islands mission, in events of the war. For other works relating to

**Archives**

Church Missionary Society, London: Letters and journals of Richard Davis (MS-0066). Davis was a CMS missionary in northern New Zealand during the war. He moved from Waimate to Kaikohe in 1843. Includes material relating to the Northern War (items 88, 89 & 153). Transcripts are available at MS-1211.

Church Missionary Society, London: Letters and journals of James Kemp (MS-0070). James Kemp was a CMS missionary at Kerikeri. During the war the mission station became a temporary barracks for British troops and the Kemps assisted in tending the wounded after the battles at Okaifinhau and Ohaeawai. Includes material relating to the Northern War (items 76, 77, 79).

'Missionary Letters &c, F Hall 1821, H. Williams 1864' (MS-0053). This collection of 150 letters, bound into a volume by Dr Hocken, includes, among other items, letters written by various missionaries to George Clarke, Protector of Aborigines, concerning the war in the north. Contributors include Henry Williams, Robert Burrows, Richard Davis, James Kemp and Robert Maunsell. W. H. Trimble’s 1912 catalogue of the Hocken Library (available on the ready reference shelves) includes references to individual letters within this collection under the subject heading Maori Wars and under the names of individual correspondents as authors.

William Woon: Copy of the journal kept as a Wesleyan missionary (MS-0969). Woon was a missionary in the Hokianga in the early 1840s, and his journal includes references to Hone Heke’s activities. A copy of the original diary held at the Alexander Turnbull Library.

**Archives on microfilm**

Church Missionary Society (Micro 121/1-71). The Hocken has 71 reels of microfilmed Church Missionary Society, London, records. These include minutes books, reports and correspondence covering the period of the New Zealand wars. There are guides to the microfilms available on the archives reference shelves.

Methodist Missionary Society (Micro 163/1-64). These microfilms of papers relating to the New Zealand and other South Seas missions held by the Methodist Missionary Society, London, include committee and district minutes and correspondence covering the period of the New Zealand wars. There is a guide to the microfilms available on the archives reference shelves.
Bishop George Augustus Selwyn (Micro 297/1-9). The microfilms of Selwyn’s papers include correspondence relating to the war in the north. There is a detailed list of the letters in the ‘microfilm lists’ folder on the archives reference shelves.

Pictorial collections
The pictorial collections (upstairs) have a large folder of pa plans, generally drawn by military personnel (some of the plans are originals, but most are facsimiles or published versions). Included are plans of Ruapekapeka, Ohaeawai and Okaihau pas.

There is also, in the Godward collection, a series of sketches from the Illustrated London News relating to the war in the north. New Zealand-related material from the Illustrated London News is also available on the University of Waikato Library’s digital collections at http://www.waikato.ac.nz/library/resources/nzc/digital.shtml
Wellington and Whanganui, 1846-1847

Official records

Publications
The British Parliamentary Papers (available on the ready reference shelves and some reports available via http://digital.liby.waikato.ac.nz/bppnz) include various official government reports and despatches relating to the war. Check the Australia New Zealand Index under the headings ‘Maori Wars – Hutt Valley disturbances’ and ‘Maori Wars – Whanganui incident (1847). References to some of the Māori leaders (Hone Heke, Te Haratua and Tamati Waka Nene) can be found in the index under ‘Maoris, Individuals’ while leading Britons are simply indexed under their names.

Geoffrey Charles Mundy, Our Antipodes: or, Residence and Rambles in the Australasian Colonies (London: Bentley, 1852). Mundy was appointed Deputy Adjutant General in the Australian Colonies, first arriving there in 1846. In 1847-8 he visited New Zealand and accompanied Governor Grey on visits to Auckland, the Bay of Islands, Wellington and Whanganui. Vol 2 of this 3 volume work includes many details of the recently completed wars in the north, Wellington and Whanganui, obtained from those who were involved.

Archives
Edward Shortland papers (ARC-0020). Shortland held a succession of official positions within the colonial administration, including Sub-Protector of Aborigines. Items MS-0489/001 includes copies of correspondence during 1844 and 1845 between government officials, Te Rauparaha and Te Rangihaeata concerning land occupation in Heretaunga (the Hutt Valley). See the Hākena archives catalogue for full details.

Records of the New Zealand Company, held in England, are available on microfilm (Micro 215). These include correspondence from Wellington during the period of these wars. There is a key to these microfilms in the ‘microfilm lists’ folder on the archives reference shelves.

Soldiers’ accounts

Publications

H. F. McKillop, Reminiscence of Twelve Months’ Service in New Zealand as a Midshipman, During the Late Disturbances in That Colony (London: Bentley, 1849). McKillop was a midshipman on HMS Calliope, which arrived at the Bay of Islands in December 1845. He was involved in military action during the Northern War and later in the Wellington region.

W. Tyrone Power, Sketches in New Zealand, With Pen and Pencil: From a Journal Kept in that Country from July 1846, to June 1848 (London: Longman, Brown, Green, and Longmans,
1849). Power served with the 58th Regiment, which he joined on August 1846 while it was involved in operations against Te Rangihaeata at Pauahatanui. It was then garrisoned at Whanganui, where he was present during the siege and subsequent skirmishes.

Settler accounts

Publications

Interesting Chapters from the Early History of Wanganui, 1847 (Wanganui: A. D. Willis, 1887). Hocken Pamphlets Vol 40 No 19. Includes extensive coverage of the siege and subsequent events, incorporating material from Tyrone Power’s book (listed above with soldiers’ accounts) and the diary of Dr Wilson, who was the Wellington Independent’s Whanganui correspondent.

Thomas Bevan, Reminiscences of an Old Colonist Personal and Historical (Wellington: Evening Post, 1905). Bound in Chapman Pamphlets, Vol 59 No 12. Bevan migrated to Wellington with his family while a child in 1840; a few years later they settled at Waikawa, near Otaki. He records meeting soldiers involved in the skirmishes of 1846, and later, the impact of the Kingitanga and Hauhauism at Otaki.

Newspapers

Newspapers of the day provide a settler perspective of events. See

- New Zealand Spectator and Cook’s Strait Guardian
- Wellington Independent

There was no newspaper in Whanganui at the time, but Wellington newspapers provide coverage of events there. The New Zealand Spectator and Wellington Independent for this period are also available online via the National Library’s Papers Past website - http://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/.

Missionaries

Publications


Richard Taylor, Te Ika a Maui or New Zealand and its Inhabitants (London: Wertheim and Macintosh, 1855). Richard Taylor was a missionary at Whanganui and this book gives his version of events there.

Modern studies

Te Whanganui a Tara me Ona Takiwa (Wellington: Waitangi Tribunal, 2003). This report on the Wai 145 claim details the background to disputes concerning land in Heretaunga (the


Alan Mulgan, The City of the Strait: Wellington and its Province, A Centennial History (Wellington: Reed, 1939). Another older work which, like Ward’s Early Wellington, includes some useful material. Also includes a chapter on Whanganui, with brief discussion of war there.


Louis E. Ward, Early Wellington (Auckland: Whitcombe & Tombs, 1928). An older work which includes some useful information, particularly with respect to the British regiments.

Pictorial collections

We have two sketchbooks by J. A. Gilfillan, which include pencil sketches of the stockades and members of the 58th Regiment at Whanganui, c. 1847.

The reader access files in the Hocken pictorial collections contain photographs of two original drawings relating to the wars. See the Hutt Valley folder for an image of Boulcotts Stockade, and the Pahautanui folder for a battle scene. These photographs can also be viewed online via Hocken Snapshop http://hockensnapshop.ac.nz/
Websites and further information

New Zealand History online - http://www.nzhistory.net.nz/ The Ministry of Culture and Heritage’s history website includes several essays on the New Zealand Wars. Take the links to ‘War and Society’, then ‘New Zealand’s internal wars’.


Auckland Museum - http://www.aucklandmuseum.com/ Domain Drive, Parnell / Private Bag 92018, Auckland. The Auckland Museum’s website includes an online database, Cenotaph, of New Zealand servicemen and women who died at war, including the New Zealand Wars. Follow the links to ‘War Memorial’, then ‘Cenotaph’. The Museum itself has a war memorial section devoted to war history.

Archives New Zealand - http://www.archives.govt.nz/index.php 10 Mulgrave Street / PO Box 12050, Wellington - reference@archives.govt.nz Archives New Zealand holds a variety of sources relating to British and colonial soldiers serving in the New Zealand Wars. Most are held in their Wellington office. For details, see their War Reference Guide, available electronically at http://archives.govt.nz/war. References to individual records can be found on their online catalogue, Archway.

Army Museum – http://www.armymuseum.co.nz/ State Highway One / PO Box 45, Waiouru - enquiries@armymuseum.co.nz A specialist military museum.

Matapihi - http://www.matapihi.org.nz/ This website incorporates digital collections from various archives and libraries and includes considerable material relating to the wars.

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