Te Rakahau Whakapapa
ki te Uare Taoka o Hākena

Whakapapa Research
at the Hocken Collections
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The Hocken Collections includes both published and unpublished sources, and encompasses printed, written, electronic and pictorial works.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/otago038951.html](https://www.otago.ac.nz/library/hocken/otago038951.html).

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 on microfiche or 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We hold numerous other sources—both published and unpublished—and you can search for material on our Online Public Access Catalogues: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://goo.gl/HVNTqH 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
  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 Snapshop at https://hocken.recollect.co.nz/. Some other items from the Hocken Collections can be viewed at http://otago.ourheritage.ac.nz/.
Find information about your:

**WHĀNAU**  
IWI & HAPŪ  
TAKIWA/ROHE

in

Publications collection  
(published material)

Archives collection  
(unpublished material)

Pictorial Collections

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 Snapshop
- Consult with Pictorial Collections Staff
Bearing in mind that the greatest resource for finding out about your 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:


The following whakapapa research guides are also well worth consulting:

- Introduction to searching Māori genealogy, University of Auckland Library - [https://goo.gl/LutYbu](https://goo.gl/LutYbu)
- Whakapapa research, Christchurch City Libraries - [https://my.christchurchcitylibraries.com/whakapapa-guide/](https://my.christchurchcitylibraries.com/whakapapa-guide/)
- Nga rangahau mo te kimi whakapapa: a guide to researching whakapapa, Te Ropu Ratonga Māori, Auckland City Libraries - [https://goo.gl/dcu6C7](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 hapu, or the area you are from, to see if your whānau is mentioned. You can also search by subject headings, for example:

- Maori (New Zealand People) — Biography
- Maori (New Zealand People) — Genealogy

Some general and biographical sources that may be useful are:
Appendices to the House of Representatives G-16 1886 [see reference collection or https://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/parliamentary].

H. J. Fletcher (1892-1910). An index of Māori names https://www.waikato.ac.nz/library/maori-names-index/ 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.


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://goo.gl/pPj8da that indexes articles published in New Zealand journals and some newspapers. You can use this to locate articles on tipuna or whānau. The printed version, Index to New Zealand periodicals 1941/46-1986 [reference collection], covers earlier dates.

Archives
Search Hākena, the pictures, photographs, archives and manuscripts 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.


**Official Records - Electoral rolls**

New Zealand Electoral rolls 1853-1981 and the separate publications Māori Electoral Rolls 1919 and NZ Māori Voters Roll 1908 are available on microfiche in the ready reference area. They are also available via the Ancestry database on any of the public computers in the library. 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:


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 a large number of marae and iwi organisations, and provides their contact details. It is updated annually.
Takiwā / Rohe

Official Records


*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, which covers the years 1841—2002, and as printed volumes.

*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 now available at [https://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/parliamentary](https://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/parliamentary).


*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.


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