

Reference Guide

Pacific Islands Sources at the Hocken Collections



'Vue de L'île Borabora. (Iles de la Societe).' Plate 16 in Atlas: Histoire du voyage. *Voyage autour du monde,; exécuté par ordre du roi, sur la corvette de Sa Majesté, La Coquille, pendant les années 1822, 1823, 1824, et 1825, ...*, par Louis-Isidore Duperrey, et al., Paris: Arthus Bertrand, [1838]. Publications Collection, s16-520a.

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

This guide gives examples of the types of material relating to the Pacific Islands 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 - <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 <https://otago.ourheritage.ac.nz/>.

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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General publications

We have a wide range of books and periodicals relating to the Pacific, covering numerous islands and different fields of study (history, anthropology, musicology, religion, art, geography, natural history, social sciences). Try a subject search on Library Search|Ketu for the location or field of study which interests you. Following are some examples of subject headings relating to specific regions (this list is not comprehensive but shows the style of headings and the range of material available):

- Nanumea (Tuvalu) – Social life and customs
- Cyclones – Cook Islands – Rarotonga
- Rarotonga (Cook Islands) – Guidebooks
- Dance – Tonga
- Tonga – Economic conditions
- Botany – French Polynesia – Tahiti (Island)
- Excavations (Archaeology) – French Polynesia – Marquesas Islands
- Agriculture – Fiji
- Fiji – Religion
- Music – Samoan Islands
- New Guinea – Politics and government
- Nauru – Periodicals
- Handicraft – Niue
- Health surveys – Niue
- Ethnic conflict – Solomon Islands
- Folklore – Solomon Islands
- Land tenure – Vanuatu
- World War, 1939-1945 – Vanuatu
- Norfolk Island – Description and travel
- Pitcairn Island – History
- Food habits – Tokelau
- Tokelau – Social conditions
- Micronesia (Federated States) – Economic policy

There are also subject headings relating to broader areas, or the whole Pacific region, for example:

- Clothing and dress – Polynesia
- Micronesia – History
- Customary law - Melanesia
- Tourism – Oceania
- Missions – Islands of the Pacific
- Arts – Pacific area

We have several general Pacific periodicals (some have gaps in holdings, check Library Search|Ketu for full details):

Bulletin (Société d'études historiques de la Nouvelle-Calédonie), 1971-

Bulletin de la Société des études océaniques (Polynésie orientale), 1917-

Hawaiian journal of history, 1967-2005

Journal de la Société des océanistes, 1945-2003 (also held at University of Otago Central Library)

Journal of Pacific History, 1966-

Oceania, 1932-

Pacific islands monthly, 1930-2000 (also available online at <https://goo.gl/NU5MbN>)

Pacific studies, 1977-

We also hold the following publications from the Bernice P. Bishop Museum, Hawaii:

Special publications, 1951-2005

Pacific Anthropological Records, 1968-1990 [individual titles]

Bernice P Bishop Museum Bulletin, 1922-1988

Bishop Museum bulletin in anthropology, 1987-2004

Bishop Museum bulletin in botany, 1988-2004

Bishop Museum bulletin in entomology, 1988-2004

Bishop Museum bulletin in zoology, 1988-2005

These and more recent Bishop Museum bulletins are also available online at <http://hbs.bishopmuseum.org/pubs-online/index.html>.

To find books and journals articles published about the Pacific Islands the following bibliography (available on the ready reference shelves) is a useful starting point:

C.R.H. Taylor (Ed.) (1965). *A Pacific bibliography: printed material relating to the native peoples of Polynesia, Melanesia and Micronesia*. Oxford: Clarendon Press.

Pacific language publications

We have numerous books in Pacific Island languages. These are catalogued on Library Search|Ketu. Under 'advanced search' you can limit a search by language. Some categories of books also have language-related subject headings, for example:

- Fijian language – Readers
- Gilbertese language – Bibliography
- Hawaiian language – Texts
- Marquesan language – Texts
- Niuean language – Grammar
- Pidgin English – Texts
- Rarotongan language – Dictionaries
- Samoan language – Texts
- Short stories – Samoan
- Tokelauan language – Readers
- Tongan language – Juvenile fiction
- Tongan language – Vocabulary
- Tuvaluan language – Texts

Newspapers

We have several Pacific Island newspapers. Our holdings of all newspapers have gaps: check Library Search|Ketu for full details.

Cook Islands: *Cook Islands News* (1963-); *Cook Islands Review* (1954-1970); *Ioi Karanga* (1898); *Torea* (1895-1898)

Fiji: *Fiji Nation/Na Tovata* (1969-1973); *Fiji Times* (1958-); *Na Mata* (1876-1898); *News from Fiji* (1966-1975); *Pacific Review* (1955, 1965, 1971-1974); *Western Pacific Herald* (microfilm, 1901-1902)

Hawaii: *The Friend* (1869-1874)

Kiribati/Tuvalu: *Atoll Pioneer* (1972-1977)

Marshall Islands: *Marshall Islands journal* (2013-)

New Caledonia: *La France Australe* (1959, 1961, 1965); *Moniteur Imperial de la Nouvelle-Caledonie et Dependances* (microfilm, 1859-1861); *Le Moniteur de la Nouvelle-Caledonie* (microfilm, 1862-1886)

Niue: *Niue News* (1983); *Tohi Tala Niue* (1966-1992)

Norfolk Island: *Norfolk Islander* (1967-)

Papua New Guinea: *Hiri* (1976-1981); *Times of Papua New Guinea* (1980-1983)

Samoa: *Samoana* (1962); *Samoa Bulletin* (1950, 1957-1967); *Samoa Herald* (1930-1936); *Samoa Reporter* (1845-1862, 1890); *Samoa Times* (1916-1926); *Samoa Times* (1966-1976); *Savali* (1978-1983); *Western Samoa Mail* (1936-1938)

Solomon Islands: we have numerous Solomon Islands newspapers, dating from the 1970s to the present. For details, try a subject search for *Solomon Islands – Newspapers* on Library Search|Ketu.

Tonga: *Taimi o Tonga* (2003-2006); *Tonga Chronicle* (1976-2009)

Vanuatu: *Pacific Weekly Review* (2002); *Tam-tam* (1980-1984); *Vanuatu Daily Post* (2013-)

As well as the newspapers noted above, there are others for which we hold just one or two issues. Try a subject search on Library Search|Ketu using the name of the country which interests you, or for the town of publication, for example:

- Port Moresby (Papua New Guinea) – Periodicals
- Vanuatu – Newspapers

A few early Samoan newspapers are now available online via PapersPast <https://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/>.

Early European explorers

The Godward book collection includes various accounts of early travels by Europeans around the Pacific but is most notable for its works relating to Captain Cook. We also have

published accounts from early explorers such as Bougainville, Dumont D'Urville, Marion du Fresne and La Pérouse. All items are individually catalogued on Library Search|Ketu – try a subject search using the name of the explorer.

Missionary records

We have large holdings of missionary records relating to the Pacific. These are a rich source of information on early European-Pacific contact and the history of Christianity in the Pacific. Try searching Library Search|Ketu and Hākena, the pictures, photographs, ephemera, archives and manuscripts catalogue, using the name of the mission, the missionary, or the country concerned. Among the more notable records are:

London Missionary Society records, 1796-1903. Includes letters, reports and journals relating to Tahiti, the Society Islands, New Caledonia, Cook Islands, Samoa, Niue, Papua New Guinea, and the Torres Strait Islands. 120 reels of microfilm [call number 10131]. A detailed inventory is available in the reference area.

Methodist Missionary Society records, 1814-c.1880. Contain extensive material relating to Methodist missions in the South Seas (Tonga, Fiji, Samoa, and New Britain, as well as New Zealand). 64 reels of microfilm [call number 10163]. An inventory is available in the reference area. We also have Wesleyan Methodist Missionary Society letters from missionaries in Fiji, 1835-1857. 3 reels of microfilm.

Melanesian Mission records, 1847-1965. Include papers of several missionaries serving in the field. The material relates principally to the Solomon Islands, Santa Cruz, Norfolk Island and Fiji. 5 reels of microfilm [call number 10383].

Micronesia Mission records, 1852-1929. Our records of this mission, run by the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, include material concerning the Federated States of Micronesia, Guam, Nauru, the Marshall Islands, Kiribati and Hawaii. 26 reels of microfilm [call number 10134]. An inventory is available in the reference area.

Presbyterian Mission in Vanuatu: we have the manuscript papers of a number of missionaries who served in the New Hebrides, including Peter Milne [MS-0432], William Milne [95-027], Tom Smaill [Misc-MS-0440], Robert Murray [MS-1323] and Frederick Paton [MS-1121]. See Hākena for more details.

Catholic Missions: we have microfilms of various archives concerning Catholic missions in the Pacific, including records of the mission at Vila, New Hebrides [call number 10329]; correspondence of the New Hebrides Roman Catholic Church [call number 10377]; letters of a Marist missionary on the Wallis and Futuna Islands [call number 10268]; and miscellaneous Marist Brothers papers concerning the Vicariates of New Caledonia and Samoa [call number 10187].

Church Missionary Society records, 1808-1884. Contains copies of most of the papers relating to the New Zealand and Pacific Missions run by the Church Missionary Society. 71 reels of microfilm [call number 10121].

Church Missionary Society records. Primarily New Zealand mission material, but includes miscellaneous Pacific letters, 1839-1855. Original manuscripts [MS-0498].

William Nihill papers, 1841-1854. Nihill was an Anglican missionary on the Isle of Mare (New Caledonia). Original manuscripts [MS-0720].

For further advice regarding missionary sources at the Hocken, see our Missionary Sources reference guide <https://www.otago.ac.nz/library/hocken/otago038951.html>.

Government records

We have copies of various British Colonial and Foreign Office papers and parliamentary papers relating to the Pacific on microfilm, most of them filmed under the Australian Joint Copying Project. Among the notable collections are:

Fiji. Department of Immigration. Plantation register (Polynesian) 1878-1914. 2 reels of microfilm [call number 10097]; Journals of government agents on labour-recruiting vessels 1876-1914. 3 reels of microfilm [call number 10098].

Great Britain. Colonial Office, series C.O.225, Western Pacific original correspondence, 1878-1913. 124 reels of microfilm [call number 10320].

Great Britain. Colonial Office. Series C.O.881, Confidential Print 1839-1916. Includes material relating to the Pacific. 15 reels of microfilm [call number 10265].

Great Britain. Foreign Office. Series F.O.58/94-322, General correspondence, Pacific Islands, 1860-1899. 120 reels of microfilm [call number 10331].

Great Britain. Foreign Office, series F.O.58, General correspondence, Pacific Islands, 1846-1847. 2 reels of microfilm [call numbers 10410, 10420].

Great Britain. Foreign Office. Consulate for Fiji and Tonga. Records 1858-1876. 8 reels of microfilm [call number 10168].

Great Britain. Parliament. Parliamentary papers relating to New Guinea 1881-1900. 5 reels of microfilm [call numbers 10026, 10039 to 10042].

Great Britain. Parliament. Parliamentary papers relating to Samoa, 1885-1899. 1 reel of microfilm [call number 10035].

Great Britain. Parliamentary papers relating to Fiji 1876-1899. 1 reel of microfilm [call number 10038].

Great Britain. Parliamentary papers relating to the Western Pacific c.1877-1888. 1 reel of microfilm [call number 10032].

Great Britain. Parliament. Command papers relating to Samoa and New Hebrides 1899-1907. 1 reel of microfilm [call number 10028].

Great Britain. Royal Navy. Australian Station. Various records concerning the Pacific Islands, c.1850s-1870s, including correspondence, and the report of the commission appointed to inquire into certain alleged cases of kidnapping of natives of the Loyalty Islands. 6 reels of microfilm [call numbers 10159 and 10278].

Records of the Spanish Government in the Mariana Islands 1678-1899. 12 reels of microfilm [call number 10128].

Western Pacific High Commission. Secretariat correspondence 1875-1914. 127 reels of microfilm [call number 10277].

Microfilms are catalogued on Library Search|Ketu. Finding aids to some of these microfilms are available in the reference area.

Pacific Manuscripts Bureau & Australian Joint Copying Project microfilms

The Pacific Manuscripts Bureau (PAMBU) microfilms archives and printed material relating to the Pacific Islands: see their full catalogue online at <https://asiapacific.anu.edu.au/pambu/catalogue/index.php>. Their online resources page <https://pambu.anu.edu.au/online-resources> includes links to some useful resources such as the Catalogue of South Seas Photograph Collections.

Further Pacific Island material has been filmed as part of the Australian Joint Copying Project (AJCP). Catalogues of AJCP microfilms are available in the reference area (some of these films are noted above under 'Government records').

We have some – not all – of these microfilms. The films we hold are individually catalogued on Library Search|Ketu. Further films in the series are available at the University of Otago Central Library.

Maps and atlases

Our maps and atlases are catalogued on Library Search|Ketu. Examples of early maps of the Pacific are:

Allain Manesson-Mallet (1683?). *Isles de Salomon*. Paris : D. Thierry.

James Cook, Robert Benard, Jacques Nicolas Bellin, Jean-François de La Harpe (1780).
Carte de l'isle de Taiti. Paris : s.n.

Chassant, J.M. Hacq, J. Tastu (1833). *Plan de l'île Tonga-Tabou*. Paris: J. Tastu.

Great Britain. Hydrographic Dept. (1883). *Fiji Islands, Eastern Group (Southern portion)*.
London : Admiralty.

Other notable inclusions are a collection of early British and French hydrographic charts, a comprehensive collection of New Zealand hydrographic charts of New Zealand and the Pacific, and, more recently, New Caledonia series maps covering 1985-1995. See our 'Maps and plans at the Hocken Collections' research guide <https://www.otago.ac.nz/library/hocken/otago038951.html>.

Music

We hold numerous sound recordings, in various formats, of Pacific music both traditional and contemporary. We also have various books on Pacific music. Both books and sound recordings are catalogued on Library Search|Ketu – try a subject search for *Pacific music* or for a specific country, such as *music Samoa* (these searches will take you to various sub-headings, such as popular music, folk music, instrumental music).

In our archives collection we have material collected by Mervyn McLean, who was an ethnomusicologist at the University of Auckland. This collection includes recordings of Cook Islands music, along with publications relating to Cook Islands music. See Hākena for details [ARC-0613].

Genealogy

FamilySearch <https://familysearch.org> provides access to Samoan Baptisms 1863-1940 and Samoan Burials 1895-1970 as well as some records for the Cook Islands, Hawaii, American Samoa, and Micronesia.

There are a limited number of Samoan and Micronesian records available via Ancestry (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).

Archives and Manuscripts

In addition to the missionary archives, noted above, we have a number of archives collections concerning the Pacific. Try a 'place' search on Hākena for *Pacific Area* or for the specific country which interests you. Among the collections of interest are:

Angus Ross papers [ARC-0504]: the papers of Pacific historian Angus Ross include numerous papers relating to the Cook Islands, most of which came from Gregory Nevill, former Resident Commissioner there.

Edward Sayers papers [ARC-0123]: Sayers, a tropical medicine specialist, served as a medical missionary in the Solomon Islands and then as advisor to New Zealand and American forces in the Pacific during World War II. His papers include a diary and material relating to World War II in the Pacific and to tropical diseases.

H.D. Skinner papers [ARC-0484]: Skinner was a New Zealand anthropologist; his papers include material relating to early-twentieth century anthropology of the Pacific.

3 N.Z. Division Association, Otago Branch [MS-2138]: this was an organisation formed by members of the 3 N.Z. Division after their return from World War II military service in the Pacific. Their records include a wide range of material, including reminiscences and photographs from their time in the Pacific. For other papers relating to the Pacific War, search the subject heading *World War, 1939-1945 – Pacific Islands* on Hākena.

B.E.V. Parham papers [ARC-0740]: Bayard Eugene Vincent Parham was employed by the Fiji Department of Agriculture from 1933 to 1956 and during this time was the first Registrar of co-operatives in Fiji, founded the Fiji Herbarium and published numerous books and papers on the agricultural, horticultural and weed plants of Fiji. He retired from his post as Deputy Director of Agriculture in 1956 and took up the position of Director of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries in Western Samoa, a post he held until 1964. The collection includes both personal and business papers, predominantly focussing on Parham's periods of residence in Fiji (1933 to 1956) and later Western Samoa (1956 to 1964).

Photographs

The reader access file includes images relating to the Pacific. These photographs can be viewed via Hocken Snapshot <https://hocken.recollect.co.nz/>. We also have numerous other photographs and albums of the Pacific: try searching our holdings on Hākena (some items are also viewable). Among the more notable collections are:

William Armstrong: photographs, including an album, of Vanuatu, c.1940s [P1995-026/1, album 317]

Andrew Ballantyne: album of photographs of Papua New Guinea, c. 1912 [P2008-064, album 047]

Various Burton Brothers prints from the 'Camera in the Coral Islands' series taken in Samoa, Tonga and Fiji.

Photographs relating to the Cruise of the USS Corinna in Polynesia c.1890, with scenes of people and scenery of the Cook Islands, Samoa and the Society Islands (Tahiti)[P1950-001/2, album 022]

Gladys Hocken: amateur photographs recording a holiday in Fiji and Samoa [P1910-006, album 039]

J. Peace: photographs of Vanuatu [P98-069]

Edward Sayers: album of photographs of Solomon Islands [P1997-201, album 422]

D.M. Stuart: album of photographs of missions in Vanuatu, 1880s [P2008-077, album 078]

Tattersall: album of photographs of Samoa [P1998-073, album 009]

Jack Thomson: album of photographs taken in Samoa and Tonga, c.1923-1924 [P2003-044, album 525].

Please talk to staff at the reference desk if you wish to access the photographs section.

Artworks

We have a large collection of prints and engravings relating to early European exploration, including the Pacific Islands along with New Zealand and Australia. There are around 1600 works in total, in three main collections: the Pacific collection, the Godward collection and the Roger Collins collection. There is also a bound publication of Jacques Grasset de Saint-Saveur etchings in the sketchbook sequence.

Later artworks by visitors to the Pacific include three sketchbooks by W.J. Reed, who was in the Treasury Isles, New Caledonia and Solomon Islands during World War II; sketchbooks of John Holliday Scott and J.T. Thomson; and two paintings of Samoa by G.P. Nerli.

Contemporary Pacific artists for whom we hold works are Michael Tuffery and Lonnie Hutchison. We have a large collection of works by Robin White, including some from her

years living in Kiribati: there are a number of prints and the work *New Angel*, a set of woven pandanus mats produced with a group of women in Kiribati.

Search for holdings on Hākena. Please talk to staff at the reference desk if you wish to access the pictures collection.

Ephemera

There is a limited amount of material related to the Pacific in the Ephemera collection. Much of it is tourism-related brochures and posters, but some items cover a range of Pacific issues and subjects. Please talk to desk staff if you wish to consult this material.

Websites

New Zealand Electronic Text Centre: this Victoria University of Wellington site has digital versions of numerous historical books and pamphlets, including some concerning the Pacific Islands: <https://nzetc.victoria.ac.nz/>

Pacific Manuscripts Bureau copies archives, manuscripts and rare printed material relating to the Pacific Islands. The aim of the Bureau is to help with long-term preservation of the documentary heritage of the Pacific Islands and to make it accessible: <https://pambu.anu.edu.au/home-0>

University of the South Pacific Electronic Research Repository is a digital archive for promoting and disseminating the scholarly output of the University: <https://repository.usp.ac.fj/>

Around the coral sea: a journal about the repatriation vessel S.S Moresby's 1906 journey to the Solomon Islands as written by a special correspondent of the Queenslander newspaper: https://issuu.com/conruafricanandoceanicart/docs/around_the_coral_sea

Pacific Islands Legal Information Institute: A facility of the University of the South Pacific Faculty of Law that collects and publishes legal materials from 20 Pacific Islands Countries: <http://www.pacii.org/>

The University of Otago Library Subject Guide for **Pacific Island Studies** contains many useful research sources: https://otago.libguides.com/pacific_studies

Archives New Zealand has an info sheet on Samoan land records that includes a Samoan administration timeline: <https://www.archives.govt.nz/research-guidance/research-guides/land/searching-samoan-land-records>



'Nukualofa – Tongatabu,' from the Burton Brothers 'Camera in the Coral Islands' series, 1884. Photograph collection, P98-068 [S10-024a].

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