

Genealogical Sources Guide

Shipping Records



HMS Dido in Graving Dock, Port Chalmers, 1872. Burton Bros. C/N E962/35

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 lunchroom 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 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We hold numerous other sources—both published and unpublished—and you can search for material on our Online Public Access Catalogues: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 - http://otago.hosted.exlibrisgroup.com/primo_library/libweb/action/search.do?mode=Advanced&vid=DUNEDIN gives you several search options, and you can refine your results to the Hocken Library on the left side of the screen.

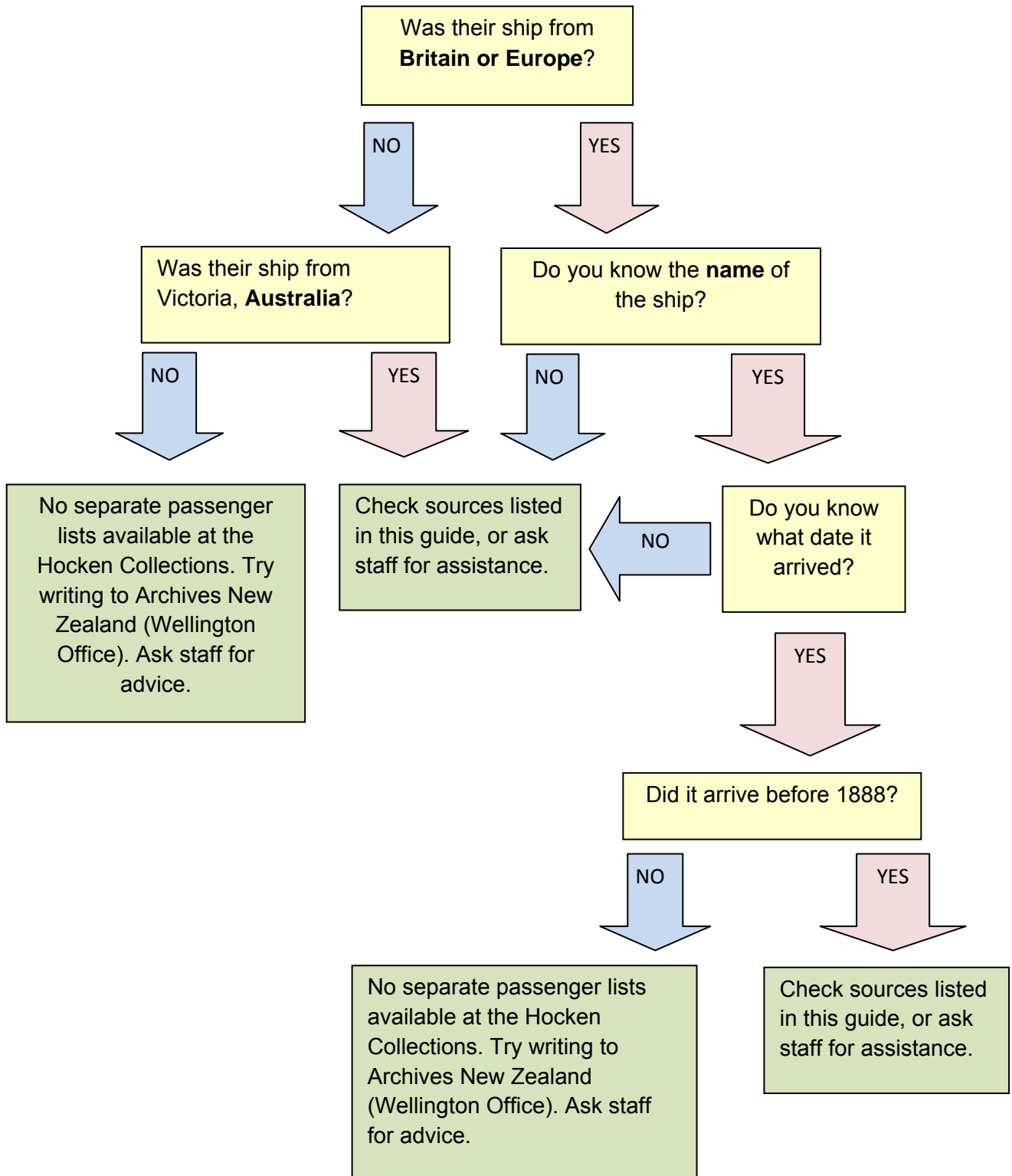
The Library Search Guide <http://otago.libguides.com/LibrarySearch> contains helpful tips and assistance for using Library Search|Ketu;

- for pictures, photographs and archives and manuscripts, use Hākena - <http://hakena.otago.ac.nz>

The Hākena Search Help Guide <http://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 <http://hockensnapshot.ac.nz/> . Some other photographs and artworks can be viewed at <http://otago.ourheritage.ac.nz/> .

Tracing your ancestors' arrival at Otago



What do you know already?

If the **name** of the ship and its **date** of arrival are known, check the sources listed below for a passenger list.

If only the **name** of the ship is known check the *Comber Index* (see below) for arrival dates, then check the sources listed.

Otherwise, look for information and clues from -

- Obituaries and biographical dictionary entries
- Death records - these may provide the number of years your ancestor had been in the country
- Dates of first entry in directories and electoral rolls
- Dates and places of marriage and of the birth of children

All sources listed below are available in the ready reference area unless otherwise stated.

Arrivals from the United Kingdom & Europe 1848-1888

Contributions to the Early History of New Zealand [Settlement of Otago] by Thomas Morland Hocken Appendix F 1898

Contains passenger lists for ships that came to Otago from Great Britain for the period 1848 to 1851. An expanded and corrected version is available at

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

Settlers to Otago pre-1861 by Val Maxwell

An index to some of the individuals who arrived in Otago before 1861, it includes arrivals from Australia and the United Kingdom. Also available on microfiche.

List of Immigrants, Debtors to the Provincial Government of Otago for Passage Moneys 1869 and 1872

These lists include those individuals who still owed money to the Otago Provincial Government for their assisted passage from Great Britain. The 1869 list covers the period 1848 to 1869 while the 1872 list covers the period 1856 to 1872. The 1872 list also includes Southland immigrants for the period 1862 to 1868.

Passenger Lists to Otago 1869-1875 from the *Otago Provincial Government Gazettes*

A compilation of passenger lists that were published in the *Otago Provincial Government Gazette* for the period 1869 to 1875 and they include assisted and guaranteed passengers.

Patrick Henderson Shipping Company Paying Passengers to New Zealand 1871-1880

These are the only separate passenger lists for paying passengers held by the Hocken Collections. They only include those passengers who departed by Patrick Henderson Shipping Company vessels from Greenock, Glasgow and London during the period 1871-1880. The original lists can be found on the microfiche version.

Otago & Southland Assisted Passengers from U.K. & Europe 1872-1888

These passenger lists are for assisted immigrants from the United Kingdom and Europe for the period 1872-1888. The majority of entries refer to arrivals at Port Chalmers, although some arrivals at Bluff are included.

Comber Index to Shipping to New Zealand 1839 to 1889

An index to information about the ships that arrived in New Zealand from the United Kingdom and Europe during the period 1839 to 1889. Use it to locate the date and port of arrival when only the name of a ship is known. Also on microfiche.

Index to References to Migrant Voyages in the Appendices to the Journals of the House of Representatives

An index to reports on voyages with emigrants sponsored by the New Zealand Government for the period 1871-1884 published in the *Appendices to the Journals of the House of Representatives* <http://atojs.natlib.govt.nz/cgi-bin/atojs> .

Shipping folders

Photocopies of passenger lists and/or accounts of arrival compiled from newspapers and arranged alphabetically by ship's name.

Arrivals at Other New Zealand Ports

Most of the sources held are for arrivals at Port Chalmers, but some include arrivals at Bluff. If your ancestor arrived at another New Zealand port and you know the name of the ship and the date of arrival then check our holdings of newspapers for that area. Otherwise you should check the other contacts listed below or contact the Alexander Turnbull Library, Archives New Zealand (Wellington Office) or the appropriate local public library – ask staff for advice.

Arrivals after 1888

The Hocken Collections do not hold any separate records for arrivals after 1888. If the name of the ship and its date of arrival are known you may be able to locate a passenger

list in the appropriate newspaper. Otherwise you should write to Archives New Zealand (Wellington Office).

Crew lists

The Hocken Collections do not hold separate crew lists. Archives New Zealand (Wellington Office) holds some crew lists from 1883 on.

Arrivals from Victoria, Australia 1852-1923

We hold *Passenger Lists – Victoria, Australia outwards to New Zealand 1852-1923* on CD Rom – aske desk staff. We also hold the following records on microfiche:

- *Passenger Lists from Victoria, Australia outwards to New Zealand 1852-1880*
- *Immigration to Victoria Inward Passenger Lists British Ports 1852-1879*
- *Immigration to Victoria Inward Passenger Lists Foreign Ports 1852-1879*
- *Immigration to Victoria Overseas and Intercolonial Ports 1846-1852 Register of Inward Shipping and Index*
- *Immigration to Victoria Assisted German Immigrants Passenger Lists and Index 1849-1850*

Online indexes are available at <http://prov.vic.gov.au/provguide-23>.

The Hocken Collections do not hold separate passenger lists for arrivals from other Australian states.

If the name of the ship and its date of arrival are known check the appropriate newspaper for a passenger list, otherwise you should write to Archives New Zealand (Wellington Office).

Departures

The only separate records held of departures from New Zealand ports are for emigration to Victoria, Australia for the period 1852-1923. They are all on microfiche, or try the online indexes at <http://prov.vic.gov.au/provguide-23>. The Hocken Collections do not hold separate passenger lists for departures to any other states of Australia or any other countries. If the name of the ship and its date of departure are known, check the appropriate newspaper for a passenger list, otherwise you should write to Archives New Zealand (Wellington Office).

Other Relevant Sources

Print Guides

Friends of the Hocken Collections Bulletin 14: Ships, Sailormen and their passengers

http://www.library.otago.ac.nz/pdf/hoc_fr_bulletins/14_bulletin.pdf

Hākēna – Archives and Manuscripts, Photographs and Pictures catalogue

Check this catalogue, available at <http://hakena.otago.ac.nz> for unpublished material such as shipboard diaries, some photographs and passenger lists, and shipping company records.

Photographs

Check Hākēna for holdings of photographs of ships upstairs in the Pictorial Collections.

Some are viewable online via Hocken Snapshot at <http://hockensnapshot.ac.nz/>. Check

Library Search|Ketu <http://www.otago.ac.nz/library/> for books on various ships and shipping companies as these often include images of ships.

Microfiche

A Guide to Firsthand Shipboard Accounts for Voyages to New Zealand 1840 to 1900 compiled by Marsha Donaldson. 1998.

New Zealand Assisted Passenger Lists 1855-1871. Ships into Lyttelton, sometimes Timaru compiled by Heather Morris and Barbara Hafslund. 1994.

New Zealand Shipping Company Register 1875-1893 published by New Zealand Society of Genealogists, 1988. Details of ships only.

Port of Wellington Entry 1856-1887 published by New Zealand Society of Genealogists, 1988.

Publications

Some of these are held in the ready reference section. The others have to be ordered via Library Search|Ketu.

Ship deserters from the Otago Police Gazette 1861-1877. A list of seamen described as deserters in the *Otago Police Gazette* 1861-1877.

White Wings by Henry Brett (2 volumes). Contains information about, and sometimes photographs of, the ships that came to New Zealand from the United Kingdom during the period 1840 to 1900.

Log of Logs by Ian Nicholson. A catalogue of logs, journals, shipboard diaries, letters and all forms of voyage narratives for Australia and New Zealand and surrounding oceans for the period 1778 to 1998 and their location.

Shipping Arrivals & Departures listed in Dunedin's Morning Herald 1881. A list of shipping arrivals and departures for the year 1881 organised in three volumes – indexed by name of ship, surname, or arrival date of ship. It includes coastal shipping within New Zealand ports, as well as overseas arrivals and departures.

Index to the N.Z. section of the Register of all British ships 1840-1950 (inclusive) compiled by M.N. Watt. A register of every vessel registered in New Zealand up to and including 1950. It also includes details of masters, ownerships and ship builders.

New Zealand Shipwrecks: 195 years of disaster at sea by C.W.N. Ingram. (several editions)

Rocks, Reefs and Sandbars. A History of Otago Shipwrecks by Bruce E. Collins.

Otago Harbour. Currents of Controversy by Gavin McLean.

The golden years of shipping industry: a study of shipbuilding and repairing work in Port Chalmers, 1862-1864 by M.A. Chapman.

Shipping Arrivals and Departures Tasmania ... This is part of a Roebuck Society series and includes Victoria, South Australia and Sydney. A range of dates is covered and there are several volumes for some areas.

Opening the manifest on ... Otago's Infant Years. Shipping Arrivals and Departures, Otago Harbour and Coast 1770-1860 by Ian N. Church. A chronological record of the ships that arrived, it includes names of some passengers, or the sources of passenger lists.

John Wickliffe, Philip Laing, Victory, Blundell and Bernicia. A set of commemorative booklets on the first five ships with Free Church settlers to arrive at Otago.

Over the mountains of the sea: life on the migrant ships, 1870-1885 by David Hastings.

Other contacts

Archives New Zealand

<http://archives.govt.nz/migration>

Alexander Turnbull Library

<http://www.natlib.govt.nz/services/get-advice/family-history>

Museum of Wellington City and Sea

<http://www.museumswellington.org.nz/>

Petone Settlers Museum Online Passenger Database

<http://www.huttcity.govt.nz/en/Leisure--Culture/Museums-and-galleries/Our-museums/Petone-Settler-DB/>

Auckland City Libraries Auckland Area Passenger Arrivals 1838-1889.

<http://www.aucklandcitylibraries.com/DigitalLibrary/resourcepages/aucklandareapa ssengerarrivals.aspx?RD=~/DigitalLibrary/topicpages/Family-history.aspx>

Passenger Lists Leaving UK 1890-1960 - outward passenger lists for long-distance voyages leaving the British Isles from 1890 to 1960.

<http://search.findmypast.co.uk/search-world-records/passenger-lists-leaving-uk-1890-1960/>

Immigration chronology of selected events 1840-2008 – a useful summary of key dates and changes to immigration policy in New Zealand since 1840.

<http://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/ParlSupport/ResearchPapers/6/2/8/00PLSocRP08011-Immigration-chronology-selected-events-1840-2008.htm>

Supplementary Logs and Journals of Ships on Exploration - these volumes are the logs (navigational records) and journals (narrative accounts) of naval officers of ships engaged in exploration and surveying, which were used by the Hydrographic Office to produce charts and other data.

<http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/records/logs-journals-ships-of-exploration.htm>

Other guides in this series include:

A General Guide

Births, Deaths and Marriages

Occupations

Residences

Education

Internet Sources



Fragment from New Zealand Company 'Ajax' Poster. 1848. S06-255.

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(pictorial collections closed 9am-1pm)
Tuesday 9am - 9pm
(pictorial collections closed 9am-1pm
and 5pm-9pm)
Saturday 9am - 12noon
(archives, publications & gallery open;
pictorial collections by prior
appointment)