



Goldmine for Genealogists

WHEN Dr Thomas Morland Hocken (1836–1910) pledged his remarkable collection of books, pamphlets, newspapers, manuscripts, maps, paintings and drawings to the people of New Zealand a century ago, he probably had little thought of the value of the collection for the present-day generation of genealogists.

The dedication with which he collected, and the manner in which the various sections have been enhanced over 90 years, has made the Hocken Library holdings a goldmine for genealogical research, particularly for those seeking their origins in this part of New Zealand.

Following the discovery of gold in Otago in 1861, the subsequent wealth of the province and the affluence of the times ensured a high ratio of written material was preserved. The commercial and business strength of Otago in those early days saw the establishment of companies which were to become major corporate enterprises throughout New Zealand. The larger population of Otago and Southland in the period to 1885, compared with other districts in New Zealand, adds to the extent and value of the records held by the Hocken.

These valuable collections have been diligently and carefully maintained by the University of Otago over the past 87 years, and the main users of the resource are students and staff of the University. But of the members of the public using the library today, some 75% of the inquiries relate to genealogy. The Hocken Library is the second largest historical research library in the country and currently houses over 5000 linear metres of archives and manuscripts.

The value of the various collections for genealogical research can be outlined as follows:

Births, Deaths and Marriages 1848–1980

The Registrar General's Index to Births, Deaths and Marriages is held on microfiche and indexed by name within years with a registration number provided. The District is also shown for births and deaths. Following discovery through the Index, photocopies of actual Certificates can be obtained from the Registrar General. (see also **Overseas Records** below). Registers of persons naturalised in New Zealand from 1846 to 1981 are also held.

Books

Holding over 136,000 books, the library has extensive coverage of family, district, school and church histories for New Zealand as well as general histories of early Australia and the Pacific. It is very strong in material on southern

New Zealand.

Business and Social Club Archives

The Hocken holds business records from such well-known companies as A & T Burt Ltd (covering the years 1874–1975, Coulls Somerville Wilkie Ltd 1896–1954, Donaghy's Industries Ltd 1887–1993, Evening Star Co.Ltd 1869–1979, Hallenstein Bros. Ltd 1873–1986, Kempthorne Prosser & Co. 1878–1978, Mackintosh, Caley, Phoenix Ltd 1886–1951, National Insurance Co. Ltd 1873–1971, National Mortgage & Agency Co. of N.Z. Ltd 1877–1975 Sir John Roberts (founder of Murray Roberts & Co.) 1864–1904, Ross & Glendining Ltd 1865–1965, Standard Insurance Co. of N.Z. Ltd 1874–1986, and the Union Steam Ship Co. of N.Z. Ltd 1873–1964. Many include registers of employees, salary and wage books and lists of shareholders. In some cases restrictions apply and approval to inspect is required in advance. Other extensive records cover such organisations as the Automobile Association of Otago 1900–1992, Dunedin Stock Exchange 1899–1954, Otago District Law Society 1879–1984, and Otago Harbour Board 1874–1989. There is also a wealth of material on clubs and societies within Otago and Southland including trade union records, lodges and sporting bodies.

Cemetery Records

The Hocken Library has the complete New Zealand Society of Genealogists' published collection to date, of transcriptions for headstones and burials in New Zealand cemeteries, on microfiche. Bound copies are also available for many cemeteries in Otago and Southland—the latter being exclusive in Dunedin, to the Hocken. There are also complete transcriptions of Dunedin cremations 1927–1950, headstone and burial records of the Northern Cemetery 1872–1986, Southern Cemetery 1858–1985, and Andersons Bay Cemetery 1867–1951.

Church Records

With the exception of some North Otago records, the Hocken Library is the official repository for the records of the Anglican Diocese of Dunedin. Records of some twenty three Anglican parishes in Otago and Southland are held

There are also records of Associated Churches of Christ, Baptist, Congregational, Jewish, Lutheran, Methodist and Roman Catholic churches in southern New Zealand. Most the Catholic material of the area is held at the Diocesan Pastoral Centre, 277 Rattray Street (access by written application only) and the Presbyterian records are in the Presbyterian Church Archives office, Knox College at 1 Arden Street, Opoho, Dunedin.

Nominal indexes are available for Presbyterian, Catholic and Anglican marriages (including Associated Churches of Christ and Congregational) between 1841 and 1920. There are also parish transcripts for Anglican churches giving full details of marriage entries. Original Anglican baptismal registers (some with indexed transcripts) are available and some Anglican burial registers are also held.

A more detailed summary of church and religious records is presented in the Friends of the Hocken Collections Bulletin No 8, July 1994.

Directories

Directories contain an alphabetical list of householders and businesses and usually provide name, occupation and address. As the head of the house was usually deemed to be a man, women invariably only appear if they are single, widowed or operating a business. Holdings include:

The Otago Almanac and Directory 1858, 1859

Mackay's Otago Almanac Directory & Annual 1864–1873, 1875, 1877, 1880

Stone's Otago/Southland Directory 1884–1954

Harnett & Company Dunedin Directory 1863–1867

Wise's Dunedin Directory 1865–1872

Wise's New Zealand Post Office Directory 1872–1955

N.Z. Directory (combined with the runholders directory) 1866/67, 1867/68

Stone's Canterbury, Nelson, Marlborough & Westland Directory 1902–1955

Stone's Wellington, Hawkes Bay & Taranaki Directory 1891–1945

A more detailed summary of directories is contained in the Friends of the Hocken Bulletin No 7, March 1994. Refer also to **Overseas Records** for details of some Australian directories.

Education

The Hocken holds the Otago Education Board records for the period 1879–1991, including teachers' registers and class lists, 1877–1953. These are arranged alphabetically by school, and record the pupils who sat examinations in any given year and their age at the time. One of the most useful sources of genealogical information comes from the Admission, Progress and Withdrawal Registers (APWs) for the Otago region. They may contain the pupil's name, date of admission, date of birth, parent's name and address, standards passed, date of leaving and destination. The records are good indicators of mobility and enable the researcher to trace families who did not remain in a district long enough to appear on an electoral roll or directory. APWs came into official use in 1877 with the passing of

the Education Act, but teachers were not always totally diligent in keeping the records.

APW indexed transcripts exist for most Dunedin primary schools and the Otago Girls High School. Records for the North Otago area are held by the North Otago Museum at Oamaru, and Southland records, which include the APWs, are held by the Invercargill City Libraries.

The Library also has a number of printed school registers. A strong collection of school jubilee publications and school committee minutes also provides useful information. The *Appendices to the Journals of the House of Representatives* give information on school teachers. The Friends of the Hocken Collections Bulletin No 10, March 1995 deals with schools and education.

Electoral Rolls

Holdings date from 1865 to the most recent rolls and cover all New Zealand electorates. The rolls provide the name, address, occupation (not on the early rolls) and sometimes a land and/or house description (only on the earliest rolls). From 1865 to 1954 the rolls are held on microfiche. The library also holds a number of electoral rolls for South Island Boroughs and Councils in Otago and Southland. (See also the **Otago Nominal Index** below)

Family Histories

The library has around 1,400 family histories and there are also records and other printed material relating to family jubilees and reunions.

Government Records

In recent years, the Hocken Library has moved to obtain a complete microfilm copy of the Otago and Southland Provincial Government papers 1853–1876 and for the Otago Provincial Government this is the only source in New Zealand other than the original documents in National Archives, Wellington. Microfilming has concentrated on correspondence files of the Provincial Superintendent. The indexing is limited, but the material has value for genealogists who have the time to delve into it.

In the field of Local Government, the library holds some County and Borough records which may contain rate-books and valuation rolls e.g. Tuapeka County and Vincent Borough Council records. Rate-books and valuation rolls relating to the Greater Dunedin area (including Milton, Queenstown and Tapanui) are held at Dunedin City Council archives.

Maori Sources

Publications of use to the researcher include P.D. Garven's *Ngai Tahu Genealogy* and G.R.H. Taylor's *Bibliography of Publications on New Zealand Maori* which includes a section on books related to tribal and local Maori history. The 1886 *Appendix to the Journal of the House of Representatives* (G16) contains Maori census results for 1848, 1853 and 1866. For Maori in the Moeraki area, Vol. 3 of the *Polynesian Society Journal* contains valuable information; Horrie Beattie's manuscripts contain original

material concerning Southern Maori; and Rev. J.F.H. Wohler's papers include useful information concerning the Maori on Ruapuke Island. The Hocken also has the *Maori Land Court Minutes 1865–1975* on microfilm. An introduction to Maori material is also set out in Friends of the Hocken Collections Bulletin No 11, June 1995.

Maps

The library is particularly strong in Otago and Southland maps, which are useful for locating properties for which a legal description is held (cadastral maps and sale plans); and for finding properties owned or occupied by ancestors but for which the legal description is unknown. Sale plans are particularly valuable as, besides individuals' names printed on the maps, names of land purchasers have occasionally been added by hand, or newspaper reports of the sale and the land purchasers have been pasted on to the maps held in the Hocken. Sale plans of both urban and rural properties may also locate specific buildings, both residential and commercial. The Hocken also holds a number of land use/insurance maps of Dunedin. Rural settlement maps and topographic maps provide a picture of what properties were like at specific times in the past. The extent of the map collection is summarised in Friends of the Hocken Collections Bulletin No 5, July 1993.

Military

The Friends of the Hocken Collections Bulletin No 12, June 1995, provides a comprehensive listing of books and other written material on 19th Century New Zealand wars. The listings include T.W. Gudgeon's *The Defenders of New Zealand*, published in 1887. The library has Medal Rolls 1845–66 and the Roll of Honour 1840–1903.

For World War 1, there is the nominal list of the N.Z. Expeditionary Forces and Reserve List as well as the N.Z.E.F. Roll of Honour (1924). Various regimental and specialist corps histories are also held. For World War 2, there is a wide range of books covering most campaigns as well as the nominal roll 1939–1945. Limited material is held on the Royal New Zealand Air Force and the extent of the Royal New Zealand Navy holdings is detailed in Friends of the Hocken Collections Bulletin No 17, April 1996.

Newspapers and Periodicals

A listing of newspapers held in the Hocken Library is covered in the 1997 update of the Friends of the Hocken Collections Bulletin No 3. The Hocken is particularly strong in early Dunedin papers published prior to 1900 and holds provincial papers from over 30 towns in Otago and Southland. The library also holds runs of the *New Zealand Herald*, *New Zealand Weekly News*, *New Zealand Free Lance*, *Dominion* and *The Press*. Also useful for the genealogist are copies of the *Sydney Morning Herald* 1851–1903, some short runs of early Melbourne and Tasmanian newspapers and the *Illustrated London News*. Newspapers covering the Goldfield areas should be used in conjunction with the *Otago Goldfield Newspaper Indices*.

While newspapers are essentially consulted for their news value, genealogists will often find items of significance in public notices and advertisements. Exclusive to the Hocken is a newly-compiled computerised index of *Otago Daily Times* headlines from 1946–1980 (with obituaries to 1994). The library also has a wide range of New Zealand periodicals.

Official Publications

The Library has a complete set of the *New Zealand Gazette* and an almost complete run of the *Appendices to the Journals of the House of Representatives*. The *Gazettes* provide annual lists of various professions including dentists, medical practitioners, teachers and sharebrokers. Later lists include electricians and, occasionally from 1866, public servants.

For the Provincial period both the *Otago and Southland Provincial Gazettes* and *Votes of Proceedings* are held, with varied holdings for other provinces. The *Otago Police Gazette* includes listings of items stolen, missing persons, reports of inquests and details of those convicted of crimes.

The Otago Nominal Index

This is a computerised index containing the names of people in Otago and Southland to 1876 when Provincial Government was disbanded. Otago electoral rolls are the only lists entered to date. Up to January 1998, the Index covered 142,000 entries taken from 265 rolls, with a further 57 rolls to complete the first section of the database. The index, exclusive to the Hocken Library, includes name and address as well as a reference to the original source. It is intended that names from sources other than electoral rolls will be steadily added to this index.

The library also holds an alphabetical listing of freeholders of land in New Zealand in 1882. It provides the name, address and occupation, as well as the area and value of the property.

Overseas Records

The Hocken has quite an extensive collection of early Australian material including facsimiles of convict pardons, the 1828 New South Wales census and early land grants.

Civil registrations held by the Library are:

Victorian Pioneers Index 1837–1888, and Births, Deaths and Marriages for Victoria 1889–1913.

Electoral rolls held on microfiche are:

Victorian Electoral Roll 1856 and *Victorian Federal Referendum Roll 1899*.

Directories held on microfiche are:

Sand's & Kelly Melbourne Directories 1857–1861

Sand's & McDougall Melbourne Directories 1862–1883

Port Phillip Directories 1839–1867

Wise's Victorian Post Office Directories 1884–1900

Reference has already been made to the holdings of Australian newspapers under **Newspapers**.

Photographs

The Hocken is a valuable resource for photographs on Otago, its geography, buildings and people, including a large number of portraits of many of the district's early settlers. Many are group photographs covering school, church, society, family or business gatherings. There are over 925,000 images in the Reader Access File. There is a good coverage of migrant ships from the mid 1870s and most ships are listed in the extensive Gordon Black Shipping Index. Copies of photographs can be supplied subject to conditions of copyright and preservation requirements.

Reminiscences

The Hocken Library catalogue reveals a number of writings setting the background of particular persons or periods of history. These include reminiscences from around New Zealand as well as a range of family histories, and reports of jubilees and reunions. Genealogists can also check various ship diaries, goldmining diaries and other personal journals.

Shipping

Shipping lists held by the library provide information such as name, age, ship, date/port of departure and arrival. Passenger lists are only held for passengers emigrating from Britain to New Zealand and some records from Victoria, Australia. There are a number of diaries or voyage accounts of individual voyages. More detailed information on shipping holdings of the Hocken are contained in *Ships, Sailormen and their Passengers* (Friends of the Hocken Collections Bulletin No 14, October 1995) as well as Bulletin No 22, September 1997, on immigration to New Zealand. Some of the material held on migrant lists is as follows:

Microfilm copies of N.Z. Company archives held by the Public Record Office, London on cabin passengers and emigrant applications 1839–1850

Otago/Southland Assisted Passenger Lists 1872–1888

Passenger lists compiled from the *Otago Provincial Government Gazettes* 1869–1875

Migrants who were debtors to the Provincial Government of Otago for Monies 1848–1872

P. Henderson & Co. (Albion shipping line) passenger list 1871–1880

Victorian Outward Passengers to all New Zealand ports 1866–1870

The Comber Index to Shipping Arrivals in New Zealand 1839–1889. (This microfilm list includes names, tonnage, master, dates of arrival and departure and brief voyage details but no passenger lists)

Val Maxwell Index of settlers to Otago prior to 1861 (Not quite a complete list but a very useful checking source)

The library holds an almost complete set of Lloyd's Registers of Shipping from 1764 to the present and these volumes contain the basic details of each ship listed. A full list of registers held is contained in the *Otago Register of*

Shipping Registers of which the Library holds a copy.

Sports

The Hocken has extensive records of many sporting organisations including the Albion Cricket Club 1871–1992, N.Z. Alpine Club 1864–1988, N.Z. Bowling Association 1886–1961, Otago Acclimatisation Society 1865–1994, Otago Yacht Club 1892–1983, and Otago Rugby Football Union from 1881. Sports covered include athletics, harrisers, basketball, boating and yachting, bowling, cricket, croquet, curling, cycling, golf, hockey, horse racing and trotting, rowing, rugby, shooting, skiing, surf life saving, swimming, tennis, and tramping.

University of Otago

A summary of University of Otago records held by the Hocken is set out in Friends of the Hocken Bulletin No 16, May 1996. Material of specific interest to genealogists includes an index of students from 1882 to the present, the published book on the roll of graduates of the University to 1988 and a list of University staff extracted from the set of University Calendars held by the library.

Other Material

The foregoing is just a brief summary of some of the material held. The library has a myriad of genealogical information and the staff will be more than happy to assist all inquirers. Remember that some of the items, particularly early newspapers may now be too fragile for public use and there may be restrictions on the availability of some of the business records.

Availability of Bulletins

Many Bulletins on specific subjects have been issued by the *Friends of the Hocken Collections*. All Bulletins can be perused at the Library and copies are available at 50 cents each.

Hocken Library location

At the moment the Hocken Library is situated in two buildings. Archives, manuscripts and photographs are located at 137 Leith Street. Books, periodicals, newspapers, directories, electoral rolls and the like are in the main Hocken Building, Castle Street in the University Campus. The inquiry desk is on the 5th floor. From the end of 1998 the two sections of the library will be combined in the one building on the corner of Anzac Avenue and Parry Street, south of the Unipol Sports Building, 96 Anzac Avenue. The postal address for the Library is PO Box 56, Dunedin.

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