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Starting Your Genealogical Journey Part 4 - New Zealand Sources



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This is part 4 of a 4 part series "Starting Your Genealogical Journey". These notes should be read in conjunction with the accompanying video which you can find on the NZSG website.

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Searching

If you haven't already, have a look at our presentation on <u>Searching</u>. It might help you find that elusive record!

This is not a complete list of everything available! There are many more records out there. These are many of the records which covered the whole country. For more provincial records, contact local libraries and museums in that area.

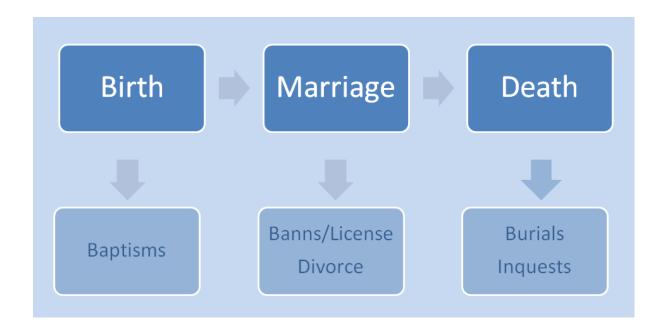
Kiwi Resources

The New Zealand Society of Genealogists has available to members Kiwi Resources which is an ever-growing list of where to find records in New Zealand, as well as guidance on how to search them. It is more comprehensive than this short guide.

Not an NZSG member? Join now!



Vital Records



Generally Vital Records include births, marriages and deaths. We're also including baptisms, burials, inquests, and other marriage records.



Birth Death Marriage Indexes

www.bdmonline.dia.govt.nz/

New Zealand certificates are split between Historical and Non-Historical.

Historical records are indexed and you can search them. They include:

- Births that occurred at least 100 years ago
- Stillbirths that occurred at least 50 years ago
- Marriages and eventually civil unions that occurred at least 80 years ago
- Deaths that occurred at least 50 years ago, or the deceased's date of birth was at least 80 years ago

Once you find a record in the index, you can order it online. You want to order a printout, not a certificate. This is a photocopy of the original record and will not contain the possible transcription errors of a certificate. It's also cheaper!

Note that the DIA website does not do spelling variations. It will only search for exactly what you type in. Other versions of the indexes can be found on microfiche, Ancestry.com and FindMyPast.com. You can use these if your searches on the DIA website is not coming up with any results.

Non-Historical records are the more modern records. You can order these with a RealMe login, but you will need to know more information than just a person's name.

Newspapers can be a good source of birth, marriage and death, information.

The information available from a birth, marriage or death certificate depends on when it was recorded. The DIA website has a breakdown of what's included: www.bdmhistoricalrecords.dia.govt.nz/dataCollected

Adoption NZ has a summary of the history of adoption in New Zealand which might be helpful if you have an adopted family member.

adoptionnz.com/?page id=118

The NZSG also has the following records available - see under NZSG Vital Records below

- Marriage Index CD (unique and invaluable!)
- Griffis Illegitimacies Collection



Church Records

Many religious denominations hold archives of their Church records. Very few are available online.

Further information is available to NZSG members on Kiwi Resources.

Cemetery Records

The great majority of cemeteries in New Zealand are municipal ie they are run by the local council. An increasing number of councils are providing online databases of their burials. You will need to know, in general terms, where your family member was buried.

The NZSG has a large range of cemetery records available to members. Please see below.

Vital Records Held by Archives NZ

Intentions to Marry 1856-1956

These are the New Zealand equivalent of a marriage license. All marriages have one. Held at the Wellington office. A card catalogue available for 1856-1881. Otherwise, you will need to know location and time period to order up the applicable volume.

Divorce Records

There is 100 year embargo on these records. However, you can apply through Courts for more recent ones.

Held at the Archives office nearest the court.

- some courts are indexed in Archway
- otherwise need to consult index book for location and time period

Inquests/Coroners' Reports

Held at the Archives office nearest the court.

- indexed in Archway which will give the location and reference number
- www.familysearch.org/search/catalog/544929 online images 1888-1938



Vital Records held by NZSG

See www.genealogy.org.nz/ for more information.

New Zealand Marriages 1836 – 1956 – A nominal index. Available for sale

NZSG (Griffis) Illegitimacies Collection (Member only resource) A nominal index of illegitimate children extracted from Police Gazettes, Police Guard Books, Court Records, Maintenance Payment Records. Available on the Kiwi Collection.

Burial Locator – A nominal index of the NZSG Headstone and Burial Records, Newspapers, Church Records and other sources. Available at most public libraries.

New Zealand Cemetery Records - Transcriptions of Headstone Inscriptions and Burial Records 1812 -2017. Available on the <u>Kiwi Collection</u> and at the NZSG Family Research Centre, and most public libraries. Records post-2006 are only available in hard copy at the NZSG Family Research Centre.

Kiwi Collection (Member only resource) - Available online the Collection includes millions of records which are a consolidation of indexes and/or transcriptions donated by individual members, branches and interest groups nationwide.



Census

There are no surviving national NZ Census returns prior to 1966 as they have been destroyed. Census "substitutes" can provide some information you might find on a census.

Some exceptions include:

- Census for Nelson District 1845 and 1849 held at the Nelson Provincial Museum www.nelsonmuseum.co.nz/
- 1891 and 1911 Māori Census is on FamilySearch (available at <u>Affiliate Libraries</u> only) www.familysearch.org/search/catalog/129361 www.familysearch.org/search/catalog/135946

There are many early New Zealand Census (manuscripts) held by Archives N.Z. These documents have been itemized by Don Hansen who has kindly provided a copy for the <u>Kiwi Resources</u> (NZSG members only).

Electoral rolls

Electoral rolls will list those who are eligible to vote. The Encyclopedia of New Zealand has an overview of who could vote when: teara.govt.nz/en/voting-rights
Generally, people had to be over 21, so unlike the census, you will only see the older members of a household. And unless you know to look, you will not automatically see members of a household with a different name.

Electoral rolls can be found on microfiche in larger libraries - these are will need to be searched by electorate.

The NZSG has two relevant publications:

- New Zealand Elections Five Significant Rolls which includes 1881, 1893, 1896, 1911
 and 1925 available in larger libraries
- A Return of the Freeholders of New Zealand 1882 available on CD-Rom from the <u>NZSG</u>

Ancestry.com (\$/library edition) also has the electoral rolls from 1853 to 2010 available. FindMyPast.com (\$/library edition) have indexes for the years 1853-1864, 1865-1875, 1878, 1881, 1893, 1896 and 1911.



Women's suffrage in New Zealand resulted in women having the right to vote from 1893. Many women appear on the 1893 Electoral Roll, sometimes in the Supplementary Roll, or in the 1896 Electoral Roll for the first time. Remember to note in your source citation which Roll the entry is in.

Key to women's suffrage was the 1893 Suffrage Petition. While some of the smaller petitions from that time have been lost, there are over 24,000 signatures surviving which you can search to find your family. You can see the Petition at He Tohu at the National Library, Wellington. natlib.govt.nz/he-tohu

To find a family member who signed the petition and further information on it: nzhistory.govt.nz/politics/womens-suffrage/petition - search by name and then click on the Sheet number to view an image of the original.

There is also an 1892 Suffrage Petition which contains 17,000 signature, including some from places missing on the 1893 petition.

<u>nzhistory.govt.nz/politics/womens-suffrage/about-the-petition</u> - at the bottom of this page there is a spreadsheet of signatories. Note the Sheet number in column B. You will find an image of the original at:

<u>collections.archives.govt.nz/web/arena#/</u> Search for "1892 suffrage sheet x" and the digitised image will come up in the search results.

Directories

Directories can be arranged by name or street. They generally only list the head of the household. They also include businesses and where they were located. The advertisements may also be of interest.

Examples include:

Wise's New Zealand Post Office Directory Stone's Directories Steven's & Bartholomew's New Zealand Directory

They can be found on subscription websites Ancestry.com and FindMyPast.com or at local libraries.



Other Resources

Annual Sheep Returns

These lists of all the sheep owners in New Zealand can be found in the *Appendices to the Journals of House of Representatives (AtoJ's)*.

paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/parliamentary

They are also available on subscription websites Ancestry.com and FindMyPast.com.

Jury Lists

Jury duty officially began in New Zealand on December 23rd, 1841. These jury rolls include all individuals who were qualified and liable to serve as jurors – that is every male, British subject between the ages of 21 and 60 who resided in New Zealand, and who had not been convicted of treason, a felony or perjury (unless he had received a free pardon).

These records are available on subscription websites Ancestry.com and FindMyPast.com.

Women were not allowed to sit on juries until the Womens Jurors Act which passed on 26 Oct 1942. nzhistory.govt.nz/the-women-jurors-act-allows-women-to-sit-on-judicial-juries-for-first-time

Newspapers

Newspapers can contain many Local Rolls including Jury Lists, Voter Lists and Petitions. See below on where to find them.



Wills and Probates

These have been digitised by FamilySearch in conjunction with Archives New Zealand. Only files which are more than 50 years old are available for viewing, although the FamilySearch index will contain entries up to 1998.

www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1865481

collections.archives.govt.nz/web/arena#/

A search on Archives' Collections will confirm that there is a New Zealand probate file. It is likely that there will be a digitised copy attached to the record.

A record example showing there is a digital copy at Archives



NICHOLLS John Robert - Gisborne - Ironmonger

Entity type: Item Code: R22034740 Years: 1918 - 1918 Box number: 34 Record number: 698 Format: Text

Location: Auckland repository

Item type: Physical

Additional Description: DIGITISED COPY is available and can be viewed free of charge by searching the LDS FamilySearch website by name; select New Zealand and refine your search by

date, if necessary

View online: IE79102406

To find the file, from Archway, you will need to find the following information from the online listing (see example above):

- Court name (in the title of the record)
- Date ("Years")
- Record number

Then in FamilySearch, click on "Browse Images" at the bottom of the page. Choose the court name, then the year / record number. You may need to browse through a number of records before you hit the images of the Record no. you're looking for.



Newspapers

These are a major resource for social history at both national and local level. You will often find details that are not recorded in the official records.

Papers Past

paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/newspapers

This is the collection of digitised New Zealand and Pacific newspapers from the 19th Century up to 1949. Coverage varies across geographic areas and time frame.

Papers Past also includes Magazines and Journals, Letters and Diaries, Parliamentary Papers and Books in their database: paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/
You will find the Police Gazette under Magazines and Journals
paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/periodicals

Searching Newspapers

See the *Getting It Right* resource on "<u>Searching Newspapers</u>" for further information on the ways searching newspapers can be different to searching other records.

Modern newspapers

Many big libraries have newspapers on microfilm. Pop in and check out their collection if you're wanting newspaper articles from more recent times.



Military

Papers Past goes up to 1945 for many newspapers - check there for news on any military service and conscription (including appeals against). archives.govt.nz/research/guides/war

WWI Military Personnel Records

collections.archives.govt.nz/web/arena#/

A name search on Archives' Collections will give a link to any Military Personnel Files. Click on "View or download digitised record" to view. Also look for "Army General Staff filing system" records as these are pertinent to military records.

Also note, if you find 2 files for your family member, they are not duplicates. One may be a rehabilitation file after the person was wounded.

<u>ww100.govt.nz/</u> - Centenary website <u>www.fairdinkumbooks.com/news-and-events</u> - photos of soliders

Post-WWI Military Personnel Records

www.nzdf.mil.nz/nzdf/medal-and-service-records/service-records/

These records are still held by the New Zealand Defence Force. You can apply for one file per person per year. Note, they are generally really really busy around Anzac Day.

Other Military Records and Information

Battalion Records - <u>nzetc.victoria.ac.nz/</u>

Personnel records will not give much information on the actual service of your family member. To find out where they were at any given point, you need to read the personnel records in conjunction with the relevant Battalion record. They can be found at Victoria University's New Zealand Electronic Text Centre.

The 28th Māori Battalion - 28maoribattalion.org.nz/

Online Cenotaph (Auckland Museum) - www.aucklandmuseum.com/war-memorial/online-cenotaph (an index is available in the NZSG's www.aucklandmuseum.com/war-memorial/online-cenotaph (an index is available in the NZSG's www.aucklandmuseum.com/war-memorial/online-cenotaph (an index is available in the NZSG's www.aucklandmuseum.com/war-memorial/online-cenotaph (an index is available in the NZSG's www.aucklandmuseum.com/war-memorial/online-cenotaph (an index is available in the NZSG's www.aucklandmuseum.com/war-memorial/online-cenotaph (an index is available in the NZSG's www.aucklandmuseum.com/war-memorial/online-cenotaph (an index is available in the NZSG's www.aucklandmuseum.com/war-memorial/online-cenotaph (an index is available in the NZSG's www.aucklandmuseum.com/war-memorial/online-cenotaph (an index is available in the NZSG's www.aucklandmuseum.com/war-memorial/online-cenotaph (an index is available in the NZSG's www.aucklandmuseum.com/war-memorial/online-cenotaph (an index is available in the NZSG's www.aucklandmuseum.com/war-memorial/online-cenotaph (an index is available in the NZSG's <a href="https://www.aucklandmuseum.com/war-memorial/o

Commonwealth War Graves Commission - www.cwgc.org/

NZ War Graves Project - www.nzwargraves.org.nz/



Militias

There were many militias in New Zealand before WWI. As they were Government funded, records are held by Archives NZ in Wellington.

<u>collections.archives.govt.nz/web/arena#/</u> - search by Militia name

British Army in New Zealand

You will need to consult British records for these servicemen.

<u>www.archives.govt.nz/research-guidance/research-guides/war-records/war-other</u> - guidance

sooty.nz/britishregimentsinnz.html - list of regiments

www.soldiersofempire.nz/the-project.html - looking at soldiers 1860-1870

Discharged in New Zealand - a CD-Rom produced by the NZSG listing the soldiers of the Imperial Foot Regiments who took their discharge in New Zealand 1840-1870.

Fencibles

Fencibles were retired British (including many Irish) soldiers who came to NZ to be the military reserve 1847-1852.

www.nzfenciblesociety.org.nz/

British sources:

www.iwm.org.uk/research/tracing-your-family-history/tracing-your-army-history/where-to-find-army-service-records

familysearch.org/wiki/en/British Military Records

Note: from 1800-1922 Irish were in British Army.

Many books have been written on the subject - check your local library.

Police

Both the Canterbury Police Gazette 1863-1877 and Police Gazette 1878 - 1945 are available online at on Papers Past

paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/periodicals



Immigration

www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1609792

These are the passenger lists held by Archives New Zealand.

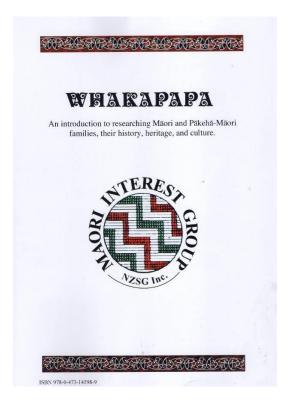
Other lists may be found by searching "Passenger lists New Zealand" in your favourite search engine. If you know the ship's name, that can help! Other information may be found in the newspapers on Papers Past (above).

Many immigrants to New Zealand came via Australia. The NZSG has published a CD-Rom *Passenger Lists - Victoria Outwards to New Zealand 1852 – 1923*.

The NZSG has started work on the NZSG Shipping Collection. This project aims to find everything about voyages to, from and around New Zealand.

Māori Whakapapa

Many resources already listed will have information on your Māori Whakapapa. You should always bear in mind the Anglicisation of names which may make searching difficult.



For additional sources, a comprehensive guide can be found in the booklet published by the NZSG's Māori Interest Group He Tangata Whenua Whakapapa Roopu:

It is available from the NZSG Library as well as in many other libraries.
ISBN 978-0-473-14598-9

Māori Interest Group members throughout NZ are very willing to help others in their research. A Members Interests List is available.

Māori Interest Group contact details.

Many libraries have someone who is knowledgeable on Māori Whakapapa. Visit and ask!



New Zealand Society of Genealogists (NZSG)

www.genealogy.org.nz/

Being a member of the NZSG gives you access to a number of New Zealand and Overseas resources and services. Apart from those listed under vital records, these include:

- <u>Kiwi Collection</u>: An online Collection which currently includes millions of records which are a consolidation of indexes and/or transcriptions donated by individual members, branches and interest groups nationwide, as well as images for some record sets. It is also the publication of choice for NZSG national projects such as Cemeteries, Schools and Funeral Records. Content includes Cemetery Headstones Transcriptions, Burial Records, Probates, Funeral Records, Obituaries, Family Notices (BDM), Government Gazettes, Book Indexes, School Records, Parish Records, Local Body publications, professional and trade publications and many more.
- A range of DVD/CD's; Books; Charts
- Educational classes and online presentations
- Family Research Centre (FRC) Library in Panmure
- Postal Borrowing or free look ups and support from NZSG Research Services
- Free access to Gale On line Newspapers, Discovery (UK Archives)
- Gen-Guides, District Keys (BDM)
- Overseas Purchasing Services
- New Zealand Land Research Service
- Quarterly journal "The New Zealand Genealogist" which includes an "Information Wanted" section as well as articles on a variety of genealogical subjects.
- Interest Groups
- The Mem-List a forum which allows you to tap into the cumulative knowledge of NZSG members around the country.
- Access to the NZSG Record Collections:
 - Certificate Collection
 - First Families Collection
 - Pedigree Collection
 - o Pre-1856 Marriage Records Collection



Other Records

General

Te Ara - The Encyclopedia of New Zealand - teara.govt.nz/en

New Zealand History - nzhistory.govt.nz/

Images

DigitalNZ - <u>digitalnz.org/</u>
Collects NZ digital records including many images

Books

Many books written in the 19th and early 20th centuries have been digitised. Many can be useful for providing contemporary accounts of life in New Zealand.

New Zealand Electronic Text Centre - nzetc.victoria.ac.nz/ Comprises significant New Zealand and Pacific Island texts and materials held by Victoria University of Wellington Library. This encompasses both digitised heritage material and born-digital resources.

Papers Past Books - <u>paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/books</u>
Digitised New Zealand books in English and te reo Māori

The University of Auckland Libraries and Learning Services
www.library.auckland.ac.nz/about-us/collections/digitised-collections - their collections
www.enzb.auckland.ac.nz/ - early New Zealand books



Out in the real world

The library, museum or family history group local to where your family came from may also be great sources of information and can answer questions.

Archives New Zealand

archives.govt.nz/

collections.archives.govt.nz/web/arena#/ - search

- to order records you will now need a RealMe login - www.realme.govt.nz/

National Library - natlib.govt.nz/

Alexander Turnbull Library - tiaki.natlib.govt.nz/#home

Community archives

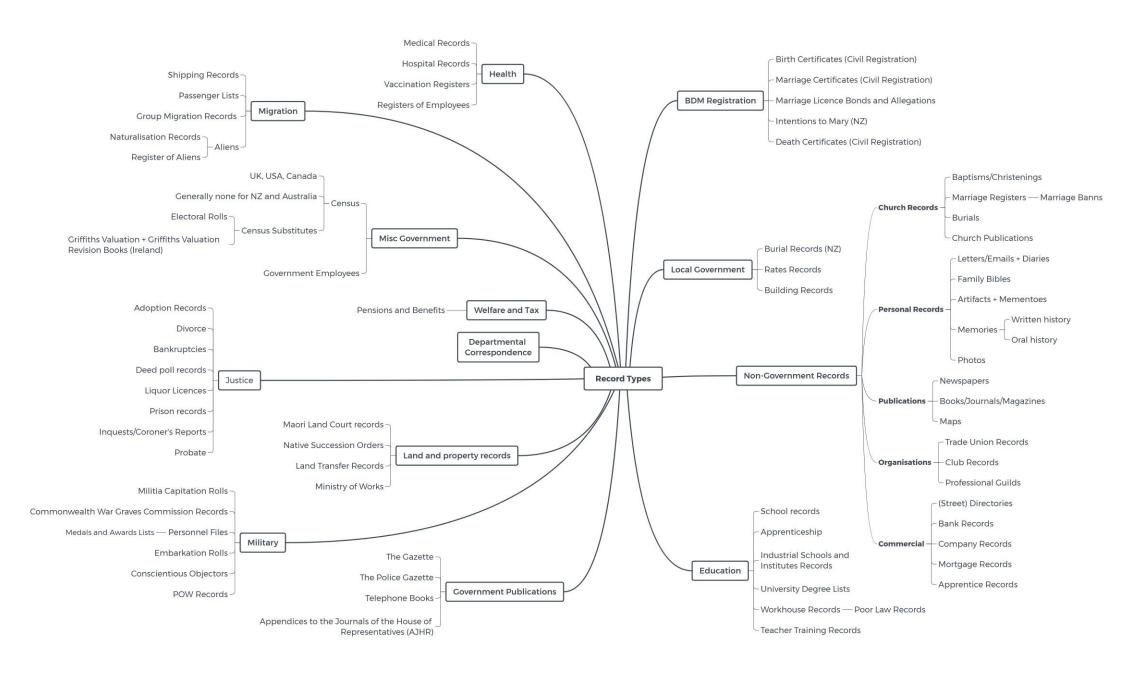
archives.govt.nz/directory-of-community-archives

NZSG Branches - genealogy.org.nz/BranchesIGs-and-Area-Contacts/11083/ NZSG Interest Groups - genealogy.org.nz/Interest-Groups/11179/

Libraries

Libraries hold a huge number of resources. Go and check your local one out! Don't forget to ask a librarian - they know their collections best.





Glossary

Terms used in this presentation:

Library edition - subscription websites like Ancestry.com and FindMyPast.com have versions you can access most of their records for free in many libraries.

Suffrage - the right to vote.

Where to next?

You have completed Part 4 of the *Starting Your Genealogical Journey* series in Getting It Right. Our next series is *Effective Research* which you can find at genealogy.org.nz/Effective-Research/11256/.

For the other Getting It Right resources, see genealogy.org.nz/Getting-It-Right/10915/

Getting It Right:

- Starting Your Genealogical Journey
 - 1. Where to Start
 - Keeping Organised (includes Computer Software)
 - 3. Searching
 - 4. New Zealand Sources
- Effective Research
- Sharing Your Family History





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Women's Suffrage Petition

www.flickr.com/photos/35759981@N08/9365778997/in/pool-teara/

Sailing ship Rangitiki. Ref: PICT-000172. Alexander Turnbull Library, Wellington, New Zealand. /records/23049021





1818 Pinkerton Map of Australia and New Zealand commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:1818 Pinkerton Map of Australia % 5E New Zealand - Geographicus - Australia-pinkerton-1818.jpg

The interior of a Maori pa in the olden time by Sam Stuart www.aucklandartgallery.com/explore-art-and-ideas/artwork/462/the-interior-of-a-maori-pa-in-the-olden-time



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