

# **BLOODLINE**

**Nelson Resources for  
Genealogists**

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### INTRODUCTION TO THE 6TH EDITION

Researching family history is a fascinating and rewarding experience. The purpose of this guide is to assist those who are starting out or who are already engrossed in genealogy.

Bloodline is intended as a guide to genealogical resources in the Nelson area. Organisations from elsewhere in New Zealand, which may be relevant to Nelson researchers, are also listed.

There have been several changes to this new edition as organisations change names, addresses and roles.

I hope this new edition will be a useful and accurate guide to further research.

Michelle Bryant  
May 2002

### INTRODUCTION TO THE 6<sup>TH</sup> REVISED EDITION

In the 3 years since the last edition there have been huge changes in the area of genealogical research.

This revised edition not only includes changes within various organisations but also reflects the impact of the Internet with a comprehensive listing of web sites. These were current when we went to press but technology waits for no person and I can not guarantee how accurate they will be a year or two on.

This resource is also available online at [www.ncc.govt.nz](http://www.ncc.govt.nz)

Megan Ross  
October 2005

## Directory of Organisations

**Alexander Turnbull Library**  
**National Library of New Zealand Te Puna**  
**Matauranga o Aotearoa**  
**cnr Molesworth and Aitken Streets**  
**P O Box 12349**  
**WELLINGTON 6001**  
**Phone: (04) 474-3000**  
**Fax: (04) 474-3063**  
**Email: [atl@natlib.govt.nz](mailto:atl@natlib.govt.nz)**  
**Website: <http://www.natlib.govt.nz>**

**Access** ➤ Monday to Friday  
 9.00am - 5.00pm.  
 some services Saturday  
 9.00am - 1.00pm.

**Services** ➤ Reference staff to assist researchers.  
 By mail service.

Microfilm material mainly of newspapers  
 and manuscripts available on interlibrary  
 loan.

A selection of images from the pictorial  
 collections are searchable and available  
 on the Internet from the Library's  
 "Timeframes" service at:  
<http://timeframes.natlib.govt.nz>

**Contact** ➤ The Librarian in Charge.

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**Alexander Turnbull Library** (continued)

**Resources** ➤ Manuscript, photographic and published  
 works include material on New Zealand,  
 Pacific and Maori language, culture and  
 history.

Before using the Alexander Turnbull Library, please ensure that you  
 have used local resources first.

## Directory of Organisations

**Ancestors' Attic**  
**New Zealand Society of Genealogists**  
**Nelson Branch**  
**Wakapuaka Cemetery**  
**Atawhai Drive**  
**NELSON**

- Access** ➤ Sunday:  
2.00pm - 4.00pm.  
Thursday:  
12.00 noon- 4.00pm.  
and by appointment  
(see contacts below).
- Services** ➤ Guidance in genealogical searching.  
Guidance to Wakapuaka Cemetery  
records and plans.
- Photocopying** ➤ Yes.
- Charges** ➤ By donation.
- Contacts** ➤  
  
Judith Fitchett  
Phone (03) 548-8819 (librarian).
- Resources** ➤ Library of genealogical guides and  
indexes.

## Directory of Organisations

**Anglican Centre (Diocese of Nelson)**  
**48 Halifax Street**  
**P O Box 100**  
**NELSON**

**Phone:** (03) 548-3124  
**Fax:** (03) 548-2125  
**Email:** [office@nelsonanglican.org.nz](mailto:office@nelsonanglican.org.nz)

- Access** ➤ Monday to Friday  
9.00am - 4.00pm.
- Services** ➤ Research of family histories, buildings,  
etc.
- Photocopying** ➤ Yes, 10c per page. No marriage records  
can be photocopied.
- Charges** ➤ Research by correspondence and over the  
counter \$25.00 first hour, \$20.00 per hour  
thereafter.  
Minimum charge \$10.00.  
Copies of baptism certificates \$10.00.  
Wedding certificates are not available  
through this office.
- Contact** ➤ Anglican Centre receptionist.
- Resources** ➤ Material relating to the history of the  
Diocese.

## Directory of Organisations

### Archives New Zealand /Te Whare Tohu

Tuhituhinga o Aotearoa

Head Office Wellington

10 Mulgrave Street

P O Box 12-050

WELLINGTON

Phone: (04) 499-5595

Fax: (04) 495-6210

Email: [enquiries@archives.govt.nz](mailto:enquiries@archives.govt.nz)

Web: [www.archives.govt.nz](http://www.archives.govt.nz)

- Access** ➤ Weekdays 9.00am - 5.00pm.
- Services** ➤ In person research, also remote reference services and research consisting of:  
 Level 1 - Preparatory search (in advance of a visit). Basic Search (accurate details of name, place etc required).  
 Level 2 - Targeted search.  
 Level 3 - In-depth research by topic.
- Charges** ➤ Level 1 - One free enquiry per 12 month period.  
 Level 2 - \$25.65.  
 Level 3 - \$51.30
- Contact** ➤ Reference Archivist.
- Resources** ➤ Government records from New Zealand Company era onwards.  
 Records relating to Nelson are held in Head Office, Wellington. There are regional offices in Auckland, Christchurch and Dunedin.

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### Archives New Zealand (continued)

For further information refer to the book "*Family History at National Archives*" and its supplement "*Beyond the Book*" available at most libraries.

## Directory of Organisations

**Births, Deaths and Marriages – Registrar General**  
**P O Box 10-526**  
**WELLINGTON**

**Freephone: 0800 22 52 52**

**Web:** <http://www.bdm.govt.nz>

**Email:** [bdm.nz@dia.govt.nz](mailto:bdm.nz@dia.govt.nz)

- Access** ➤ Call Centre Service provided through its Freephone number, website and email.
- Services** ➤ Mail requests for certificates, electronic print-outs (micrographics) and other services can also be made in writing to the Registrar-General. Maintain Births, Deaths and Marriages (BDM) registers and provide access to that information by issuing certificates and printouts. They also appoint civil marriage and civil union celebrants to meet community needs.
- Charges** ➤ Details may be obtained from the Freephone number or the website.
- Contact** ➤ Registrar General (for mail requests)
- Resources** ➤ The Registry holds births, deaths, marriage and civil union records from 1848. The birth and death records from 1935 and marriage records from 1951 are held in electronic format. Electoral records are held from 1928 onwards.

## Directory of Organisations

**Christchurch City Libraries**  
**89-91 Gloucester Street**  
**P O Box 1466**  
**CHRISTCHURCH**

**Phone: (03) 379-6914**

**Fax: (03) 365-1751**

**Email:** [Library@ccc.govt.nz](mailto:Library@ccc.govt.nz)

- Access** ➤ Weekdays: 10.00am - 9.00pm.  
 Saturday: 10.00am - 4.00pm.  
 Sunday: 1.00pm - 4.00pm.
- Services** ➤ Reference staff to assist. No appointment is necessary. ID will be required for some items: a current Library card is preferred. Researchers wishing to use archival material should discuss their needs in advance with a staff member. Photocopying is not permitted from bound newspapers, nor from some older, rare, or fragile material.
- Charges** ➤ \$20.00 per half hour research paid in advance (for written correspondence). Microprints cost 50¢ for A4, \$1.00 for A3 (subject to change without notice). Photocopies cost 20¢ for A4, 40¢ for A3 (subject to change without notice).

## Directory of Organisations

### Christchurch City Libraries (continued)

#### Contact

- Genealogy Librarian,  
Aotearoa New Zealand Centre.

<http://library.christchurch.org.nz/Forms/AskUsAQuestion.asp>

#### Resources

- An extensive New Zealand collection with particular reference to Christchurch and Canterbury.

## Directory of Organisations

### Golden Bay Museum

#### The John Crockford Archive and Reference Library

69 Commercial Street  
TAKAKA 7172

Phone/Fax: (03) 572 6268

Website [www.virtualbay.co.nz/gbmuseum](http://www.virtualbay.co.nz/gbmuseum)

Email [goldenbaymuseum@xtra.co.nz](mailto:goldenbaymuseum@xtra.co.nz)

#### Access

- Weekdays. Appointment preferred.

#### Services

- Staff to assist.

#### Photocopying`

- Most items.

#### Charges

- Personal enquiries \$15.00 per hour (for non-museum members).  
Personal enquiries \$10.00 per hour (for current financial museum members).  
Research by correspondence \$30.00 per hour.

#### Contacts

- Ann Fletcher or Jane MacDonald  
Phone (03) 525-9061.

#### Resources

- The Archive has oral histories and vertical files on some Golden Bay families and industries.  
A small collection of descriptive inventories on some of the archives and manuscripts from individuals or organisations of Golden Bay.

## Directory of Organisations

**Kaikoura Museum/Kaikoura  
Historical Society**  
14 Ludstone Road  
KAIKOURA 8280

Email: [kk.museum@xtra.co.nz](mailto:kk.museum@xtra.co.nz)

- Access**
- Monday to Friday: 12.30pm to 4.30pm.  
Weekends and Public holidays:  
2.00pm – 4.00pm.  
Closed: Good Friday and Christmas Day.  
\$3 admission (adult) \$0.50c admission  
(child).
- Services**
- Family research.  
Staff to assist weekdays.
- Photocopying**
- Available.
- Charges**
- Photocopying charges.  
Research \$15.00 per hour.
- Contact**
- Mrs Pam Garbes, Curator,  
Phone (03) 319 7440 (museum hours).
- Resources**
- Index to Births, Deaths, Marriages and  
over 12,000 photographs.
  - History of Kaikoura District.
  - Sherrard files over 20,000 names  
indexed.
  - Year 2000 Early Settlers Register.

## Directory of Organisations

**Marlborough Historical Society Inc.**  
**Brayshaw Museum Park**  
**New Renwick Road**  
**P O Box 308**  
**BLENHEIM**

- Access**
- Museum:  
Daily: 10.00am - 4.00pm.  
Closed: Christmas Day and Good Friday.  
Archives:  
Tuesday and Thursday: 10.00am -  
4.00pm.  
Open by arrangement outside of these  
hours.
- Services**
- Research room. In person research.  
Reference staff to assist.  
Mail and email queries.
- Photocopying**
- On most items.
- Charges**
- Museum and Theatre:  
Adults \$5.00 Child/Student \$1.00.  
Archives: Research Fees.  
Adults \$3.50 an hour, Students \$2.00 an  
hour. \$15.00 per hour for research done  
by volunteer archivists. Prices are  
subject to change. All prices inclusive  
GST, extra costs will apply for postage.  
Photocopying A4: 20c per copy, A3: 30c  
per copy.

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### Marlborough Historical Society Inc. (cont'd)

- Photo reproduction costs (pay when ordering).

6 x 4 \$8.50;

8 x 6 \$15.50;

10 x 8 \$20.00

Microfilm reader. Casual user \$5.00 access to include 2 pages, plus 50c per page thereafter (prices subject to change) Postage costs where relevant, will apply.

### Contact

- Museum: Customer Services Officer Marilyn Ann Lowe.  
Phone (03)578-1712.  
Fax (03)578-1739.  
Email:  
[marilyn@marlboroughmuseum.org.nz](mailto:marilyn@marlboroughmuseum.org.nz)
- Archives: Mrs Doreen Fowler  
Phone: (03) 578-1712  
Fax (03) 578 1739  
Email:  
[archives@marlboroughmuseum.org.nz](mailto:archives@marlboroughmuseum.org.nz)

### Resources

- Reference Library. Electoral rolls, newspapers, photographs, conveyances. Some Nelson area information held.

## Directory of Organisations

**Methodist Church of New Zealand**  
**Te Hahi Weteriana o Aotearoa**  
**25 Latimer Square (Morley House)**  
**P O Box 931**  
**CHRISTCHURCH**

**Phone: (03) 366-6049**

**Fax: (03) 366-6009**

**Email: [archives@methodist.org.nz](mailto:archives@methodist.org.nz)**

**Website: [www.methodist.org.nz](http://www.methodist.org.nz)**

### Access

- Tuesday and Friday: 9.00am - 12.30pm.  
Other times by appointment.

### Services

- Research on anything Methodist.

### Photocopying

- Available.

### Charges

- Donation.

### Contact

- Marcia Baker  
Phone (03) 352-2671 (home).  
Frank Paine  
Phone (03) 355-9708 (home).

### Resources

- Methodist Church history. Information on ministers, deaconesses, full time workers and lay people. Parishes, buildings and land, mission, women's/men's/youth work social services, children's homes, committees.

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**John Mitchell**  
**351 Princes Drive**  
**NELSON**

**Phone/Fax: (03) 548-5113**

- Access** ➤ Please phone for an appointment.
- Services** ➤ Room to work. Advice on sources of Maori history and whakapapa (especially Tainui and Taranaki tribes).
- Charges** ➤ Koha to Whakatu Marae.
- Contacts** ➤ John Mitchell  
 Phone (03) 548-5113.
- Resources** ➤ Photocopies of early baptism records, especially Wesleyan Church. Various Whakapapa books. Photocopies of family trees.

## Directory of Organisations

**Motueka District Museum**  
**140 High Street**  
**MOTUEKA**

**Phone: (03) 528-7660**  
**email [savepast@ts.co.nz](mailto:savepast@ts.co.nz)**

- Access** ➤ December to June  
 10am- 4pm Monday to Friday  
 10-2pm Saturday  
 July to November  
 10am-3pm Tuesday to Friday  
 10-noon Saturday
- Charges** ➤ \$2.00 adults; 50cents children
- Contact:** ➤ Manager Pauline Westall
- Services-** ➤ Research Room

Motueka and District Historical Association  
 c/- Jennie Askew  
 Lodder Lane  
 RD3  
 Motueka

- The historical association has its archives housed at the museum. These are accessible on a Tuesday when the research room is manned or by writing a letter of enquiry.
- Research Fee \$15.00 per hour for correspondence research \$10.00 if material required to be fetched from archives

## Directory of Organisations

### Motueka District Museum (continued)

Motueka Genealogy Group

c/- Coralie Smith

7 Wakatu Place

Motueka

email [tw-cr.smith@xtra.co.nz](mailto:tw-cr.smith@xtra.co.nz)

- There are several indexes that the genealogy group has produced and these are freely available in the Research room.
- Donation is required plus photocopying fees. Photocopying may be done at the museum for A4 25cents, A3 30 cents.

### Resources

- Fergus Holyoake Photograph Collection. 150 photos covering 20 categories of local interest. Indexed by name and subject. Copies may be ordered for \$2.00 A4 laser copy on card.
- Large library of books on local history
- Family reunion booklets and Family histories
- Scrapbooks kept by local people- indexed by name and subject
- Early Settlers Name Index covering all published material above and the area Mapua, Motueka, Ngatimoti, Riwaka, Abel Tasman Park, Moutere.

## Directory of Organisations

### Murchison District Historical & Museum Society Inc

60 Fairfax Street

MURCHISON

**Phone: (03) 523-9392**

**Fax: (03) 523-9392**

#### Access:

- 10am – 4.00pm daily

#### Services

- Research service, staff available to assist
- Phone and mail enquiries

#### Charges

- Research \$15 per hour
- Photocopying, postage etc.

#### Contact

- Graham Bradley (03) 523-9335 a/h
- Doris Nalder (03) 523-9015 a/h

#### Resources

- Family histories, journals, newspaper obituaries, large photographic collection

## Directory of Organisations

**Museum of Wellington, City and Sea**  
**Queen's Wharf**  
**P O Box 893**  
**WELLINGTON**

**Phone:** (04) 427 8904, (04) 427 8924

**Fax:** (04) 496 1949

**Email:** [research@mowcas.co.nz](mailto:research@mowcas.co.nz)  
[research@museumofwellington.co.nz](mailto:research@museumofwellington.co.nz)

**Website:** [www.bondstore.co.nz](http://www.bondstore.co.nz)  
[www.museumofwellington.co.nz](http://www.museumofwellington.co.nz)

- Access** ➤ Museum open seven days 10.00am to 5.00pm.  
 Closed Christmas Day.
- Services** ➤ Currently there are no facilities for visiting researchers, although there are plans to create a new research room. The Research Curator will respond to written enquiries (letter/email/fax) but there may be some delays as some material is not on-site.
- Charges** ➤ Basic enquiries: a donation is requested and a recommended amount suggested to cover research, photocopying and postage. Extended enquiries: some charges may apply; researchers will be notified in advance.
- Contact** ➤ The Research Curator

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**Museum of Wellington, City and Sea ( continued )**

- Resources**
- Comber Index of Shipping Arrivals (original) and lists of pre-1880 Wellington ship arrivals.
  - Watt's Index of New Zealand Registered Vessels 1840-1950 with appendices on shipowners and masters.
  - Photograph collection – NZ and overseas shipping c 1880s onwards.
  - Ephemera collection – brochures, menus, tickets, etc from NZ and overseas shipping.
  - Extensive maritime library including references on NZ shipping/shipping companies, shipwrecks, ports, overseas shipping, plus complete set of journal NZ Marine News.
  - Information on items held in the Collection is being systematically added to the Museum's database along with digital images to increase access for staff and members of the public.

## Directory of Organisations

### National Library of New Zealand, Te Puna

Matauranga o Aotearoa

Family History Collection

Ground Floor

Cnr Molesworth and Aitken Streets

P.O. Box 1467

WELLINGTON 6001

Phone: (04) 474-3000

Fax: (04) 474-3070

Web site:

<http://www.natlib.govt.nz/en/using/4familyhist.html#us>

Email: [reference@natlib.govt.nz](mailto:reference@natlib.govt.nz)

- Access** ➤ **Monday to Friday:** 9.00am - 5.00pm  
**Saturday:** 9.00am - 1.00pm
- Services** ➤ Onsite: Reference staff to assist researchers.  
Offsite: Enquiries may be made directly by phone, letter or email, or via your local Library as a subject request. Items in the Library's lending collections are available on Interlibrary loan.
- Contact** ➤ General Reference Services.
- Resources** ➤ Many resources for Family History research in New Zealand and overseas, particularly Great Britain, Ireland and Australia. The collection focuses on Birth, Death and Marriage indexes and shipping indexes. Resources are listed in the library catalogue which can be accessed at [www.natlib.govt.nz](http://www.natlib.govt.nz)

## Directory of Organisations

### Nelson City Council

110 Trafalgar Street

P O Box 645

NELSON

Phone: (03) 546-0204 or 546-0360

Fax: (03) 546-0239

Website: <http://www.ncc.govt.nz/>

- Access** ➤ Monday to Friday 8.00am to 5.00pm.
- Services** ➤ Public access to computer registers through staff.
- Photocopying** ➤ Available
- Charges** ➤ Photocopying charges,  
Research charges: 1<sup>st</sup> hour free,  
\$38 per ½ hour there after
- Contact** ➤ Recreation and Community Services
- Resources** ➤ Cemetery records.  
Property files

## Directory of Organisations

**Nelson Family History Centre**  
**Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints**  
 (assisted by N.Z.S.G.)  
 119 Nayland Road  
 Stoke  
 NELSON  
 Phone: (03) 547 9504

- Access**
- Monday 9.30am to 2.30pm
  - Tuesday 7pm to 9pm
  - Wednesday 9.30am to 2.30pm
  - Thursday 9.30am to 2.30pm
  - Saturday 9.30am to 2.30pm
  - Closed: Friday, Sunday
- Services**
- Reference staff to assist. Four Microfilm Readers. O krofiche Readers.
- Photocopying**
- Microfilm and microfiche copying only .75c a sheet.
- Charges**
- Film hire costs - \$4.50 (from Sydney and USA)
- Contacts**
- Director Maria Robinson 03 544 5128
- Resources**
- The Family History Centre has an extensive collection of worldwide microfiche, microfilm and CD Rom records and indexes including the GRO 1837 – 1987, NZ BDMs 1840 – 1990. Call and ask to see their catalogue.

## Directory of Organisations

**Nelson Provincial Museum Library**  
 Isel Park (off Hilliard Street)  
 Stoke  
 PO Box 853  
 NELSON

**Phone:** (03) 547 9740  
**Fax:** (03) 547 8549  
**Email:** [enquiries@museumnp.org.nz](mailto:enquiries@museumnp.org.nz)  
**Website:** [www.museumnp.org.nz](http://www.museumnp.org.nz)

- Access**
- (from 1 Nov. 2005)  
 Tuesday – Friday 10.00 am – 4.00. pm  
 Saturday: 10.00am – 2.00pm
- Services**
- Staff to assist.
- Photocopying**
- Most items including strip copying from newspapers.
- Charges**
- Research fees and admission charges apply.  
 \$2.00 entrance fee for the Research Library.
- Contact**
- Head of Collection Services:  
 Judith Taylor.  
 Curator of Regional History:  
 Anna Wilkinson.  
 Collection Manager: Photographs:  
 Anne McEwan.

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### Nelson Provincial Museum Library (continued)

- Resources**
- A Biography index under surname giving brief information from various sources.
  - A large collection of manuscripts and archives generated by individuals and organisations from the Nelson region many of which are listed on [www.nram.org.nz](http://www.nram.org.nz)
  - A photographic collection of over 1.2 million negatives complements the archives collection.

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### Nelson Public Libraries

**Private Bag 41  
27 Halifax Street  
NELSON**

**Phone: (03) 546 8100**

**Fax: (03) 546 0402**

**Email: [library.ref@ncc.govt.nz](mailto:library.ref@ncc.govt.nz)**

**Website: [www.nelsoncitycouncil.co.nz/library.htm](http://www.nelsoncitycouncil.co.nz/library.htm)**

- Access**
- Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday  
10.00am to 6.00pm.  
Friday: 10.00am to 7.30pm  
Saturday: 10.00am to 1.00pm  
Sunday: 1.00pm to 4.00pm
- Services**
- Reference staff at the Information desk during all opening hours.  
Interlibrary loans.  
On-line databases.  
Internet access.
- Photocopying**
- On most items, 20c per page
- Contacts**
- Susan Price  
Michelle Bryant  
Deborah Phair
- Resources**
- Most published material on Nelson.

## Directory of Organisations

### The New Zealand Society of Genealogists Nelson Branch 2004-2005.

**Convenor:** Dennis Bush-King 547-5385

**Secretary:** Liz Reeve 546-6232

**Email:** [Nelson@genealogy.org.nz](mailto:Nelson@genealogy.org.nz)

- Meetings held at Nick Smith's Hall corner of Waimea Road and Quarantine Road, Annesbrook on the fourth Monday of the month – February to November at 7.30pm (50c door fee).
- The Library of the NZSG Nelson Branch is situated at the Wakapuaka Cemetery ( see Ancestor's Attic page 4 of this booklet).

## Directory of Organisations

**Tasman District Library**  
280 Queen Street  
Private Bag 3  
RICHMOND 7031

**Phone:** (03) 543-8500 **Fax:** (03) 544 3470

**Email:** [library@tdc.govt.nz](mailto:library@tdc.govt.nz)

**Website:** <http://www.taslib.govt.nz/>

#### Access

- Monday, Tuesday, Friday  
9.30am to 6.00pm
- Wednesday 10.00am to 6.00pm
- Thursday 9.30am to 7.30pm
- Saturday 9.30am to 1.00pm

#### Services

- Reference staff to assist.  
Interlibrary loans.

#### Photocopying

- On most items.

#### Contact

- Cathy Vaughan, Information Services  
Desk: 03 543-8478

#### Resources

- Waimea South history and genealogy collection. Donated by the Waimea South Historical Society, includes a number of family trees, photographs, maps and church and cemetery records. Local history collection of published material on the Nelson region. Roll of Honour: biographical information about those killed in the Boer War, WWI and WWII (with name index) in the Nelson area.

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**West Coast Historical Museum**  
**The Carnegie Centre**  
**Hamilton Street**  
**P O Box 171**  
**HOKITIKA**  
**WESTLAND**

**Phone: (03) 755-6898 Fax: 03 755 5011**

**Email: [hokimuseum@xtra.co.nz](mailto:hokimuseum@xtra.co.nz)**

- Access**
- **Museum:** Dec – March 9.30am – 5.00pm daily 9.30am – 5.00pm; April – Nov Weekdays, 10am – 4.pm Weekends
  - Research Centre:**  
 9.30 - 5.00 Monday – Friday;  
 Appointment recommended.  
 Closed: Weekends and Public Holidays  
 A brochure detailing the museum's holdings is available via email.
- Contact**
- Archivist: Mary Rooney,  
 Assistant Christine Abbott.
- Charges**
- Personal enquiries: \$3.00 per hour,  
 Written \$30.00 per hour.
- Resources**
- Constantly expanding by donation.

## Births, Deaths and Marriages

### Ancestors' Attic

- Registrar General's Index.
- Indexes to Births, Deaths and Marriages to 1990 on microfiche.
- Microfiche of cemetery records headstone transcriptions nationwide. Family announcements indexed from the Colonist to 1920; Nelson Evening Mail 1976-
- Index of Burials for St Barnabas Church, Stoke, Waimea West 1885-1908, Spring Grove, Brightwater.
- Death Notices, Obituaries and Inquests Nelson Evening Mail 1920-1924 and 1983-1997.
- Nelson Photo News Marriages Indexed 1961 – 1974.
- Church of Christ Marriages, Nelson City 1920-1961, Church of Christ, Spring Grove 1892-1972, St Mary's Roman Catholic Baptisms 1845-1900 and Marriages 1844-1913.

### Anglican Centre

- Nelson registers relating to the Cathedral (and in the early days, surrounding districts) dating from 1842.
- All Saints' parish from 1868, Blenheim from 1870. Registers for all Anglican churches in the Diocese which includes Marlborough, Golden Bay, Nelson, Kaikoura and most of the West Coast.

## Births, Deaths and Marriages

### Archives New Zealand

- Intentions to marry 1856-1956.
- Coroners' Reports for Nelson 1844-1860, 1865-1970s ( Restricted access to reports less than fifty years old.).

### Births, Deaths and Marriages Registrar-General

- The Registry holds births, deaths and marriage and civil union records from 1848. The birth and death records from 1935 and marriage records from 1951 are held in electronic format.

### Christchurch City Libraries

- Registrar General's indexes to births, deaths and marriages 1840 to 1990 on microfiche.

### Golden Bay Museum

- Registrar General's indexes to births, deaths and marriages 1840 to 1940 on microfiche.

### Kaikoura Historical Society

- Births in Kaikoura 1862-1875.  
Deaths and Burials in Kaikoura area 1865-1963 (excluding Maori records).  
Some marriages 1862 – 1930.

### Methodist Church of New Zealand

- Baptismal, marriage and membership rolls in the Methodist Church.

## Births, Deaths and Marriages

### John Mitchell

- Photocopies of early Baptism records especially Wesleyan Church.

### Murchison District Historical & Museum Society Inc

Murchison Births 1902 – 1935,  
Deaths 1906 - 1969

### Museum of Wellington, City and Sea

- Union Steam Ship Company Archives Personnel Records.
- Series 15/2 Marital Census of Deck, Engine and Providore Ratings 1924.

### Nelson Family History Centre

- International Genealogical Index 1992 ed NZ section. (Microfiche and computer).
- Birth, death and marriage notices from local newspapers, indexed alphabetically 1842-1920.
- Boer War 1900-1903.
- World War I Deaths 1914-1918.
- World War II Deaths 1939-1945.
- River Drownings 1840-1887.
- Registrar General's index to births, deaths, marriages. Complete to 1990.
- Various Australian records; Registrar General's Birth, Death and Marriages for all States (as available) on fiche
- Government Record Office Births, Deaths and Marriages for England & Wales 1837 – 1983.

## Births, Deaths and Marriages

### Nelson Family History Centre (continued)

- Government Record Office Consular Births, Deaths and Marriages 1849 – 1965.

### Nelson Provincial Museum

- Birth, death and marriage notices from local newspapers indexed alphabetically 1842-1920, 1978-2003 (ongoing).
- Index to Nelson Photo News marriages 1961-1974.
- Roman Catholic local marriages and baptisms indexed from 1844-1913.
- Presbyterian archives for the Nelson Marlborough Presbytery include marriage and baptism records from a number of parishes from 1853.
- Lutheran baptisms 1846-1906, marriages 1849-1920, deaths 1848-1909.
- Church of Christ, Nelson marriages, 1898 - 1918.
- Church of Christ Spring Grove marriages 1891-1950.

### Tasman District Library

- Waimea South history and genealogy collection contains records of births, deaths and marriages relating to much of the Nelson Province.

## Cemetery Records

### Ancestors' Attic

- Wakapuaka Cemetery records and plans.
- Nelson, Marlborough, West Coast region cemetery burial records and headstone transcriptions. Also on microfiche.

### Golden Bay Museum

- Headstone inscriptions for most cemeteries in Golden Bay. Burial records for Rototai and New Collingwood cemeteries only. Burial plans for Rototai, New Collingwood, East Takaka Churchyard, Clifton and West Takaka (Catholic).

### Motueka District Museum

- Cemetery records for Tasman District Council areas- indexed

### Murchison District Historical & Museum Society Inc

- Murchison cemetery records

### Nelson City Council

- Cemetery records. Photocopy plan of cemetery showing burial plot position. Applies to cemeteries operated by Nelson City Council only.
- (Nelson) Wakapuaka, 1861 to present.
- (Stoke) Marsden Valley, 1956 to present.
- (Stoke) Seaview Rd, 1916 to present.
- (Hira) St John's, 1894 to present.
- All online [www.ncc.govt.nz](http://www.ncc.govt.nz)  
(All burials and cremations are included.)

## Cemetery Records

### **Nelson Family History Centre**

- New Zealand wide cemetery burial records and headstone transcriptions (microfiche).

### **Nelson Provincial Museum**

- Nelson, Marlborough, West Coast region cemetery burial records and headstone transcriptions.

### **Nelson Public Libraries**

- Access to Nelson City Council cemetery records on-line. [www.ncc.govt.nz](http://www.ncc.govt.nz)

### **Tasman District Library**

- Burial records for Nelson, Marlborough region.
- Tasman District Council cemetery records online. <http://tdc.govt.nz>

### **Cemetery records online**

<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~shipstonz/cemeteries.html>

## Education

### **Ancestors' Attic**

- Indexes to most Nelson schools' admittance registers, some West Coast. Some centenary booklets.

### **Archives New Zealand**

- Nelson Education Board records including:
  - class lists 1919-54.
  - examination reports/proficiency certificates 1881-1936.
  - Registers of teachers, teacher salaries, teachers certificates 1877-1989.
  - individual school files including log books, registers, attendance and admission registers.

### **Golden Bay Museum**

- Admission and Attendance registers for Anatoki, Awaroa, Uruwhenua, West Takaka, Upper Takaka ( PTA minute books and log book). Motupipi, Kotinga/Long Plain, Lower Takaka and Takaka District High School.

### **Motueka District Museum**

- School Admission Registers Index
- School Reunion booklets- for most local schools

### **Murchison District Historical & Museum Society Inc**

Local school rolls and photographs

## Education

### Nelson Provincial Museum

- Admission registers and school committee records from the former Nelson Education Board area including Buller. The earliest date from 1873.
- Nelson College archives 1853-1959.  
Class rolls Boys 1881-1931  
Girls 1896-1933.
- Bishop's School rolls 1860-1895.

## Electoral Rolls, Census, Directories

### Christchurch City Libraries

- 1840s – 1990 Registrar General's index.
- Microfiche of the first women on the New Zealand Electoral roll 1893.
- Complete nation-wide set of electoral rolls.

### BDM/Central Registry

- Electoral rolls from 1928, for New Zealand.

### Golden Bay Museum

- New Zealand Electoral rolls on microfiche 1865-1905 (incomplete set).
- Golden Bay Electoral rolls 1974, 1977, 1980, 1983, 1987.
- New Zealand Postal directories 1866-1920 on microfiche (incomplete).
- New Zealand Post Office Directories 1910, 1925.
- Stone's directory 1940.

### Motueka District Museum

- Wises: 1912, 1916, 1917, Post Office directory: 1960/61

## Electoral Rolls, Census, Directories

### National Library of New Zealand Family History Collection

- All Electoral rolls for New Zealand 1865 to present (various formats).
- New Zealand Postal directories (various formats).

### Nelson Family History Centre

- Electoral rolls for New Zealand 1866, 1870, 1875, 1880, 1887, 1899, 1911, 1914, 1922, 1928, 1935, 1949, 1960.
- General and Women 1893, Maori 1908, 1924, 1949 (microfiche).
- Wise's Postal Directories 1866-1953. 18 volumes, various dates.
- Stone's Directories 1886, 1907, 1909, 1915.

### Nelson Provincial Museum

- Electoral rolls for Nelson region 1854-1896.
- Electoral rolls for New Zealand 1865 – 1896 ( microfilm).
- Telephone directories for Nelson 1938 to present.
- Postal directories. Some prior to 1900 and an incomplete set until 1947.
- Census for Nelson District 1845 and 1849.
- Nelson Jury lists 1843-1861.
- Nelson & district telephone exchange subscribers 1902, c.1919, c.1922.

## Electoral Rolls, Census, Directories

### Nelson Public Libraries

- Electoral rolls for Nelson, 1963 - West Coast 1972 – Southern Maori/ Te Tai Tonga 1975 – Tasman District 1975 – Marlborough District 1975 -
- Most telephone directories for Nelson 1941 to present. Rest of New Zealand current editions only.
- Postal and business directories e.g. Stone's 1917, 1942, 1951, 1952, 1955.
- Universal Business Directories for all New Zealand 2000 – 2004. Nelson 1951, 1952, 1956, 1957, 1978, 1979, 1980-2, 1984, 1987, 1989-90.
- Nelson Provincial Council, Nelson Gazette index 1865 – 1875 (microfilm)

### Tasman District Library

- Electoral rolls for Nelson 1983-1989, 1991-1993, 1999-, Tasman, 1982. 1985-1988, 1990-1994 West Coast Tasman 1995, 1999, 2001- Southern Maori/ Te Tai Tonga 1983-1992, 1995, 1999-.
- Telephone directories for Nelson held for at least five years.

## Land

### Alexander Turnbull Library

For Maori land information see page 39.

- Golden Bay Museum** ➤ Early local government records, rate books, valuation assessments, wharfages, maps. Takaka Dairy Company records.
- John Mitchell** ➤ Photocopies of land title records and local land legislation.
- Motueka District Museum**  
➤ Land Deeds- indexed collection of many local areas
- Nelson Family History Centre**  
➤ Owners of land: England and Wales 1873  
Owners of land: Ireland 1876.
- Nelson Provincial Museum**  
➤ Rate books and valuation assessments of  
➤ Nelson City 1857-1878, 1910-1949 and  
➤ Tahunanui, 1933-1950.  
➤ Maps showing numbered sections throughout the Nelson Land District. Appointments preferred for access to the map collection.  
➤ A selection of cancelled deeds and land transfer documents relating to properties in the Nelson Land District and name index currently being compiled.
- Nelson Public Libraries**  
➤ Rating rolls and valuation assessments for Nelson 1996 – present.
- Tasman District Library**  
➤ Waimea South history and genealogical collection includes maps showing section numbers and owners' names.

## Maori

### Alexander Turnbull Library

- Printed and manuscript material containing Whakapapa. Microfilm copies of the Maori Land Court minute books up to 1900 ( and to 1960 for Tai Tokerau). The Library holds the *Maori Land Court minute books database* which holds details about blocks of Maori Land in New Zealand.

### Anglican Centre

- Baptismal, marriage and burial records of Maori. Marriage records prior to 1850 written in Maori.

### Archives New Zealand

- Maori Land Court minute books.

### John Mitchell

- Various Whakapapa books.

### National Library of New Zealand

- The Māori Reference Collection contains published Māori material across all subject areas. The material can be used on-site in the National Library in Wellington. Use the National Library Catalogue online to see what's available or select: What's in our collections > find Maori resources > Maori Reference Collection.

<http://www.natlib.govt.nz/>

## Maori

### Nelson Family History Centre

- International Genealogical Index 1992 edition : NZ section. Microfiche and computer.
- Locality Catalogue (includes Maori Land Court records). Microfiche and computer.
- Electoral roll 1908, 1949 and 1960 on Microfiche.
- Cole Jensen collection (Maori and Polynesian genealogy). Microfilm.
- Nga Taonga o te Tai Tokerau Maori Research Centre Bibliography listing manuscripts, theses and books.
- Dictionary of New Zealand Biographies vols. I and II.

### Nelson Provincial Museum

- Historical information on Maori in the Nelson region.
- H.J Fletcher's "Index of Maori names" (microfilm edition).
- Alexander Mackay's "A compendium of official documents relative to native affairs in the South Island."

### Nelson Public Libraries

- Maori Collection housed separately.
- Nelson Maori Land Court minute books.
- Fletcher's index to Maori names (Microfilm edition).
- Turton's land deeds of the North Island (Microfiche edition).

## Maori

### Nelson Public Libraries (continued)

- A compendium of official documents relative to native affairs in the South Island compiled by Alexander MacKay (Microfiche edition).
- Published histories of various iwi.

## Newspapers

### Alexander Turnbull Library

- Nelson Examiner, 1842-1873 (microfilm). Colonist, 1857-1920 (many gaps). Nelson Evening Mail, 1866-1940, 1950-1995. Issues microfilmed between 1866 – 1920 and 1950 –1995. Some gaps in paper copies between 1920 – 1940. Nelson Evening Mail March 1866 to December 1900 also available at <http://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz>  
Nelson newspaper titles in the Alexander Turnbull Library's Interloan Microfilm Collection can be located in the National Library's online catalogue, which is available on:- [www.natlib.govt.nz/](http://www.natlib.govt.nz/). Under Keyword search, type in - "New Zealand newspapers" +Nelson, which will show the holdings for newspapers held in this region. Or, you can select 'Serial title (begins with)', and put in the title of a particular newspaper.

### Kaikoura Museum

- Kaikoura Star (incomplete). Copies from 1880-1960 but not held at Museum. Must be requested.

### Marlborough Historical Society Inc

- Marlborough Press 1860 – 69.  
Marlborough News 1867.  
Marlborough Express 1868 – 1872.  
1879 – 1880.  
Marlborough Daily Times (microfilm) 1880 – 1888.  
Reader and copying available.

## Newspapers

### Methodist Church of New Zealand

- Church newspapers from 1870.

### Motueka District Museum

- Newspapers- Motueka Star 1901-1910 (not complete) indexed by name

### Murchison District Historical & Museum Society Inc

Lyell Times 1885 – 1886. odd issues of Murchison Standard, Buller Post, Murchison & Inangahua Times

### Nelson Provincial Museum

- Nelson Examiner 1842-1861.
- Colonist 1857-1920.
- Nelson Evening Mail 1866-1996, 1999-2001. In 1995 the Nelson Evening Mail was renamed The Nelson Mail.
- Golden Bay Argus 1883-1911.
- Various issues of West Coast papers

### Nelson Public Libraries

- Nelson Examiner, 1842-1874. (microfilm).
- Colonist, 1857-1920 (microfilm).
- Nelson Evening Mail. 1866 - present (microfilm). In 1995 the Nelson Evening Mail was renamed The Nelson Mail. March 1866 – Dec. 1909 available at <http://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz>  
Access available free at the library.

## Newspapers

### Tasman District Library

- Nelson Evening Mail, 1975-1984 microfilm. No microfilm reader available.  
Hard copy of the Nelson Mail held for the current year and the previous full year.

## Passenger Lists

### Alexander Turnbull Library

- New Zealand Company lists, 1839-44, 1847-50, indexed.  
New Zealand Shipping Company lists, 1875-1950 (indexed 1875-83).

### Archives New Zealand

- Records of assisted immigration to New Zealand.

### Nelson Family History Centre

- New Zealand Government 1871-1888.  
Social Security Shipping 1883-1910.  
New Zealand Company 1839-1850.  
Also: Canterbury various dates, all on microfilm; some other ports, printed lists.

### Nelson Provincial Museum

- Detailed records are available for assisted immigrants sponsored by: New Zealand Company 1840-1850, Nelson Provincial Government 1853-1867.  
New Zealand Government 1874 – 1879.
- Brief passenger listings from local newspapers, including trans-Tasman and coastal shipping, 1842-1870.

*Landfall Nelson* and *Pioneer Passengers* by June Neale are useful books when researching Nelson's assisted immigrants. These are held at most libraries.

## Wills

### Archives New Zealand

- Public Trust Wills 1843-1981.

### Nelson Family History Centre

- English Probate Records.
- Locality catalogues have information on wills in Great Britain.
- Index to the New Zealand Probate list to 1900.

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Allan, Ruth. **Nelson : A history of Early Settlement** Reed, 1965

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**Volume 1 1769-1869**

**Volume 4 1921-1940**

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**Volume 5 1941-1960**

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Lash, Max D. **Nelson notables**, Nelson Historical Society, 1992

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Neale, June. **Landfall Nelson**, Anchor Press, 1978

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Peart, J. **Old Tasman Bay**, Cadsonbury Publications, 1998

Phillipson, G.A. **Northern South Island district report**, Waitangi Tribunal 1995

Venner, Gwyneth. **The Maitai a history of the valley and its people**, [The author], 2001

Wastney, P. J. and N.L. **Early tide to Wakapuaka**, Nelson Historical Society, 1977

Wastney, Natalie. **Names on the new land**, The author, 1999

Wells, Annette. **Nelson's historic country churches**, Nikau Press, 2003

**Newspaper collections Nelson Provincial Museum**, Nelson Provincial Museum 2000

There are numerous titles on general genealogical research held in the Library. Check the catalogue online at:

[www.nelsonpubliclibrary.co.nz](http://www.nelsonpubliclibrary.co.nz)

## Web Sites

Internet sites related to genealogical research

### NELSON

<http://www.rootsweb.com/%7Enzlnelso/nelson/>

Web links for Nelson genealogy sites

<http://nelsondata.homestead.com/index.html>

Cemeteries, Parish records and Marriages for Nelson

<http://www.ncc.govt.nz/net/settlers/search.aspx>

Early Settlers to Nelson

<http://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/browse.html#top>

Nelson Evening Mail 1886-1909

<http://www.ncc.govt.nz/asp/cemeteries/search.asp>

Nelson cemeteries

### GENEALOGY

<http://www.cyndislist.com/> Huge list of Genealogy websites

<http://www.familysearch.org>

Church of the Latter Day Saints - for searching for your ancestors

<http://www.rootsweb.com/>

Information on family research and lists of web sites

<http://www.britishorigins.com>

British origins, various datasets of British records (pay per view)

### MUSEUMS, ARCHIVES AND LIBRARIES

<http://www.nzmuseums.co.nz/>

museums around the country

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

New Zealand National Register of Archives and Manuscripts with good coverage for Nelson.

<http://webdirectory.natlib.govt.nz/dir/en/nz/general-and-reference/libraries/>

libraries around New Zealand. Some have links to searchable databases including cemeteries eg Auckland City Library

<http://www.waikato.ac.nz/library/resources/>

access to bibliographies, biographies etc.

<http://www.natlib.govt.nz/en/digital/index.html>

National Library databases including scanned images of  
19th century New Zealand papers

<http://www.aucklandcitylibraries.com/general.aspx?ct=787>

Auckland Public Library Family History Centre

<http://www.aucklandcitylibraries.com/default.aspx>

Auckland City Library

<http://library.christchurch.org.nz/OurCity.asp>

History on early Christchurch and its settlers

<http://www.familia.org.uk/main.html>

UK and Ireland's guide to genealogical resources in public libraries.

<http://www.archives.govt.nz/index.html>

Archives New Zealand

<http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/>

Archives, United Kingdom: census records (pay per view)

#### PHONE BOOKS

<http://www.whitepages.co.nz/>

New Zealand telephone books

<http://www.infobel.com/teldir/>

worldwide telephone directory

#### PUBLIC/CIVIL RECORDS

<http://www.bdm.govt.nz/>

Births, deaths and marriages - New Zealand

<http://www.bdm.nsw.gov.au/>

Births, deaths and marriages - New South Wales

<http://freebmd.rootsweb.com/>

Indexes to English births, marriages and deaths

<http://www.origins.net>

Scottish registration records (pay per view)

<http://www.census.pro.gov.uk/>

1901 Census for England and Wales (pay per view)

<http://www.groireland.ie/research.htm>

Republic of Ireland civil registrations

<http://www.groni.gov.uk/index.htm>

Northern Ireland civil registrations

<http://www.cwgc.org>

Commonwealth War Graves Commission Debt of Honour register

<http://www.1837online.com/Trace2web/>

An entire copy of the indexes of Births, Marriages and Deaths  
for England and Wales from 1837 to 2001

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