

# **Top of the South Island NZ Regional Repositories**

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### ARCHIVES CHRISTCHURCH NEW ZEALAND

Te Rua Mahara o te Kāwanatanga  
Christchurch Regional Office  
Archives New Zealand  
15 Harvard Ave, Christchurch 8140  
P.O. Box 642, Christchurch 8140, New Zealand  
Phone (03) 377-0760

<https://www.archives.govt.nz/search>

Open 9am-1pm Monday-Friday, closed Public Holidays

Recommend you check their web site before visiting. You can bring a digital camera with you when you visit, which will enable you to take photographs of any material free of charge, so long as a flash is not used. Alternatively, they do offer a pre-paid photocopying service for non-fragile, unbound items, charge \$1 per page (plus a postage/email fee if not collecting).

**Nelson Marlborough** can be entered into the search space where some of the headings are **Directory of Community Archives, Life Events** eg adoption, vaccination registers, divorce, searching land records etc

#### Written Reference Service:

The written reference service has changed, the minimum written reference charge for any research and copying undertaken is now NZ\$50. Written reference enquiries are best emailed to: [christchurch.archives@dia.govt.nz](mailto:christchurch.archives@dia.govt.nz)

#### Researching the Holdings:

Lists of Christchurch Archives archival holdings can be searched using the online finding aid Archway [www.archway.archives.govt.nz](http://www.archway.archives.govt.nz) (information to assist with Archway searching is available on the site, and archivists can also help you in person if you are visiting one of the offices). Each office also has their own reference guides, and the website [www.archives.govt.nz](http://www.archives.govt.nz) contains additional details about the holdings and services, as well as online exhibitions and links to social media channels.

#### Archives Christchurch holds records for the following areas:

Hotel Licensing Motueka Licensing district: including Takaka, Collingwood, Wakefield

Justice Courts – Criminal and Civil

West Coast Courts: Lyell, Murchison, 100year embargo relating to crime and punishment of individuals.

Lands and Survey

Contact Land Information New Zealand (LINZ) initially if you have any query about land; even if Archives do hold the appropriate records, LINZ has access to information (such as rural and town section numbers, and exact deeds volume and folio references), that could be crucial in your subsequent research here. Contact: Land Information NZ 0800 665 463 [www.linz.govt.nz](http://www.linz.govt.nz)

#### Archives Christchurch have recently obtained the following material from LINZ:

- Canterbury, Nelson, Marlborough, and Westland Deeds System Records [CH1032-CH1035]. The Deeds Indexes for all four districts and all of the Deeds Registers pertaining to the Canterbury District are available in our new Land Register Room. The Deeds

Indexes have been digitised and are available for viewing via Archway. ], Nelson [CH1034] and Marlborough [CH1035] Land Districts.

- Early Black, Red, and Green Maps of Canterbury, some Crown Grant Maps and Plans, and Survey Office Plans (SO) of the Canterbury, Nelson, Marlborough and Westland Districts [CH1031].

Post Provincial Period Land Records up to c.1925.

Those searching at Christchurch office for records of land ownership in Canterbury, Westland, Nelson & Marlborough from the beginning of this period up until c.1925 would be best to begin with a search of the **Deeds System Records**.

(In addition to the Nelson Land District Deeds Records (See: Deeds System Records section CH626, CH1013, CH1015, CH1016, CH1085) held here, we and our Head Office in Wellington hold land-related material from this period for the Nelson Land District.

#### **Land Records:**

Check the Land Records Guide which gives in-depth information about their holdings of land records relating to the Nelson and Marlborough region (the information from page 11 onwards about the Deeds System records recently received from LINZ; other land records that they hold relating to the Nelson region are discussed on page 10 of the guide). They also hold an extensive collection of original historical roll plans and maps, transferred by LINZ, which cover the Nelson and Marlborough Land Districts.

#### **Māori Land Court**

Canterbury Archives hold:

Copies of the Native Land Court Minute Books for the South Island and Chatham Islands [CH299].

Māori Land Alienation files [CH270].

The Minute Books and Alienation file series can provide, either collectively or individually, much information relating to whakapapa (genealogy). We suggest that researchers also contact the Māori Land Court itself, as they have items which will prove useful for this research. Their resources include up-to-date information relating to Māori land, the special collection of Native

Titles, probate files, and the Māori Land Online database. See Reference Guide 5: Land Records for further information.

Contact: Māori Land Court

30 Sheffield Crescent, Christchurch 8013

DX Box WX11124, Christchurch

(03) 962 4900

mlctewaipounamu@justice.govt.nz

#### **Police**

Similar in content and form to the court registers are the various police registers that Archives Christchurch hold, such as the charge books, and diaries. These are not indexed.

Archives Christchurch hold material from:

Restrictions: There is a 70-year restriction on most police records; a further 30 years is applicable at the Chief Archivist's discretion. Please ask an archivist for more details.

In-house Indexes

The in-house indexing system (ISYS) is also available via computer terminals located in the Finding Aids Room. The indexes that are searchable on this system, largely compiled by volunteers, are the equivalent of traditional nominal card indexes. ISYS also provides access to notes and other research guides and resources created by our office.

Most of the indexes are of direct use to family historians and are only searchable via these terminals. As the format and style of these indexes has changed over the years, please ask an archivist for clarification of any unclear references.

It is recommended that you visit the website <[www.archives.govt.nz](http://www.archives.govt.nz)> for an extensive listing of the archives held for the Nelson and Marlborough District.

**ARCHIVES WELLINGTON NEW ZEALAND Te Rua Mahara o te Kāwanatanga**

Head Office: Wellington

Location: 10 Mulgrave Street, Thorndon, Wellington

Postal Address: PO Box 12-050, Wellington

Phone: (04) 499 5595

E-mail: [research.archives@dia.govt.nz](mailto:research.archives@dia.govt.nz)

Website: <[www.archives.govt.nz](http://www.archives.govt.nz)> Please see the website for more details of holdings.

Opening Hours: Make an appointment to access the reading rooms Monday-Friday 10am-3pm.

Archivists will be available in the reading room to provide assistance or advice on the day.

Charges: Archives NZ fee \$50 per half hour search/copy of a record.

**Archway, Archives New Zealand's system**

<https://www.archives.govt.nz/search> or <https://collections.archives.govt.nz/web/arena#/>  
About Archway, Archives New Zealand's system for documenting government records in the context of their creation and use. Archway contains descriptions of over 1.5 million records that have been transferred from government agencies to our four offices in Auckland, Christchurch, Dunedin and Wellington. This will increase over time as additional records are added to the system. There is also information in Archway about the government of New Zealand from 1840 to the current day. Detailed histories of government departments, the functions they performed and the types of records they created provide an essential background for locating records and understanding their content and purpose. Please note that Archway contains descriptive information only; it does not yet provide on-line access to the text of the records themselves.

As well Archives holds over 4 million records including documents, maps, plans, films, artworks and photos, politicians' papers, audio-visual collections plus more.

It is recommended that you visit the website <[www.archives.govt.nz](http://www.archives.govt.nz)> for an extensive listing of the archives held for the Nelson and Marlborough District.

Government material from 1840 onwards [later for Nelson/Marlborough]

Assisted immigration

Crown Grants, old and pre-emptive land claims

Coroners' reports for Nelson 1844-1860, 1865-1970s

(Restricted access to reports less than 50 years old)

Education Board material including some class lists, examination reports

Māori Land Court Minute Books

Nelson and District censuses 1845 and 1849

Notices of intention to marry 1856-1956

Probate files for Nelson 1843 to July 1991 and Blenheim 1876-1990

(For wills after these dates see the entry for High Courts)

Public Trust wills 1872-1981

**LAND INFORMATION NEW ZEALAND (LINZ)**

Toitu te whenua, Christchurch Office

Location: CBRE House, 112 Tuam Street, Christchurch

Telephone: 0800 665 463

Open: 7am-5.30pm Monday to Friday

Email: [customersupport@linz.govt.nz](mailto:customersupport@linz.govt.nz) Information about location of records whether at LINZ or Archives is held at <http://www.linz.govt.nz/land/land-records/search-for-land-records/historic-land-records>

This gives a list of where records are held LINZ or Archives NZ. Information on viewing land records is held at <http://www.linz.govt.nz/land/land-records/search-for-land-records/view-original-land-record>

### **HIGH COURTS TOP OF THE SOUTH, NZ**

Most of the High Court's only hold probate records for a period of up to 25 years. After that time, the files are sent to Archives New Zealand. Identify the High Court where the application for probate was filed. Up until 31 May 2013 this was the High Court closest to where the deceased person lived at the time of their death. From 4 June 2013 all applications for probate have been filed at the Wellington High Court.

Periodically the probates are sent to National Archives, Wellington. As at 2016 probates held in Nelson are from 1991 to May 2013 and are available for \$20.00.

Probates for Nelson (1843-August 1991) and Blenheim (1876-1990) are held at Archives New Zealand in Wellington (see that entry). Since 04 June 2013 all probate files are sent to Wellington and to initiate a search all enquiries must be to [probate@justice.govt.nz](mailto:probate@justice.govt.nz)

for further information.

Ministry of Justice Call Centre: 0800 268787 (0800 COURTS) High Court, Located: 200 Bridge Street, Nelson Postal Address: DX WX 10725, Nelson Telephone: 0800 268 787 [nelson.dc@justice.govt.nz](mailto:nelson.dc@justice.govt.nz).

Blenheim High Court Located: 58 Alfred Street, Blenheim

Postal Address: DX WX10502 Blenheim Telephone: 0800 268 787 [blenheim.dc@justice.govt.nz](mailto:blenheim.dc@justice.govt.nz)

Older wills

You might be able to access probate records held by Archives New Zealand through Archway - the Archives archival management system and online finding tool. Archway can identify if Archives New Zealand holds a probate record and how to access it.

Wills over 50 years old may be online

Some of the early probate records held by Archives New Zealand – most over 50 years old - have been digitised and may be available to view and print from the FamilySearch website

<https://familysearch.org/search/collection/>

New Zealand Probates 1843-1998 which has nearly 6 million images. New Zealand, Archives New Zealand, Probate Records, 1843-1998 Unfortunately, no indexes are available, but you can search Nelson records and dates.

### **METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND ARCHIVES, CHRISTCHURCH**

Contact: Head Archivist, Methodist Church of New Zealand Archives  
50 Langdons Road, Papanui, Christchurch.  
PO Box 931, Christchurch 8140, New Zealand

Open Wednesday 1-4 pm. At the storage facility unit 7, 515 Wairakei Road, Christchurch. Bookings required as space is limited.

Telephone: (03) 366 6049

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

Web: <http://www.methodist.org.nz/archives>

Sources for in-depth research using original documents held in the Methodist Church of New Zealand Archives • Photographs Collection • Baptism registers, marriage registers, membership rolls • Parish Archives Collection • Personal Papers and Historical Records Collection • Methodist Church of New Zealand Conference archives Inventories of our collection holdings

are available on line: [http://www.methodist.org.nz/archives/archives\\_collection](http://www.methodist.org.nz/archives/archives_collection) See our fact sheet internet sites for New Zealand Methodist research Fact sheets are also available:

[http://www.methodist.org.nz/archives/fact\\_sheets](http://www.methodist.org.nz/archives/fact_sheets)

Before visiting the Archives, please contact the Archivist first to discuss your research requirements.

### **Whakapapa research**

As well as the sources above, there are some records held specific to Māori, particularly for the period of first contact between Māori and Wesleyan missionaries. • Wesleyan Missionary Registers index 1830-. This incomplete index to baptism and marriage registers dates from 1830 and records ceremonies performed by Wesleyan missionaries. A full list of baptism and marriage registers held is on our website and includes Wesleyan missionary registers. It can only be viewed in our Reading Room • Personal Papers and Historical Records Collection in particular MS-39 Wesleyan Missionary Society Papers which consist of letters written by Wesleyan missionaries in New Zealand reporting back to the British WMS in typescript form. Copies of these are also held in the Alexander Turnbull Library in Wellington

If the record you are seeking is not in Christchurch, then it is worth enquiring in Auckland.

Records from Hamilton northwards are held at:

Auckland Methodist Archives, 409 Great South Road, Penrose, Auckland

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

## **NELSON REGION**

### **LDS FAMILY HISTORY CENTRE (FHC)**

119 Nayland Road, Stoke, Nelson

Telephone (03) 5479504

Open: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday 9:30am to 2:30pm

Search for your ancestors in the vast free genealogy resources of the LDS (Latter Day Saints) Church. In recent years, the Mormon genealogy web site known as FamilySearch has made huge improvements by giving free online access to copies of original records.

In the past, the Mormon genealogy records consisted of extracted data and member submissions (the IGI, Ancestral File, and Pedigree Resource File), but the FamilySearch site offers rich international collections of historical records that consist of vital records, census records, and military records.

Search the Family Search Site consisting of original historical record collections of vital records (birth, marriage, death, and probate), census records, naturalization records, and military records from around the world. Many of the collections have downloadable images and most are indexed. All are free. New databases are added frequently.

#### **The resources available:**

Film Readers: Films that you have ordered through the LDS Church's Family Search website can be viewed/read at the FHC.

Fiche Readers: A wide range of data is available including Births, Deaths and Marriages indexes for New Zealand, Australia, England, Wales, and Scotland.

Computers: Free access to the LDS Family Search, FindMyPast and the TheGenealogist family history websites. These websites cover a wide range of family history data including censuses (1841-1911) and directory images that can be printed out.

Free access is available to a British Library website offering a large collection of early newspapers and magazines. Images from these websites can be printed out for 20 cents a page.

**NELSON PUBLIC LIBRARY (also known as Elma Turner Library)**

Location: 27 Halifax Street, Nelson

Postal Address: Private Bag 41, Nelson Mail Centre, Nelson 7042

Information Services Desk Telephone: (03) 546 0414

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

Website: <[www.nelsonpubliclibraries.co.nz](http://www.nelsonpubliclibraries.co.nz)>

Opening Hours: Monday to Friday (excluding Wednesday) 9.30 am to 6 pm, Wednesday 10 am to 6 pm.

Saturday 10 am to 4 pm                      Sunday 1 pm to 4 pm

Closed statutory holidays

**Services**

Reference staff available during all opening hours, interlibrary loans, online databases, Internet access.

**Resources**

Most published material on Nelson. The Nelson Heritage Collection housed in a separate research room.

**Cemetery Records**

Electoral Rolls, Census and Directories

Electoral rolls for Nelson, 1963 to date, West Coast 1972 to date, Southern Māori/ Te Tai Tonga 1975 to date, Tasman District 1975 to date, Marlborough District 1975 to date.

Most telephone directories for Nelson 1941 to date. 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)

**Land**

Rating rolls and valuation assessments for Nelson 1996 - present.

**Māori**

Māori Collection housed separately.

Nelson Māori Land Court minute books.

Fletcher's index to Māori names (Microfilm edition).

Turton's land deeds of the North Island (Microfiche edition).

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**

Nelson Examiner, 1842-1874. (microfilm); Colonist, 1857-1920. (Microfilm - incomplete; some hardcopy in stack); Nelson Evening Mail 1866 - present (microfilm).

In 1995 the Nelson Evening Mail was renamed The Nelson Mail.

Nelson Evening Mail March 1866 to December 1918 also available at Papers Past, National Library of New Zealand.

**NELSON PROVINCIAL MUSEUM RESEARCH FACILITY**

Location: Isel Park, 13 Hilliard Street, Stoke, Nelson

Postal Address: P O Box 853, Nelson 7015

Telephone: (03) 547 9740

Fax: (03) 5478549

Email: [enquiries@museumnp.org.nz](mailto:enquiries@museumnp.org.nz)

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

Museum Chief Executive: Lucinda Blackley-Jimson

Curator of Regional Archives: Karen Gorsuch Email: [karen.gorsuch@museumnp.org.nz](mailto:karen.gorsuch@museumnp.org.nz)

Collection Manager, Photographs: Darryl Gallagher: [Darryl.Gallagher@museumnp.org.nz](mailto:Darryl.Gallagher@museumnp.org.nz)

Opening Hours:

Tuesday-Friday 12.30-4.30pm. Please make contact for an appointment time.



Charges: Research charges of \$60.00 per hour in half hour steps may apply. Copying and reproduction charges will apply.

### **Research Archive**

This research collection was developed with financial assistance from the Bett Trust and features a collection of materials and documents that can be used for local and family history research. Material may not be borrowed.

If you are unfamiliar with the Archive holdings, contact the Museum's Curator of Regional History to find out how you can access and make best use of the resources.

**Biographical Index** A card index filed alphabetically by surname, giving information from various sources (such as Jury lists, the 1845 & 1849 censuses and shipping lists). There are also references to other sources of information. This is currently being digitised and will be available in-house at the Museum in 2017.

**Cemetery Records** Headstone transcriptions and burial records are available for many cemeteries in the Nelson and Marlborough area.

**Census Records 1845 and 1849** Censuses in the Nelson District and outlying areas (such as Wairau and Motueka) were taken in 1845 and 1849. The Returns are available with an index. The 1845 census gives the name of the head of the household, number, and sex of people in the household, suburban or rural section number, street or road, number of births and deaths that have occurred in the family, occupation, crops and livestock. The 1849 census gives further details such as country of origin of the head of the household, ages, and sex of family, Māori or half castes residing or employed on the property, religious affiliation, construction of dwelling, crops and livestock.

### **Church Records**

Church of Christ Marriages 1891-1950 (Spring Grove),

Marriages 1898-1919 (Nelson),

Lutheran Baptisms 1846-1906,

Marriages 1849-1920,

Deaths 1848-1909,

Presbyterian Marriages 1853-1935,

Baptisms 1917-1951,

Roman Catholic Marriages 1844-1913, Baptisms 1845-1900.

**Cyclopedia of New Zealand 1905** The Cyclopedia was published in six volumes in the early 1900s and contains brief biographies and photographs of local identities who paid a fee to be included. Volume 5 covers Nelson, Marlborough, and the West Coast.

Directories

### **Published Family and Local Histories**

These are held in the archive and in the publication's collections. As well as this, the publication collection also includes material on the Nelson and Tasman regions, the West Coast and general New Zealand history topics.

### **Rating Records Nelson Board of Works**

Nelson City rating rolls, 1857-1874 Indexed by owner and occupier, also useful for dating buildings. Records for entries vary in the amount of detail given. Greatest detail is available for 1857-1873 are on microfilm. Nelson City Council Rating records, 1874-1878. Nelson City Council Valuation rolls 1910-1949. Tahunanui Town Board Valuation rolls 1933-1950.

### **Nelson Almanacs and Yearbooks**

Lucas' Almanacs Published annually and includes a small directory section listing local businesses, postmasters, hotels, churches, friendly societies for Nelson and Tasman regions. Some issues contain listings for Lyell, Reefton, Karamea and Westport. Issues held: 1865, 1867, 1871, 1872, 1874-1877, 1888, 1889, 1892-1894, 1899, 1901, 1902, 1904-1941, 1947- 1963/4, 1966 (incomplete set)

Stone's Canterbury, Nelson, Marlborough and Westland Commercial, Municipal and General Directory and New Zealand Annual 1903, 1905, 1937, 1948

Stone's Nelson, Marlborough & Westland directory and New Zealand Annual 1899.

Wise's Canterbury, Marlborough, Nelson & Westland Directory  
1902/03, 1903/04, 1904/05, 1905/06, 1906/07, 1907/08, 1908/09, 1912/15.

Wise's Nelson, Westland and Marlborough Directory 1894-95

Wise's New Zealand Commercial Directory 1872-1873

Wise's New Zealand Post Office Directory 1887/8, 1890/1, 1902-1905, 1907, 1911-1912, 1915-1917, 1921  
1928, 1930-1931, 1934, 1947

Wise's New Zealand Post Office Directory. Volume 3: Canterbury, Nelson, Marlborough, Westland 1957.

**Telephone Directories** Nelson telephone directories from 1938 to date are held. (incomplete range).

**Subscribers** to Nelson Telephone Exchange 1902, c1919, c1922.

Electoral Rolls 1853-1877 for Nelson Province divided into electoral districts, including Buller and Wairau  
1865-1896 microfilms for most New Zealand electorates.

20th Century - very few electoral rolls held for 1900-1960. Holdings include:

Buller 1960-1966, Motueka 1938,

Nelson 1919, 1928, 1935, 1943, 1960-1975, 1992

Tasman 1970, 1972, 1989, 1991, 1992,

Waimea County 1903, 1983,

Southern Māori 1954, 1938.

NZ General Election rolls, 1856-1896 are on microfilm.

### **Family Announcements and Obituaries**

Birth, death and marriage notices have been extracted from the newspapers 1842-1949, 1978-2014  
and are compiled in folders with an alphabetical name index. (Some copies courtesy of Nelson NZSG.

Obituaries from The Colonist between 1890-1911 have been indexed and collated.  
Freeholders' List 1882

In 1882 the Government published the Return of the Freeholders of New Zealand which gives an alphabetical  
list of people owning land at that time. Information includes the location, area and value of the property.

**Jury Lists 1843-1861** A list of people required for jury service was published each year in the newspaper.  
These lists give the person's name, brief address, and occupation.

Available on microfilm 1842 - 1863.

**The Nelson Directory and Companion to the Almanack for 1859** compiled by J.L. Bailey

Nelson Guidebook and Directory, 1887 comprising a description of the city and its institutions.

### **Nelson Education**

The Museum is the official repository for school committee and school records from the former  
Board Area. These include admission registers for Nelson and Buller, the earliest dating from 1873.

### **Nelson Government Gazette Index 1853-1876**

Index to names published in Nelson Government Gazettes for the years 1853-1876. The Gazettes included  
court notices, reports on schools, patents, applications for leases and licences (e.g. mining), government  
appointments etc.

### **Newspaper Holdings**

Microfilm copies are available

Colonist 1857-1920,

Golden Bay Argus 1883-1911,

Inangahua Herald 1872,

Lyell Times 1888, 1892,

Nelson Evening Mail 1866-Sep 1985,

Nelson Evening Mail Sports Edition 1958-1965,

Nelson Examiner 1842-1874,

NZ Spectator 1846-1847

NZ Wesleyan 1880-1881,

Pelorus Guardian 1890-1919,

The Colonist 1857-1920,

The Nelson Evening Mail and the Nelson Mail to current issues are available from the Elma Turner Library, Nelson.

Original copies (not all available to view):

Golden Bay Press. Issues held: 13 August 1964-18 November 1965, 21 April-19 May 1966.

Inangahua Herald. Published in Reefton, 1872-1936. Issues held: 1872.

Lyell Times. Published 1881-1898? Issues held: 1888, 1892.

Motueka Press. Issues held: 18 November 1964, 24 February 1965, 28 April-19 May 1966.

Motueka Star, Motueka Star Times, Province. These copies are in very fragile condition and so some may not be able to be viewed.

Issues held: 1931-1932, 6-13 January 1933, 29 January 1935-4 August 1936, 28 May 1937-22 July 1938, 28 July 1938-16 August 1939. Microfilm copies: Star Times 1938-1939 and the province 1939.

Nelson Advertiser and Family Paper. Published January 1860-January 1861.

Issues held: January 1860-January 1861

Nelson Evening Mail Sports Edition. Issues held: April 1958-June 1965.

Nelson Press. Issues held: 22 April-2 December 1965, 5-19 May 1966.

Nelson Weekly News. Agricultural and family journal. Issues held: 13 April 1886-28 December 1888.

NZ Spectator. Published Wellington, 1844-1865. Issues held: 1846-1847

NZ Wesleyan. Issues held: 1880-1881.

The Tribune (Nelson). Issues held: 5 October 1983-4 March 1985.

### **Passenger lists indexes, 1840-1880**

Passenger-assisted immigrants sponsored by:

New Zealand Company 1840-1850

(Passenger application numbers enable you to find their place of origin)

Nelson Provincial Government 1853-1867.

New Zealand Government 1874-1880.

Brief passenger listings from local newspapers are also available and include some trans-Tasman and coastal shipping.

### **Personal Papers**

Personal papers include diaries, journals, correspondence, reminiscences, personal notes, cards, receipts and other ephemera from everyday life. Check the Community Archive online, the Museum's Collections Online or ask for assistance. All archival material is not currently available via the Museum's Collections online catalogue: <http://collection.nelsonmuseum.co.nz/> The catalogue is updated regularly with more items in the Museum's collections as work progresses. Check out the Community Archive: <http://thecommunityarchive.org.nz/> and discover the archival groups held here at the Museum.

### **Records of Local Businesses and Organisations**

The Archive contains records of local businesses, organisations, and societies; for example, Women's Division of Federated Farmers, Ancient Order of Foresters, E. Buxton & Co., Roads Boards, Nelson Provincial Scottish Society, Nelson Badminton Association, Nelson Chamber of Commerce and many more. Look at the Community Archive <http://thecommunityarchive.org.nz/> for archival groups held by the Museum.

### **Photo News (Nelson) 1960-1974, 1983**

Now available online at: <http://photonews.org.nz/nelson/index.html> Photo News was a weekly pictorial magazine. It included photos of weddings, recent engagements, sports, social and theatrical events in Nelson. Negatives are held for most issues 1960-1970. An index to the weddings included is held in the Archive with other marriage notices.

### **School Records**

(Admission, Progress and Withdrawal Registers) Nelson Education Board. These include some but not all admission registers for Nelson and Buller dating from 1873. Check Collections Online or ask for assistance.

Bishop's School Roll, 1860-1895,

Brook Street 1882-1897, 1912-1930

Brooklyn 1878-1959,

Burnett's Face 1911-1941,

Canvastown 1877-1914,  
Charleston 1888-1962,  
Churchill 1927-1938,  
Clifton Terrace 1907-1942,  
Collingwood District High 1882-1966,  
Dall's Creek 1914-1927,  
Deep Creek 1919-1949,  
Delaware Bay 1949-1953,  
Denniston 1881-1966,  
Denniston District High 1931-1952,  
Dovedale , Dumfreith 1928-1935,  
East Takaka 1881-1967,  
Fairdown 1899-1920,  
Foxhill 1873-1939,  
French Pass 1910-1963,  
Girls' Central 1926,  
Glenhope 1911-1948,  
Glengarry 1918-1929,  
Golden Hope 1934-1945,  
Gordon 1882-1923,  
Gowan Bridge 1920-1955,  
Gowan Valley 1918-1928,  
Hampden Street 1923-1980,  
Happy Valley 1880-1894,  
Harakeke 1950-1973,  
Haven Road 1919-1926,  
Hira 1880-1954,  
Howard Junction 1928-1940  
Inangahua Landing 1917-1952  
Kaituna 1884-1955,  
Kikiwa 1918-1949  
Mapua 1915-1965,  
Maruia 1918-1929,  
Matakitaki 1894-1957,  
Mid Maruia 1921-1928,  
Motupipi 1870-1930,  
Nelson College (roll books) 1881-1931,  
Nelson College for Girls, (roll books) 1896-1933  
Neudorf 1881-1912,  
Newton Flat (Ariki) 1935-1940,  
Ngatimoti 1928-1941,  
Norris Gully 1927,  
Nuggety Creek 1928-1941,  
Orinoco 1894-1949,  
Paenga 1933-1945,  
Pakawau 1909-1981,  
Pokororo 1889-1939,  
Rakopi 1919-1921, 1934-1938,  
Redwood's Valley 1947-1961,  
Reefton 1870-1892,  
Reefton District High 1878-1969,

Richmond Boys' 1882-1904,  
Richmond Girls' 1882-1903,  
River Terrace 1880-1920,  
Rochfort Terrace 1881-1909,  
Rockville 1913-1962,  
Seddonville 1914-1967,  
Sergeant's Hill 1881-1962,  
Shenandoah 1939-1958,  
Speargrass Run 1924-1931,  
Spring Grove 1882-1973,  
Stoke 1905-1961,  
Takaka Hill 1948-1956,  
Tarakohe 1928-1984,  
Toi Toi Valley 1894-1913,  
Totara Bush 1928-1942,  
Tutaki 1912-1982,  
Upper Moutere 1909-1965,  
Uruwhenua 1906-1932,  
Waimangaroa 1879-1967,  
Waimea West 1883-1938,  
Wairoa Gorge 1920-1946,  
Waiuta (roll books) 1909-1951,  
Wakefield 1919-1953,  
Woodstock 1883-1942.

### **Biography and Subject Vertical Files**

Alphabetical files of biographical and general information on the Nelson and Tasman districts; for example, the Boulder Bank, Fifeshire (ship), Hops, Cob cottages, Houses and buildings, named and unnamed, schools, places, fires and people, to name a few.

### **Oral History Recordings**

The Museum's oral history collection consists of recordings of Nelson/Tasman women, history topics from the local regions, Nelson Historical Society monthly lectures, Nelson/Golden Bay oral history project, Nelson Girl Guide's Association and Māori history.

These will shortly be available to listen to in-house at the Museum in Nelson.

### **Photographs**

The Museum has a collection of over 1.2 million photograph negatives (mostly indexed) including portraits from the 1860s onwards. Prints may be ordered. Please enquire at the Museum's Front-of-House or email: [photographs@museumnp.org.nz](mailto:photographs@museumnp.org.nz).

See some of the images on Collections Online: <http://collection.nelsonmuseum.co.nz/>

### **NZSG NELSON BRANCH**

Meeting : Fourth Monday of the month, February-November at 7.30pm.

Venue: St Barnabas Church, Main Road, Stoke, [opposite Countdown Supermarket] Nelson

Contact: Postal address: NZSG Nelson Branch, POBox 1879, Nelson 7040

Email: [nelson@genealogy.org.nz](mailto:nelson@genealogy.org.nz) for enquires

### **Branch Library**

The NZSG Nelson Branch Library, known as 'Ancestors' Attic', 67 Trafalgar Street, Nelson and is open to members of the Branch and the public on Mondays 1-4pm, Thursdays 10am-4.00pm and Sundays 2.00-4.00pm. Only branch members may borrow non-reference material. The NZSG Nelson Branch will answer

enquiries: [nelson@genealogy.org.nz](mailto:nelson@genealogy.org.nz) A donation should accompany any initial enquiry. All enquiries should be accompanied by a stamped self-addressed envelope.

#### Resources

**Nelson Genealogical Index** consisting of over half a million references over 18 topics for easy shelf reference  
**Cemeteries-Burial Records & Monumental Inscriptions**

Bainham, Clifton, Collingwood, Dovedale, East Takaka, Foxhill, Hallowell, Hamana, Haven Road-Basin Reserve, Haulashore Island, Kotinga, St Johns Hira, Ebenezer Gardens Stoke, Lower Moutere (Flett Road), Motueka, Murchison, Seaview Stoke, St Barnabas Stoke, Ngawhatu Valley Cemetery (St Marys Orphanage) Stoke, Puponga, Riwaka, Rotatai, Spring Grove, St Albans Appleby, Stanley Brook, Waimea West, Waiwhero, Aniseed Valley, St John's Hope, St John's Wakefield, St Joseph's Wakefield, Mararewa (Tapawera), Richmond, St George's Tadmor/Orinoco, Pangatotara, Sandy Bay, Anatori, Wakapuaka, .

#### **Nelson City Council Data Base for cemeteries**

Hallowell, Fairfield, Wakapuaka, Marsden Valley, Seaview, Hira St Andrews.

<http://nelson.govt.nz/services/facilities/cemeteries/cemeteries-database-2/>

**Cemetery records for Nelson City and Tasman District include**, Nelson Gaolhouse, Haulashore Island Thomas Cresswell memorial, Holdaway family, Delaware Bay, Haven Road-Basin Reserve, Quakers Acre, Queens Gardens Memorial Gates, Queens Gardens Boer War Monument, St Johns Hira, St Andrews Hira, Smiths Maitai Valley, Ebenezer Gardens Stoke, Marsden Valley Reserve Stoke, Marsden Recreation Reserve Stoke, Seaview Stoke, St Barnabas Stoke, St Marys Stoke. Puponga, Appleby, Aniseed Valley, Hope, Wakefield, Tapawera, Tadmor, Orinoco, Pangatotara, Sandy Bay, Anatori, St Johns Wakefield, Quakers Acre. Fairfield Park (aka Trafalgar Street cemetery).

[www.freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~nzbound/fairfield\\_park\\_\\_Hira](http://www.freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~nzbound/fairfield_park__Hira) (1894 to present)

[www.nelson.govt.nz/services/facilities/cemeteries/cemeteries-database-2/\\_\\_\\_Marsden](http://www.nelson.govt.nz/services/facilities/cemeteries/cemeteries-database-2/___Marsden) Valley (1956 to present)

[www.nelson.govt.nz/services/facilities/cemeteries/cemeteries-database-2/](http://www.nelson.govt.nz/services/facilities/cemeteries/cemeteries-database-2/) Tasman District

[cemeteries http://www.tasman.govt.nz/services/cemeteries/cemetery-records-search/](http://www.tasman.govt.nz/services/cemeteries/cemetery-records-search/)

**Cemetery records for Marlborough** include Altimarloch, Awatere, Awatere Memorial, Canvastown Ruapeka, Canvastown Te Hora, Clarence, D'Urville Island, (Urupa Madsen Bay), Flaxbourne, French Pass includes Webber Private Cemetery, Hapuka, Havelock, Havelock Burial Register, Kaikoura Suburban, Kekerengu, Pelorus Couper Family, Picton, Pig Island, Rai Valley, Rapaura Holy Trinity, Rapaura Methodist, Seddon, Tua Marina, Upper Wairau, Waikawa Bay, Wairau River Fabians Valley, Wairau Valley, Wairau Church of the Good Shepherd, Wakamarina Deep Creek, Wharanui, Gardners Valley and Upper Moutere.

**Photos of Headstones** include Appleby St Albans Tasman, Bainham Golden Bay, Clifton Golden Bay, Collingwood Public Golden Bay, Old Collingwood Golden Bay, Dovedale Tasman, East Takaka Golden Bay, Foxhill Tasman, Gardiners Valley Tasman, Hamama Golden Bay, Hira St Johns Nelson, Kelling Private Cemetery, Hope St John Lutheran Tasman, Kotinga Golden Bay, Flett Road Lower Moutere Tasman, Mararewa Tapawera Tasman, Motueka Tasman, Motupiko St George's Church Tasman, Murchison Tasman, Motueka Old Wesleyan Pah Street Tasman, Puponga Golden Bay, Pakawau Inlet Golden Bay, Motueka Pioneer Cemetery Tasman, Richmond Old Section Tasman, Riwaka Tasman, Rototai Golden Bay, Sandy Bay Tasman, Spring Grove Tasman, Tadmor St James Church Tasman, Brightwater St Pauls Church Tasman, Sarau St Pauls Lutheran Moutere Tasman, Stanley Brook Tasman, Stoke St Barnabas Church, Nelson, Waimea West St Michaels Church Tasman, Waimea West St Peter & Pauls Church Tasman, Waimea West Public Tasman, Waiwhero Tasman, Wakefield St Johns Church Tasman, Wakefield St Joseph Church Tasman, West Bank Motueka Tasman.

#### **Church Records**

Anglican Church Birth, Baptism, Death, Marriage and Confirmations for top of the South Island. 1842 onwards. Ahaura West Coast, All Saints Nelson, Atawhai-Hira Nelson, Awatere Marlborough, Bishopdale [marriages only], Blenheim Marlborough, Cathedral Nelson, Cobden-Runanga West Coast, Golden Bay, Granity-Karamea West Coast, Greymouth, Havelock, Kaikoura, Motueka, Motupiko [no deaths], Murchison [no deaths], Picton, Reefton, Richmond, Spring Creek, Stoke, Tahuna [no baptisms no deaths], Waimea, Wairau Valley [no baptisms no deaths], Wakefield, Westport.

**Baptist Church Marriages 1857-1885.**

**Church of Christ** Marriages Nelson District 1891 – 1950, Rutherford Street Chapel 1920 – 1961, Spring Grove 1892 – 1950.

**Lutheran Church BDM.** Nelson District. 1842 onwards.

**Methodist** Church Births 1842 to 1892 from Nelson Baptism Register, & Births 1857 - 1920 from Nelson Colonist.

**Presbyterian** Church B&M. Richmond, Stoke, Tahunanui & Knox St Luke's Victory Square.

**Roman Catholic Sacramental Register Births & Burials** St Mary's Nelson city 1844 onwards. St Joseph Wakefield, St Joseph Takaka, Sacred Heart Takaka, St Peter & St Paul Waimea West, St Francis Motueka, St Mary's Orphanage Stoke Ngawhatu Valley).

Roman Catholic Marriages 1844-1913.

Wesleyan/Methodist marriages 1843-1855

### **Orphanages**

**Anglican Motueka** 1873-1883 Admission & Discharge,

**St Andrews** 1887-1987 Waimea Road, Nelson,

**St Mary's Industrial School** 1882-1883,

**St Mary's Orphanage Stoke** 1894-1964 CD 332.

**Sunnybank** Roman Catholic 1880-1964

### **Funeral Directors**

Millers Monumental Masons death 1907-1975. Usually death notices taken from the local paper. Shones Funeral Directors records 1922-25 & 1935-49.

Funeral Leaflets assorted dates from c1970s onwards.

Te Tau Ihu O Te Waka Volume 1-4 by Hilary & John Mitchell provides extensive genealogies and BDM's.

**Newspaper Indexes Family Notices** from the *Colonist* 1857 to 1920 and Nelson Mail 1866-1879, 1930- 1939, 1945-1949, 1961-1966, 1973 to present.

**Nelson Photo News.** Marriages indexed 1961-1974. Photo news also online and indexed. [www.photonews.org.nz/nelson/index](http://www.photonews.org.nz/nelson/index)

**Death Notices, Obituaries and Inquests** Nelson Colonist 1857-1920, Nelson Evening Mail 1866-1879, 1920-1930, from Oct 1933, 1935, to June 1936, 1961-1966 and 1983-2005, 2016.

**Nelson Death & Marriage Index** from the Courthouse from 1848-1997 for Nelson, Richmond, Wakefield, Takaka, Collingwood, and Tadmor 1848-1985. **Death by Drowning** Nelson 1840-1881 incomplete.

Other Nelson Indexes held 'Ancestors Attic' library catalogue available

[www.https://heritage.tasmanlibraries.govt.nz/](https://heritage.tasmanlibraries.govt.nz/)

**1859 Nelson Directory and Almanac** indexed.

**Electoral Rolls** 1853,1854,1865,1870 Nelson, Golden Bay & Wairau.

**Jury Lists** 1843, 1844, 1845, 1847, 1849, 1851, 1852, 1854, 1857, 1861 and petitions to the list.

**Old Age Pensions** 1899.

**BDM** Golden Bay Argus newspaper 1885-1911 names indexed.

Lands and Deeds Old Nominal Index & Transfers

**Military** 1843 Wairau Affray, 1881 Parihaka Contingent H Battery, Nelson Artillery Papers & 31 Dec 1889 Nominal Roll of H Battery, Nelson Naval Volunteers, Stoke Volunteer Rifles, Waimea Volunteer Rifles, Waimea Volunteer Rifles, 1899-1903 South Africa War Enlistments Nelson, 12th Nelson Regiment, WWI Reservists, WWI Nurses, WWI Chaplains, WWI Defaulters, WWI Born or Enlisted in Nelson, WWI Nelsonians in Other Units Overseas. Personal histories on WW1 combatants who died plus biographies from descendants.

Eileen Thawley & Cyd Daughtrey have undertaken the task of photographing and recording the details of all the War Memorials and War Memorial Halls in the Nelson/Tasman region, can be seen at

<https://heritage.tasmanlibraries.govt.nz/>

WW1 references from Anglican magazines indexed and photos. Also available

<https://heritage.tasmanlibraries.govt.nz/>

**Nelson Repertory Theatre** 1970s. Index of who performed in what.

**Newspaper cuttings** of 11,000 reference to people and places.

1844 petition to parliament, 1844 Wairau affray petition, 1848 petition for a share of public expenditure.

Biographies of Old Nelson Colonists/Early Citizens of Nelson indexed, sourced from te Ara [web page], Auckland Weekly News, Colonist newspaper, Nelson Genealogy Branch records.

Shipping immigrant passengers to Nelson 1840-1914 indexed. 171.000 entries.

**Schools** Indexes to most of the Nelson and West Coast schools' Admittance Registers Anatoki, Aniseed Valley, Appleby, Auckland Point, Awaroa, Bainham, Berlins, Bishop's School, Bridge Street School – Boys, Brightwater, Brook Street School, Brooklyn, Burnetts Face, Cabragh House, Canvastown, Central School, Charleston, Clifton Terrace, Collingwood, Dall's Creek, Churchill, Dovedale Deep Creek, Delaware Bay, Denniston, Dumfreith, East Takaka, Education Department Principals, Index 1949, Education Department Teachers, Fairdown, Foxhill, French Pass, Girls Central, Glengarry, Glenhope, Golden Bay Schools Register (2), Golden Hope School [Maggies Creek], Gordon [Wai-iti], Gowan Bridge, Gowan Valley, Hampden St, Happy Valley [Hira], Haven Road, Hira, Hope, Howard Junction, Inangahua Junction, Inangahua Landing, Kaituna, Kikiwa, Koreke, Korere, List of Nelson Education Board Schools, Mahana, Mapua, Maruia, Matakotaki, Mid Maruia, Motupiko, Motupipi, Nelson Boys Central, Neudorf, Newton Flat [Ariki], Norris Gully, Nuggety Creek, Orinoco, Paenga, Pakawau, Rakopi, Ranzau, Reefton, Richmond Boys, Richmond Girl, Richmond, River Terrace School, 4 Sections, Girls, Boys, Combined, Rochfort Terrace, Rockville, Sacred Heart, Sarau, Seddonville, Sergeant's Hill, Shelbourne St Girl's Central, Shenandoah, Speargrass Run, Spring Grove, St Joseph's, Stanley Brook, Stoke, Tadmor, Tahunanui, Takaka Hill, Tapawera, Tarakohe, Tasman Street, Tasman Street Boys, Teachers Holding Certificates or Licenses in 1890, The School by the Pond [Matthew Campbell's School], Toi Toi Street, Totara Bush, Tutaki, Upper Motueka Valley, Upper Motupika, Upper Moutere, Uruwhenua, Waimangaroa, Waimea West, Wairoa Gorge, Wakefield, Wins Valley, Woodstock.

Nelson College magazines with school lists 1901-onwards. The Nelson College Old Boys Register 1856-2006.

Nelson College for Girls magazines with school lists 1900 onwards. Indexed Nelson Girls College Journals from 1900-1959. This list is also held by the Girls College Archives.

**Books Indexed.** Nelson Observed by Christopher Vine, Official Record NZ Industrial Exhibition 1885 - Nelson Exhibitors, Snippets of History compiled by Marsden House, The Jubilee History of Nelson by L Broad, Nelson by Ruth Allan, Nelson by Jim McAloon plus many more.

**All Guts No Glory** book about WW1 Nurses and Chaplains from Nelson Tasman area. Compiled by NZSG Nelson Branch.

**NZSG fiche** including NZ BDM, NZ cemetery records, electoral rolls from 1897, Wises PO Directory from 1850, 1988 IGI, plus more

**NZSG CDs** 1881,1893,1896, 1925 NZ Electoral rolls, Kiwi Index v01, & V2, 1882 return of freeholders, NZ Marriages 1836-1956 v2, plus more

Directories Stones from 1904. Plus, more

NZ Gazettes 1889-1919, 1922 plus 1977, 1978-1984.

1845 & 1849 Nelson census.

Index to Names Published in Nelson Government Gazettes 1853 - 1876

NZ Electoral Rolls 1982, 1983, 1986, 1989, 1991,1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1998, 1999, 2002,2004, 2006, 2011, 2014,

Nelson telephone directories from 1956.

**Nelson Electoral Rolls** 1925 onwards. West Coast/Tasman & Marlborough Kaikoura 1978 onwards.

Information also held on the following cemeteries or monuments-

Quakers Acre, Queens Gardens Memorial Gates, Queens Gardens Boer War Monument,

St Andrews Hira, Smiths Maitai Valley, Marsden Valley Reserve Stoke, Marsden Recreation Reserve Stoke.

Nelson City Council cemeteries data base

<http://nelson.govt.nz/services/facilities/cemeteries/cemeteries-database-2/>



## **GOLDEN BAY MUSEUM AND GALLERY**

Location: Commercial Street, Takaka, Golden Bay

Postal Address: 73 Commercial Street, Takaka, Golden Bay 7110

Telephone: (03) 525 6268

Email: goldenbaymuseum@xtra.co.nz

Website: www.goldenbaymuseum.org.nz

Manager: Karen Johnson

Archivist and research: Sally Gaffney

Opening Hours: Access to the museum is daily 10.00am-4.00pm

Charges: Museum admission is free

Research fees for the archives are as follows: Research conducted by the enquirer: no charge. Digital photographs may be taken at no charge. Donations are welcomed! Research by museum personnel: \$20 per hour. There will be a small charge to cover costs of any photocopying if any is done. Enquiries that take less than half an hour are not charged.

### **Main holdings**

In 1985, the Takaka Museum Committee was formed to purchase a private collection of material considered to have significant educational value pertaining to the history of Golden Bay. The holdings have increased vastly since that time and are currently undergoing cataloguing.

The John Crockford Archive and Reference Library

The archives consist of valuation rolls, electoral rolls, maps, school records, cemetery records, photographs, newspapers, local industry records, scrapbooks, women's rural organizations, oral histories and much more. It has recently been catalogued and once it has been fully loaded on to the computer programme will facilitate any searches. The reference library has a large collection of books pertaining to Golden Bay, a huge collection of family histories and files on locations within Golden Bay as well as unpublished manuscripts, church records, school records, war records all of which can be accessed by the private researcher.

Access to the archives and reference room is available during office opening hours (10-3, Monday to Thursday). When the archivist is on duty (usually Tuesday morning and all-day Thursday) there is no need to book an appointment.

## **NZSG GOLDEN BAY INFORMAL GROUP**

Meeting: Sunday 11.00am-2.00pm (includes finger food lunch), usually the last Sunday of every month. After lunch there is usually a speaker or an informative video or discussion.

Venue: St John Rooms, A&P Show grounds, Takaka

Contact: Secretary, Sally Gaffney, 169 Ward-Holmes Rd, RD 2 Takaka 7182 Tel: 03 525 8086.

Email: GoldenBay@genealogy.org.nz or pands@gaffneys.co.nz

This informal group covers the whole of Golden Bay from Westhaven to Totaranui.

Branch Library

The group has acquired a good selection of genealogical search material, some pertaining solely to Golden Bay, some to other areas of New Zealand and some to the United Kingdom. The group has some valuable material that is available only through the genealogy group including civil registration records and church records. There is a close working relationship with the Golden Bay Museum and enquirers are given information from both sources where necessary.

The group will answer genealogical queries for both members and non members of the NZSG. There is no charge for this service. All enquiries by snail mail should be accompanied by a stamped self-addressed envelope.

### **Resources:**

**Cemeteries** Burial records available through both the Genealogy Group and the Museum; maps held in the museum.

**Churches** Church baptism, marriage, and burial records available through the Genealogy Group

**Newspapers** Golden Bay newspapers are kept in the Golden Bay Museum, though early photocopies of the Golden Bay Argus are kept by the Genealogy Group

**Schools** School records are kept in the Golden Bay Museum, but most have been transcribed by the Genealogy Group and are available through both locations

**Valuation rolls** giving names and details of land holdings are available through the Golden Bay Museum. Along with cadastral maps these can show exactly where a person once lived

**Local knowledge** Many of the members have lived in Golden Bay all their lives and have therefore developed a deep knowledge of the history and geography of the Bay. In addition, the group has access to other locals who will very often know the answers if the group does not.

**Magazine** the group produced a magazine, The Gene Genie, for a number of years of which there are 21 issues. These contain a vast array of local history stories and items of interest pertaining to the Bay which are not always found elsewhere.

Acknowledgements Sally Gaffney (NZSG Golden Bay Informal Group)

### **MOTUEKA DISTRICTS MUSEUM**

Location: 140 High Street, Motueka, 7120

Postal Address: 140 High Street, Motueka

Telephone: (03) 528 7660

Email: savepast@snap.net.nz

Opening Hours: 10.00am-3.00pm Monday-Friday (open Sundays 10am – 2pm) Charges; Donation only. This includes access to the Research Room and to view exhibits.

### **MOTUEKA AND DISTRICTS HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION**

Location : Motueka Museum, 140 High Street, Motueka, 7120

Postal Address : 7 Wakatu Place, Motueka 7120

Email : tw-cr.smith@xtra.co.nz

The Research Room at the Motueka Districts Museum is run by the Motueka and District Historical Association and manned every Tuesday 10am-3pm. The material in this room is available any time the museum is open, however there is a huge collection of other material in storage that can only be accessed by volunteer staff. Make a booking and we can have it ready for you when you call.

This includes original maps, school booklets, church histories, diaries, letters, reminiscences, family histories, photographs from the Fergus Holyoake collection and additional material in the Historical Association collection. Oral tapes on a wide range of topics to do with the local history. There is a large collection of books that have been written about the local area. If assistance is required, an assisted research fee of \$5.00 plus photocopying is charged. Research inquiries by correspondence charged at \$15.00 per hour plus photocopying and postage expenses.

#### **Main Holdings**

**Journals** (all of which are for sale) – Volumes 1-8 on a wide variety of subjects including early European settlement, settler families, family stories, houses, street names, prominent people. Also books on Aviation in Motueka, The York family, Along the Path to accompany the heritage plaques in Decks Reserve, The Tarrant Memorial and Motueka Wharf 100 Years.

Census for Nelson including local area for the years 1845 and 1849

Family Information on many local families indexed and in folders, this includes letters of enquiry concerning these families

Family information sourced by local historian Rana McGlashen. These sources include newspapers, church registers, courthouse records and inquests

Index by name and subject for the Motueka Star newspapers 1902-1910

Index by subject for scrapbooks kept by Colin Hawken (1930-1996), Rana McGlashen (1984-1996) and Mrs Starnes (1986)

Colin Hawken memoirs including descriptions of who lived where and where businesses were located 1930's-1960's.

Index of marriages in the Nelson Photo News 1961-1974

Index of names in 15 local history type books that had no name index

Index to records at Land Information NZ (formerly Lands and Deeds) plus copies of these deeds. Mostly the Motueka Borough.

Filing cabinets full of items, original and secondary sources on topics from Aerodrome through Agriculture, Businesses, Churches, Community Groups, Motueka Businesses, Riwaka, Schools, and Sports, to War, Wharf and Whakarewa and many topics in between.

### **Photographs**

Laser copies or scanned and emailed copies (\$4.00 each A4 size copy plus postage and handling) for photographs in the Fergus Holyoake collection of local content from agriculture, transport, shops, streets, dwellings, fires, floods, and ships. There are over 1500 photographs in this collection plus over 2000 in the Historical Collection and more in the Nelson Evening Mail and various other more modern collections.

Newspapers: Motueka Star (1902 – 1938) and Motueka Herald (1884-1885) NB Not full collections

Old Age Pensioners 1899

**Pattie Papers** written by Robert Pattie c1940. The Pattie papers were originally newspaper articles written in the 1930s by Robert Pattie to which he added some unpublished material. Robert came as a boy with his family in the 1840's and settled in Riwaka. They are his memories of the district.

**Pre-1900 Settlers Index** (produced by the NZSG Motueka Branch from published and unpublished sources which include local histories, local family histories, school centennial booklets and church histories)

Roll of Honour for Motueka, Ngatimoti, Tasman and Riwaka War memorials. Book on WW1 soldiers from memorials in individual essay form.

**Cemeteries** photos, burial lists and cemetery transcriptions generally held for the cemeteries listed here.

Gardner's Valley public cemetery, Upper Moutere 1867-1984,

Flett Road Cemetery off Lower Moutere Highway Lower Moutere 1905-1984,

Motueka Methodist/Wesleyan 1859-1893 Pah Street,

Motueka Cemetery, Cemetery Road off Old Wharf Road 1871-1984,

Motueka Māori Cemetery Pah Street,

Pangatotara Cemetery, Westbank Road 1868-1920,

Pioneer Cemetery Thorp St [closed],

Riwaka Cemetery, Main Road Riwaka 1860-2014,

Sandy Bay 1891-1941, Shaggery Cemetery, West Bank Rd 1883-1943,

Motueka St Thomas, Thorp Street (Pioneer Cemetery) 1845-1946,

Waiwhero Cemetery c1860-1984,

### **Death Records**

Early deaths from church registers, inquests and newspapers 1857-c1900,

Sundry deaths 1850-1875,

Family death information from a variety of sources.

### **Schools**

Indexes to School Admission Registers for schools transcribed by the former NZSG Motueka Branch. This includes the Riwaka School attendance register only for 1888.

All schools transcribed by the former NZSG Motueka branch and prior to 1910, appear on CD NZSG Kiwi Index.

Churchill (1892-1903), Dovedale (1902-1931),

Hau (1936-1952), Motueka District High Primary Department (1916-1933),

Motueka District High Secondary Department (1908-1933),

Motueka Primary (1885-1916), Ngatimoti (1881-1931),

Pokororo (1886-1934), Wallis Family Orphanage (1867-1887),

Whakarewa (1894-1935).

Motueka and Districts encompasses the geographical area from Takaka Hill through Abel Tasman National Park to the north; Motueka and Riwaka townships, Motueka Valley to the south-west including the Mt Arthur Range (but not including Tapawera), Mapua and Redwoods Valley including Upper Moutere to the south and east.

### **MURCHISON DISTRICT HISTORICAL and MUSEUM SOCIETY Inc**

The main feature of this museum is photographs and stories of the 1929 Murchison Earthquake. It also houses vintage farm machinery and implements, local historical publications along with photographic and document archives. There is also a photocopying and laminating service. Local family history queries welcomed.

#### Address

60 Fairfax Street, PO Box 108, Murchison

Ph +64 3 523 9392

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

Web site, [www. https://www.facebook.com/MurchisonMuseum](https://www.facebook.com/MurchisonMuseum)

Opening hours Monday to Saturday and some Sundays. Summer 10am – 4pm daily. Winter 11am-3pm. Except statutory holidays.

#### **Services**

Research service, staff available to assist with phone and mail enquiries

#### Resources

Family histories and journals Large photographic collection

Births, Deaths Marriages

Murchison Births 1902 – 1935, Deaths 1906 – 1969

Newspaper obituaries

Murchison cemetery records Local school rolls and photographs

Newspapers

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

### **St MARY'S PARISH ARCHIVES NELSON**

Contact: Diana Clark, Archivist, St Mary's Parish, POBox 37, Nelson or email

[dianatony@xtra.co.nz](mailto:dianatony@xtra.co.nz)

Archives consist of

Baptisms, Confirmation, First Communion, Marriages, Deaths,

St Josephs School, Sacred Heart College, Redwood Intermediate, Redwood College,

St Mary's Boys School, St Mary's Girls school, St Mary's Orphanage

Parish Newsletters, School Newsletters, Minutes of Parish Organisations,

Photos, Newspaper Articles, Lists of past Clergy,

Father Garin's Diaries and letters, Historic Vestments,

Individual Family Ancestries, Maps, Plans,

Numerous other items including Sacramental Records from 1844.

Also held are over 4.000 computer entries, 150 boxes of files and photo cabinets.

### **TASMAN DISTRICT COUNCIL**

Location: 189 Queen Street, Richmond, Nelson

Postal: P O Box 4, Richmond, Nelson 7031

Telephone: (03) 543 8400

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

Website: [www.tdc.govt.nz/](http://www.tdc.govt.nz/)

### **Main Holdings**

TDC Richmond have the Waimea County Council records including correspondence, minutes etc c1885 to 1980 (not sure of dates).

<http://www.tasman.govt.nz/services/cemeteries/>

<http://www.tasman.govt.nz/services/cemeteries/cemetery-records-search/>

Bainham, Clifton, Collingwood, Dovedale, East Takaka, Flett Road, Foxhill, Hamama West Takaka, Kotinga, Mararewa, Motueka, Murchison, Old Collingwood, Pioneer Motueka, Richmond, Riwaka, Rotoai, Sandy Bay, Spring Grove, Stanley Brook, Waimea West, Waiwhero. This web site does not include church cemeteries which are not maintained by the Tasman District Council.

A cemetery database for the area covered by the Tasman District Council can be accessed at the Tasman District Council head office in Richmond or at one of the service centres located in Motueka, Murchison and Takaka. Their contact details are as follows

### **Tasman District Council ~ Golden Bay Service Centre**

Located: 78 Commercial Street, Takaka

Postal: P O Box 74, Takaka

Telephone: (03) 525 0020

Fax: (03) 5259972

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

### **Tasman District Council ~ Motueka Service Centre**

Located: 7 Hickmott Place, Motueka

Postal: P O Box 123, Motueka

Telephone: (03) 528 2022

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

The TDC Motueka Service Centre have the Motueka Borough Council minutes 1901 to 1986 minus a few years that were burnt.

### **Tasman District Council ~ Murchison Service Centre**

Located: 92 Fairfax Street, Murchison

Telephone: (03) 523 1013

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

### **TASMAN DISTRICT LIBRARY**

Queen Street, Richmond

Open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 9.30am-6pm, Thursday 9.30am-7pm, Sat 9.30am-1pm, Sunday 1pm-4pm.

[www.tdc.govt.nz](http://www.tdc.govt.nz)

Many links to areas of interest i.e., local cemetery records managed by the Tasman District Council, Early Settlers data base, immigrant & Shipping Records, including Outward passenger lists 1852-1923 from Victoria, Australia, plus local information.

<https://heritage.tasmanlibraries.govt.nz/>

is still being developed.

### **WAIMEA SOUTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

records held at the library consisting of a collection of photographs and other material relating to the history of Waimea South plus details of the war memorials in the district.

Eileen Thawley with assistance from Cyd Daughtrey has undertaken the massive task of photographing and recording the details of all the War Memorials and War Memorial Halls in the Nelson/Tasman region. She has also compiled a Roll of Honour, which includes details of all the

soldiers from this area who lost their lives in the major conflicts of last century. Eileen has filled seven large folders with detailed memories of the lives that were lost, from photos of their memorials to photos of the men themselves.

Eileen and Cyd's collected work is a valuable historical reference that is held at the Tasman District Library in Richmond, research room.

## **MARLBOROUGH REGION**

### **KAIKOURA DISTRICT MUSEUM AND ARCHIVES AND KAIKOURA HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.**

Location: 96 West End, Kaikoura 8280

Postal Address: 96 West End, Kaikoura 7340

Telephone: (03) 319 7440 Email:kk.museum@xtra.co.nz or web site [www.kaikoura-museum.co.nz/](http://www.kaikoura-museum.co.nz/)

Opening Hours: Open daily 10-4pm. Closed Good Friday and Christmas Day.

Charges: Research will be carried out by staff as time permits at an appropriate charge plus photocopying and postage charges.

#### **Main Holdings**

The Kaikoura Historical Society Inc., that runs the Kaikoura District Museum and Archives was established in 1968 and the Museum opened in 1972. The exhibits and displays in the Museum reflect the varied and colourful history of the Kaikoura district. The Museum holds minute books and records belonging to various organisations.

**Births** Birth records are held for Kaikoura District 1862-1877.

**Deaths** and all burials in the Kaikoura District. Death and Obituary notices—indexed.

Headstone transcriptions of Kaikoura Public Cemetery, Scarborough Street.

List of Catholic Parish burials 1862-2000.

#### **Newspapers**

The Kaikoura Star was first printed in 1880. Very few early copies have survived anywhere in New Zealand. Enquire at the Museum as to what newspapers are available.

#### **Photographs**

The Museum holds over 25,000 photographs. The majority of these are indexed and available for purchase.

#### **Sherrard Collection**

These are notes written by J M Sherrard at the time he was writing his history of Kaikoura. The notes are indexed into two volumes. It is important to remember that these notes were made from interviews with local identities and people's memories are not always accurate.

Some of the main books about Kaikoura held in the Museum Archive

Cyclopedia of New Zealand Volume 5: Kaikoura Section

Kaikoura: A History of the District by JM Sherrard

Kaikoura Coast by WJ Elvy

Pioneer Women in Kaikoura 1893

Taverns in the Town, Kaikoura Hotels to 1920

Kaikoura Fishermen, Sore hands and Bad Backs: A history of the fishermen by Pam & Norma Garbes

The Blue Hulled Boats: a whaling history of Kaikoura 1843-1922 by Pam & Norma Garbes

Plus a variety of family histories relating to the Kaikoura District.

The Kaikoura Historical Society Inc. publishes three newsletters a year, which are available to members for a subscription. The Newsletters from 1968-1990 are indexed and held at the Museum.

**MARLBOROUGH DISTRICT LIBRARY (Blenheim)**

Location: Corner 33 Arthur Street, Blenheim

Postal Address: Private Bag 1002, Blenheim 7320

Telephone: (03) 520 7491

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

Website: [marlboroughlibraries.govt.nz](http://marlboroughlibraries.govt.nz)

Opening Hours: Monday-Tuesday 9am-6pm. Wednesday 10am-6pm, Thursday-Friday 9am-6pm, Saturday 10am-4pm, Sunday 1pm-4pm.

**Main Holdings**

**Local history monograph collection** (Marlborough Collection).

Free access to Ancestry.com

Getting Started

Tracing New Zealand Family History

Marlborough District Council Cemetery Database

The Marlborough District Libraries have a variety of books to help you with your family research. These include books on how to do individual family research as well as books on local history and some local family histories.

Some of the material is in the non-fiction area and may be borrowed and some is in our Local History section, which is for use in the library only.

The library subscribes to Ancestry.com. This database can only be used in the library. Ancestry's historical record collection reflects our multicultural heritage and enables members to explore their family's history using local and international records including the convict and free settler lists, passenger lists, Australian and New Zealand electoral rolls and military records, English, Welsh and Scottish censuses, birth, marriage and death records as well as user-contributed family trees, and by connecting to millions of other members making their own discoveries.

Books relating to family history material can be found in a variety of places within the library including:

372	School histories
92	Biographies
929.1	Genealogy
z993.13-z993.96	New Zealand provincial histories
z993.75	Marlborough history
z993.75 MCOL	Marlborough History Reference Collection

The following newspapers are available online at:

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

Marlborough Express. Online coverage: 4 Jan 1868 – 31 Dec 1920 (13,342 issues)

The Marlborough Express is the daily newspaper of Blenheim and has been published there since 1866. It became a daily in 1880 and took over its rivals the Marlborough Times in 1895 and the Marlborough Press in 1948. In 1998 it was sold to Independent Newspapers Limited (INL).

**MARLBOROUGH MUSEUM AND ARCHIVES**

Location: Marlborough Museum and Archives, Brayshaw Park, 26 Arthur Baker Place, Blenheim 7210

Website: <[www.marlboroughmuseum.org.nz](http://www.marlboroughmuseum.org.nz)>

General Email: [info@marlboroughmuseum.org.nz](mailto:info@marlboroughmuseum.org.nz)

Telephone: (03) 578 1712

Archives Email: [archives@marlboroughmuseum.org.nz](mailto:archives@marlboroughmuseum.org.nz)

Archivist: Logan Coote

Opening Hours: Museum Open daily 10.00am-4.00pm Archives Tuesday & Thursday 10.00am-4.00pm. Or by Appointment. The Archives are closed on Public Holidays

Charges: Museum Adults \$10.00. Students and children \$5.00. Enquiries about group discounts welcome. A significant number of days of the year are free. Eg Waitangi Day.

Charges: Archives Students \$2.00 per hour. Adults \$5.00 per hour to max. of \$10. For research by volunteer archivists \$20. Other fees will apply for copying photographs, photocopying, scanning and using microfilm. A large modern museum with an audio-visual theatre and a huge range of artefacts and displays of local history. Archives holdings include mostly Marlborough information.

### **Main Holdings**

Collection of 60 scrapbooks relating to events in the area,

Headstone transcriptions for the area are held,

Some church birth, death and marriage information (but not for Anglican).

Geographical & topical Biographical/Family files

Marlborough Business records e.g. Brownlie & Co Sawmillers wage books.

Clubs and Organisation records,

Public Works Department records ,

Ministry of Works and Development records & plans,

District Land Records: DP & SO plans on microfiche,

Lands and Survey records,

School records,

Large Photographic Collection,

Maps and Plans,

Pelorus Guardian (microfilm) 1890 – 1919,

Diaries: Joseph Ward 1838 – 1892, Mowat 1853 – 1900, J A Lambert 1895 – 1937, J Fawcett 1895 – 1937,

Couper and Mapp Family 1875 – 1964.

### **BLLENHEIM FAMILY HISTORY GROUP**

Meeting: Third Sunday of the month, February - November 1.30pm to 3.30pm

Venue: Blenheim Family History Group Rooms, Brayshaw Heritage Park, Arthur Baker Place (off Alabama Road) Blenheim

Contact: Mrs Jenny Larcombe-Mackie, 51A Park Terrace, Blenheim 7201

Email: mikeandjendj@gmail.com

The Blenheim area covers the Marlborough geographical area from Rai Valley to Kaikoura. This includes Blenheim, Picton, Renwick, Havelock, Seddon, and the Queen Charlotte, Kenepuru and Pelorus Sound.

### **Marlborough Family History Group Library**

The library is open at different times during the week or by arrangement. Contact the Convenor for details. NZSG members visiting the area are able to use the library - there is small charge. Photocopying is available at a cost. The Blenheim Family History Group will answer research inquiries. Charges will depend upon the amount of research required, and if photocopying is needed. Postal requests must be accompanied by a stamped self-addressed envelope.

**Cemeteries** Burial transcripts index for the Omaka Cemetery are held 1856-1993. Records for burials 1856-1889 were lost in a fire and the index for those years extracted from the Blenheim Courthouse Records. Index cards for other Marlborough Cemeteries are with the Marlborough Historical Society Archives at the Museum.

**Schools** The following is a list of schools in the Marlborough District. The dates relate to the School Admission Registers (or Attendance Registers for Blenheim Borough School and Riverlands School), held by Marlborough Historical Society Archives. The list is complete as at February 2005. Not all schools have been indexed. Where a school has been indexed a copy of the index is held in the Group Library, as well as in the Marlborough Historical Society Archives.

**Schools** Information comes from the Schools Location Register (Marlborough District) compiled in 1999 by David Parr. Blenheim Family History Group has a copy of this index held in the Group Library.

Blenheim Borough School. 1879-1976, attendance registers (with gaps), (April 1879-March 1887 indexed),



Blind River School. February 1896-December 1937, then combined with Seddon School (see entry for Seddon),

Bohally Intermediate. No registers or attendance registers held,

Canvastown School. Nelson Provincial Museum holds admission registers for 1879 – 1962,

Dashwood Pass School. Established about 1891. 1913-1936 not yet indexed,

Deep Creek School. Nelson Provincial Museum holds admission registers for 1919-1949,

Fairhall School. 1909-1967. 4 August 1909-9 December 1929 indexed

French Pass School. Nelson Provincial Museum holds admission registers for 1910-1963.

Grassmere School November 1906-December 1937 when combined with Seddon School (see entry for Seddon),

Havelock School 1918-1962. 1918-17 March 1930 indexed,

Kaituna School. 1872-1964. 1872-29 July 1929 indexed, Nelson Provincial Museum holds admission registers for 1884-1955,

Maraetai Bay School, Tory Channel. 1921-1936. August 1921-May 1936 indexed,

Marlborough Boys' College. 1965-1980 leaving certificates

Marlboroughtown School. Renamed Spring Creek School in 1923 (See entry for Spring Creek),

Marshlands School. 1891-1994 (when school closed). Vol 1 27 January 1891-11 April 1910. Vol 2 18 July 1910-22 October 1929,

Ocean Bay School. 1909-1924 from *The School at Ocean Bay*, by Jonathan Harlen 3 February 1909-5 February 1924 indexed but no information on parent/guardian,

Okaramio School. 1882-1991. 3 April 1882-21 March 1930,

Onamalutu School, North Bank. 1885-1960. 9 June 1885-15 October 1929,

Picton School. Registers held 1929-1975. Unindexed,

Pine Valley School. 1920-1929. 26 July 1920-4 March 1929,

Queen Charlotte College. Photographs only,

Rapaura School. 1886-1967. 24 January 1886-23 April 1929,

Renwick School. 1873-1942. January 1873-December 1930,

Riverlands School. 1906-1979 attendance registers,

Robin Hood Bay School (1<sup>st</sup>), Port Underwood. 1886-1917, 1886-6 August 1917,

Robin Hood Bay School (2<sup>nd</sup>), Port Underwood. 1930-1934, 1930-1934 is held on index cards,

Seaview School 1902-1928, 1934-December 1937 then combined with Seddon School (see entry for Seddon),

Seddon School, correspondence only,

Spring Creek School. No admission registers held. 1873-1899, 1888-1964 indexed,

Springlands School. 1920-1976. 27 July 1920-14 December 1930,

Starborough Aided School. April 1883-August 1899, then known as Seddon School (see entry for Seddon),

Taylor Pass School. February 1928-December 1928. Unindexed.

Tetley Brook School. February 1906-1918, 1925-1927, 1934-December 1937 when combined with Seddon School (see entry for Seddon).

Tua Marina School. No records held. (4 February 1913-1996 indexed).  
Rolls 1871-1922 lost in fire, but pupils from 1901-1996 are listed in *Tua Marina School 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 1871-1996*, by Cynthia Brooks, published 1996 by Tua Marina School. Records also on computer disk,

Upper Spring Creek School (see entry for Rapaura School),

Waikakaho School. No records held, (Pupils from 1887-1932 are listed in *Tua Marina School 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 1871-1996*, by Cynthia Brooks, published 1996 by Tua Marina School, page 176)

Waikawa Bay School. 1928-1955. Not indexed,

Wairau Valley School. Registers 3 February 1913-6 December 1954 held at Wairau Valley School as at March 1998. 3 February 1913-11 November 1929 indexed. Copy of indexes held at Archives.

### **Electoral Rolls**

1853 to 1960 micro fiche (Not for every year). Selection of printed copy Electoral Rolls

Other Resources

Index of New Zealand Obituaries - (micro fiche) Alexander Turnbull Library

New Zealand Biographical Index - (micro fiche) Alexander Turnbull Library

### **FLAXBOURNE SETTLERS MUSEUM**

Location: Main Rd, Ward

Postal Address: c/- P O, Ward, Marlborough

Opening Hours: By request only

A small Museum, which holds material pertaining to Ward. District. Unfortunately, since the 2016 earthquake the museum has had to close due to the extensive damage it incurred. Any enquiries to Sally Peter ph. 03 575 6866.

### **PICTON WHALING & HERITAGE MUSEUM AND PICTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

Location: London Quay, Picton

Postal Address: 9 London Quay, Picton

Telephone: (03) 573 8283 email [pictonmuseum@xtra.co.nz](mailto:pictonmuseum@xtra.co.nz)

Website: [www.pictonmuseum-newzealand.com](http://www.pictonmuseum-newzealand.com)

Contact: Manager

Opening Hours: Open daily 10.00am-4.00pm (except Christmas Day). During summer months these times are extended on demand or by arrangement.

Charges: Admission to museum adults \$5.00, students 15-20 years with ID \$3.00 and children 5-15 years \$1.00. Annual membership of the Society is \$20 (family) or \$15 (single). This entitles members to free entry to the museum and research library. No access can be made by the public to the archival computers.

Research requests can be made via the website or by email: there is a \$15 search fee, and any further costs would be notified if applicable.

The Picton Historical Society covers the area north of the Wairau River and takes in the whole of the Marlborough Sounds, including D'Urville Island, and across to Port Underwood. This includes both Māori and European family histories.

#### **Main Holdings**

Birth, Death and Marriage Records

(The Privacy Act protects access to viewing some of the material held by the Society.)

Allan Hale Collection of births and deaths 1862-1875

Birth, Marriage and Death certificates of various families

Keenan Record of Deceased Persons 1907-1987

Māori baptisms from the Nelson-Marlborough early baptism register  
1842 – 1855

Māori births and deaths, various (Frank MacDonald's book) 1836-1996

Māori Island Urupa (cemetery) Inscriptions 1865-1985

Marlborough Sounds Registration of Deaths:

    Picton District Index 1862-1979

    Picton Māori March 1914-October 1961

Marlborough Catholic baptisms 1853-1904

Marlborough Catholic marriages 1865-1904

Marlborough Daily Times births, marriages and deaths 1881-1882

Marlborough Express birth notices 1868-1883

Marlborough Express marriage notices 1868-1883

Marlborough Express death notices 1868-1883

Marlborough News birth and marriages  
Marlborough Press birth notices  
Marlborough Press and Marlborough News birth, death and marriage notices 1861-1867  
Nelson Wesleyan marriages 1843-1856 (Māori and European marriages)  
Pelorus District births & deaths, 1863-1890  
Picton Burial Warrants 1879-1897  
Picton Borough Council Burial Index  
Picton Cemetery Inscriptions  
Picton Marriages 1862-1918 (not complete)  
Presbyterian Cradle Roll (list of infants in parish families)  
Samuel Ironside's baptisms & marriages covering Queen Charlotte Sound, Motueka and Te Taitapu (Golden Bay) 1840-1843  
St Paul's Presbyterian Church baptisms 1907-1954  
St Paul's Presbyterian Church marriages 1871-1929  
St Paul's Presbyterian Church transcripts of baptism and marriages  
Waikawa Urupa (cemetery) Inscriptions  
Wedding reports from various newspapers, Picton & Sounds district.

### **Family History Publications and Diaries**

An extensive collection of family history publications and diaries that include the following surnames: Allport, Archer, Bain, Beauchamp, Blaymires, Bragg, Brownlee, Cawte, Climo, Couper, Cragg, Daikee, Davis, Dryden, English, Esson, Foote, Fuller, Gledhill, Godfrey, Graham, Hadfield, Harris, Hart, Harvey, Hebbard, Heberley, Higgins, Huntley, Jackson, James, Jenkins, Jones, Kawhe, Keenan, Kennedy, Law, Lloyd, McCormick, McIsaac, McManaway, Morrison, Mulcock, Neal, O'Brian, Oxnam, Parkes, Patterson, Perano, Pierson, Procter, Renwick, Roil, Rundle, Scott, Smith, Staveley, Stretch, Teschemaker, Tucker, Twidle, Vercoe, Wadsworth, Wallace, Warren, Wells, White, Wilson, Winstanley and Yarrall.

### **Historical Photograph Collections**

The photographic collection includes very many local people, buildings, clubs, scenes, etc. On receipt of a research request (\$15) a list of appropriate photos will be offered. Photos cost \$10 for a digital copy or small print.

### **School Admission Registers**

Koromiko School 1918-2005 (Admission & Daily Attendance Registers)  
Waikawa Bay School 1928-1955.  
School Records and School History and Anniversary Publications  
A Century of Education in Havelock.  
A History of the Marlboroughtown Spring Creek School 1954  
A Short History of Rapaura School 1862-1955 (Upper Spring Creek).  
Blenheim School Jubilee 1984, 125 Years by John Finnie  
Canvastown & Deep Creek Schools Centennial 1977  
Fairhall School 1877-1957  
Marshlands School, Sixty-fifth Anniversary 1891-1956  
Marshlands School Centenary 1891-1991  
Queen Charlotte College, Jubilee Magazine 1965-1990  
Queen Charlotte College Magazines 1980-1983, 1985-1988  
Robin Hood Bay School Register  
School at Ocean Bay by Jonathon Harlen  
The Gold and the Blue: History of Marlborough High School 1900 to Marlborough College 2000  
The Marlborough College Register 1900-1960. Tua Marina School 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Booklet 1871-1996  
Supplements to the Marlborough College Registers 1951-2000  
Tales From the Train 1905-1964: A History of the Picton-Blenheim School Train  
Waikawa Bay School Centennial Booklet 1876-1982

Waikawa Bay School History by Mike Taylor

Picton School 1861-2011

Whekenui School 1951-1962

St Joseph's School 1914-1964

### **Obituaries**

The Historical Society has compiled seven volumes of obituaries of Marlborough families collected from various sources and indexed.

Oral History Collection

Oral histories have been carried out by the Society over a number of years. All have been transcribed, fully indexed and are bound in volumes. Most are available for research purposes and to the descendants of those interviewed, however, some parts of the transcripts cannot be released to the public as per the wishes of those interviewed. Enquire at the Museum for a full list of oral histories held in the collection (there is also a list on : [www.pictonmuseum-newzealand.com](http://www.pictonmuseum-newzealand.com)).

### **Marlborough Family Histories**

A large collection of family histories are held on computer. This collection is being added to but some of the surnames include:

Adams, Allport, Allen, Akersten, Alquist, Annear, Arber, Archer, Ashton, Atwood, Aubrey, Avis, Baggett, Baillie, Baldick, Balfour, Baxter, Beauchamp, Bennett, Berg, Black, Blake, Blaymires, Blizzard, Boese, Boon, Borck, Boulton, Bowden, Bown, Bright, Brown, Brownlee, Brunskill, Bungate, Bush,

Cairns, Carlton, Carnahan, Carrick, Catto, Cawte, Clemens,

Climo, Clunies-Ross, Conolly, Cragg

Daikee, Daken, Davies, Dawkins, Derbyshire, Diamante, Downes, Dry, Duffy, Duncan, Dunn Eden, Entwisle, Erskine

Fell, Fisk, Flood, Foote, France, Fredericks, Freeth, Frethy, Fuller,

Galloway, Gard, Gardiner, Gibb, Gibson, Gilchrist, Gillice, Godfrey, Godsiff, Greensill,

Greig, Gresham, Gullery,

Hall, Harvey, Harwood, Heaynes, Heberley, Hebley, Heilison, Hemi, Henderson, Herangi, Hilmer,

Hilton, Hymes, Hocquard, Hood, Hope, Hounslow, Howden, Howland, Huddleston, Hutchinson

Ivamy,

Jackson, Jeffried-Bryant, Jenkins, Jones, Joyce,

Keenan, Keepa, Kenny, Kiely, King

Lacey, Landall, Lane, Lawrence, Le Cornu, Levien, Lewis, Looms, Love, Lovell-Gregg, Lucena

Martella, Mathieson, Mayr, McAlpine, McCormick, MacDonald, McIntosh, McMahan, McManaway,

Millington, Mills, Moore, Morris, Moule, Muller, Mulcock, Muller, Muncaster France,

Nickless, Newton, Nicholson, Nisbet, Norgrove, North, Norton,

O'Donnell, Onion, O'Sullivan, Oxley,

Parfitt, Patterson, Peek, Pemberton, Perano, Peterson, Philpott, Pugh

Reed, Rutherford,

Schenkel, Searle, Seymour, Smith, Stafford, Sullivan,

Terrill, Thomas, Tregear, Turner, Twistleton,

Webster, Wells, Western, Williams, Whiting, Woodgate, Woolley, Young

### **RENWICK MUSEUM AND WATSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY**

Location: 58 High Street, Renwick, Marlborough 7204

Website: [www.renwickmuseum.nz](http://www.renwickmuseum.nz)

Telephone: (03) 572 7586 (Mondays)

Email: [secretary@renwickmuseum.nz](mailto:secretary@renwickmuseum.nz)

Archivist: The Museum is run by volunteers

Opening Hours: 10.00am-3.00pm (Mondays only or by appointment. If you cannot make it to the museum on a Monday please feel free to email us and we will be happy to open up at another time that suits). Open Tuesday-Sunday 9am-5pm unattended.

Charges: Entry to the Museum is by donation. Please enquire about up to date research charges and photocopying.

### **Main Holdings**

Electoral Rolls,

Maps: archival maps have been catalogued,

Printed list of all the family histories held at the Museum,

Scrapbooks for research on local Renwick people,

Several thousand historical photographs are archived and catalogued for computer access.

Some cemetery records for the area.

### **HAVELOCK MUSEUM SOCIETY**

Location: Main Road, Havelock, Marlborough

Ph 03 574 2558

Website [www.peloruspeople.org.nz/havelockmuseum](http://www.peloruspeople.org.nz/havelockmuseum)

Contact via Website

Open daily 10am-4pm

Holdings includes photo collection and displays, largely centred on the timber and gold mining industry, farming, business and the community.

Pelorus Guardian and Miners' Advocate 1890-1910 newspaper is online, see below.

<https://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/newspapers/pelorus-guardian-and-miners-advocate>