

### **National Library of New Zealand.**

Visit this site and be amazed - "Unfolding the Map".

<http://natlib.govt.nz/visiting/wellington/unfolding-the-map>

Or just Google: natlib nz, or go directly to here:

<https://natlib.govt.nz/collections/a-z/cartographic-collection>



**DigitalNZ** is a great site to linger in:

<http://www.digitalnz.org/>

This site has country-wide links to libraries, and does low level searches into sites like NatLib. You must visit individual home pages for 'deep' results.



**A-to-J's** site has all New Zealand's legislation and governmental reports.

<http://atojs.natlib.govt.nz/> Caution: This stuff can put you to sleep!

But have a look – lots of old photos and diagrams hidden inside reports.

e.g. Works Dept., Railways, Survey, Tourist etc.



**Retrolens NZ** is a LINZ and regional council collaboration that now allows public on-line access to aerial survey photos taken from around 1937 by RNZAF and NZ Aerial Mapping. It is presently incomplete but is progressing.

The scans are taken from photo prints, not the original large negatives, so some resolution is lost. You may be able to view original prints at your local council; visit them. Alternatively, many excellent oblique aerial views can be found and purchased at Natlib and some displayed on DigitalNZ of almost every town in NZ.

<http://retrolens.nz/Map/>



**Ronald Hermon's** "Where did my Ancestors Live?" describing the current land title and land plan system at LINZ, and how to proceed with requests to LINZ.

The excellent and comprehensive write-up can be found at:

<https://www.genealogy.org.nz/data/media/documents/Education/Land%20Records%20072016.pdf>



**Dr Mick Strack** of Otago University's School of Surveying.

"Lines on the land" is a paper taking an historic look at the role of surveyors in portraying, measuring and shaping the land.

[https://www.surveyors.org.nz/Attachment?Action=Download&Attachment\\_id=113](https://www.surveyors.org.nz/Attachment?Action=Download&Attachment_id=113)

You can also visit [surveyors.org.nz](http://surveyors.org.nz) for other articles.



The **MapsPast** website looks useful as you can navigate quickly about on NZMS 13&15 cadastrals and zoom in for detail.

There is a download feature and a map name list for NZMS-1 series.

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



### **"Te Ara - The Encyclopedea of New Zealand"**

is an absolute mine of information on everything NZ.

Here is their link for New Zealand's mapping heritage:

<https://teara.govt.nz/en/modern-mapping-and-surveying>



### **"Guide to Finding New Zealand Historical Maps"**

issued by The University of Auckland is a good

'first read' and can be found here:-

<https://www.library.auckland.ac.nz/docs/helpsheets/FindingHistoricalMaps.pdf>



### "Auckland University Geospatial Data Repository."

A map rich resource with public access to all the NZ Mapping Service (NZMS). Free access maps here are large file downloads for the NZMS series, NZTopo series, L&S special purpose maps.

<https://geodatahub.library.auckland.ac.nz/gdr>



### "Auckland Council Libraries - Heritage maps"

A very big database, some available for free download. Worth a hard look. Most NZ libraries have similar collections.

<https://www.aucklandlibraries.govt.nz/Pages/heritage-maps.aspx>



"IrfanView" A popular easy to use image handling programme available as a free down-load that can manipulate images in all formats and save to any of those different formats.

[https://www.irfanview.com/main\\_download\\_engl.htm](https://www.irfanview.com/main_download_engl.htm)



"NZ Heritage Maps" The map samples on the below given address appear to be from an "Archway" link. At time of printing there were 324 old maps, and all were for South Island. The site appears to be managed by ArchivesNZ utilising the "Recollect" web presentation system. The images can be saved as 5 to 600kb JPG file samplers and you can purchase the full HD digital image via ArchivesNZ. All the plans are physically large - up to 7 metres long.

<https://maps.recollect.co.nz/nodes/index/q:COV>



"LINZ L&S Heritage surveyor's Field Books" More than 15,000 Field Books are the result of a digitisation project by Land Information New Zealand done in 2017-2018. The books so far are for North Island ONLY, 1860-1971 - the change-over year to the metric system. The development site named below is an interim presentation to get the images on-line quickly, the intended access site will be "Landonline". The sample displayed images can be downloaded/copied but are very low-rez as at this date - half readable.

<http://fieldbooks.linz.govt.nz/>



### ***THE PIONEER LAND SURVEYORS OF NEW ZEALAND C. A. LAWN, F. N. Z. I. S 24 February 2005***

Concerned that the early pioneers had passed and that those who had known and worked with them were also passing, Mr. Lawn has spent many years in painstaking research of records and in compiling recollections regarding these men and their work. The manuscript has been gifted by Mr. Lawn to the New Zealand institute of Surveyors who reserve the copyright and rights of publication. 272 pages

[https://www.surveyspatialnz.org/Attachment?Action=Download&Attachment\\_id=2653](https://www.surveyspatialnz.org/Attachment?Action=Download&Attachment_id=2653)