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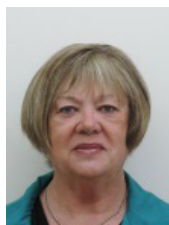
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## About the author



### Coral Shearer

Coral Shearer is new to family history only starting in 2002 while living in Mount Maunganui and working as a travel consultant.

At the time, work was quiet as SARS (Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome) was affecting the travel industry. Clearing out the computer and installing a program so that no one's birthday was forgotten she bought out the old diaries when out fell a small piece of paper on which she had written the names of her ancestors while at a cousin's daughter's wedding. Her uncle had spoken about a great grandmother who was from Denmark—this was news to her. From what started with that piece of paper with only six names, most of the family has now been discovered.

She joined the New Zealand Society of Genealogists and is a member of her local branch. Through being on the committee she saw a need to teach others how to research for their families. Classes on writing your own life story, searching websites, genealogical computing programs, how to use maps in your research and along with writing the branch's newsletter and education board reports each month has given Coral a good rounding on genealogical research.

Coral has organised two very successful family reunions, compiled and printed family tree books for her family members.



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## Abbreviations

AtoJs or AJHRs	Appendices to the Journals of the House of Representatives
CPU	Central processing unit
NZSG	New Zealand Society of Genealogists
OCR	Optical character recognition
PDF	Portable Document Format
PNG	Portable Network Graphics

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# Introduction

With my love of researching and finding family members in the old newspapers and teaching members of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists, I decided to take up the challenge of writing this booklet to help others learn to use Papers Past to its full extent.

Many people I talk to know about Papers Past but they are surprised by the different ways to use the site to their advantage. Being able to add the articles to a family book or an article for a genealogy or local history magazine or web site, helps put the meat on the bones of your ancestors. You may not be able to find your own family but the history of the time is well recorded in the local papers of the area.

You can also contact Papers Past on their email address or the National Library for any help with your search.

By sharing your knowledge of what you have found using this site with others it opens up a new way of finding what your family or the district's life was like.

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## Papers Past

Papers Past <https://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz> provides access to digitised copies of many historic New Zealand and Samoan newspapers, as well as magazines and journals, letters and diaries and parliamentary papers.

Since 2001 Papers Past has been providing access to millions of pages of digitised New Zealand newspapers. In 2016, a new version of Papers Past was released which enables the New Zealand National Library to continually add more full-text materials to the site.

Papers Past also invites partners to collaborate in adding more collections to the site. Many thanks are offered to the New Zealand Society of Genealogists, and the many libraries, historical societies, museums and private benefactors who are constantly adding to the Papers Past collection.

By using the Papers Past website, you have quick access to a wealth of information about the lives of people, events and places. Remember New Zealand newspapers also covered Australian and other international news items. Papers Past is free for use by everyone all over the world.

Feedback is always welcome by Papers Past. Please send comments and suggestions to [paperspast@natlib.govt.nz](mailto:paperspast@natlib.govt.nz).



# Understanding what is available and how to use it

Papers Past is divided into four sections: Newspapers, Magazines and Journals, Letters and Diaries, and Parliamentary Papers.



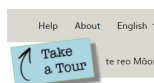
The **Take a Tour** or **Help** tab gives you a basic overview of the site.

The **About** tab gives you the background to the site including new features and Frequently Asked Questions.

## Māori language

On the front page you can change the language from English (the default) to *te reo Māori*.

It is worth noting that the Help, About and the option to change the language is available on every page at the top right of the page.



# Newspapers

Newspapers can be a great source of information about the lives of people, places and events. Expect to find mentions of births, deaths and marriages, obituaries, coroner's reports as well as social events relating to your family. Don't forget though to look for articles about places, for information about national disasters, the depression, farming and much more which can reveal what life was like for your family.

Included on the main Newspapers page are:

- Featured Newspapers — which gives a background to a particular newspaper.
- What's new? — which lists the latest additions to Papers Past Newspapers

There are two ways to find information in the newspapers — *Search articles* and *Explore newspapers*.

*Search articles* lets you enter a term or terms and then retrieve articles that contain one of: **All** of these words, **Any** of these words, or This **exact** phrase.

*Explore newspapers* lets you look at all the newspapers **By Title**, **By Region** or **By Year** and allows you to browse the whole newspaper page by page.

## Search

To search for an article you can provide keywords, specify a date range, a newspaper title and types of content. It is possible to search using keywords alone or with any combination of the other options.

*For these words*

The screenshot shows a web interface with two main sections. The left section, titled 'Search ARTICLES', contains a text input field labeled 'For these words' with the placeholder 'Keyword or name', and a date range selector labeled 'Between dates' with a dropdown menu showing 'All dates' and a right-pointing arrow. The right section, titled 'Explore NEWSPAPERS', has a dropdown menu labeled 'Choose a search type' with a 'CLOSE X' button. Below this menu are three radio button options: 'All of these words' (which is selected), 'Any of these words', and 'This exact phrase'.



**For these words** enables you to enter a 'Keyword or name' in the box. A drop box then opens with 'Choose a search type': **All** of these words, **Any** of these words or **This exact phrase**.

Enter your keyword(s) or name in the search box then hit either your enter button or click on the Search button.

The default is set to **All of these words** but by changing to **Any of these words** or **This exact phrase** you will get different results.

As an example, using the place name New Plymouth (using all available Papers Past newspapers and all dates) the three options return the following number of matches:

All of these words	2,303,852 results
Any of these words	25,437,583 results
This exact phrase	1,873,293 results

You can search using numbers, letters and spaces. Papers Past ignores punctuation and lower/upper case so no need for Mrs. B. Vickery – mrs b vickery will give you the same results.

By using **All of these words** and the basic Boolean search terms (AND or +, OR, NOT or -, () and "") again you will get different results i.e.

1. mrs b vickery (7144 results)
2. mrs AND b AND vickery (7144 results) (equivalent to the first search since we are using "All of these words")
3. mrs +b +vickery (7144 results) (again equivalent to the first search; it is preferable to use the + sign rather than AND in searches on Papers Past)
4. mrs b vickery +new Plymouth (864 results)
5. mrs b vickery "new Plymouth" (756 results)
6. mrs b vickery NOT new Plymouth (11 results)
7. mrs b vickery -new Plymouth (11 results) (note these last two searches exclude the word 'new' but not the word 'plymouth'; it is preferable to use the - rather than NOT in searches on Papers Past)
8. mrs b vickery +(new OR plymouth) (5255 results)
9. "mrs b vickery" (8 results)
10. mrs vickery -new plymouth +opunake (no results)

Remember women used their husband's names for many years so she will probably be recorded as Mrs Benjamin Vickery rather than Mrs Mary Vickery.

### Coral's hint

You can use a wildcard to search. Wildcards are typically either an asterisk (\*), which represents one or more characters or a question mark (?), which represents a single character. For example vick\* or vick??y will pick up text damaged spellings of vickery.

Also, you can use a fuzzy search i.e. gadsby~. If, for example, you find *Gadsby* in a clipping but it is not highlighted; it means the computer-scan did not find it.



Articles you are looking for may not be found because of text damaged characters or the required name split over two lines in the article. By test searching on mis-spellings of Gadbsy, you will find that the computer can pick up *Cadsby* or *Godsby* etc.

There may be other words you could search on i.e. the name of the town, settlement, school, farm or an event etc. which could bring up the article you are researching. Tedious, but sometimes worth the trouble.

### Any of these words

This is the same as using the Boolean search term OR. For example, mrs *OR* b *OR* vickery *OR* new *OR* plymouth *OR* opunake.

### This exact phrase

This is the same as entering your search in “quotation marks” i.e. “mrs b vickery new plymouth”.

Once you have received your results you can then limit the results to a particular date range or area.

### Between dates

Between dates

4 May 1914 - 11 Nov 1918

Pick the start date and end dates for your search

From: 04-05-1914 To: 11-11-1918

1839 1948

To select the start date and end dates for your search click on the date in the **From:** box and a calendar appears. By using the arrows choose the start date required. Repeat for **To:** box. (see image)

If you do not know the time period leave it as the default dates. It will, however, narrow down the results if you can enter approximate dates i.e. for the 1870s use 01-01-1870 to 31-12-1879.

You can also use the right and left scroll bars to narrow your search by year (see the bar below the From/To portion in the image below).

Between dates

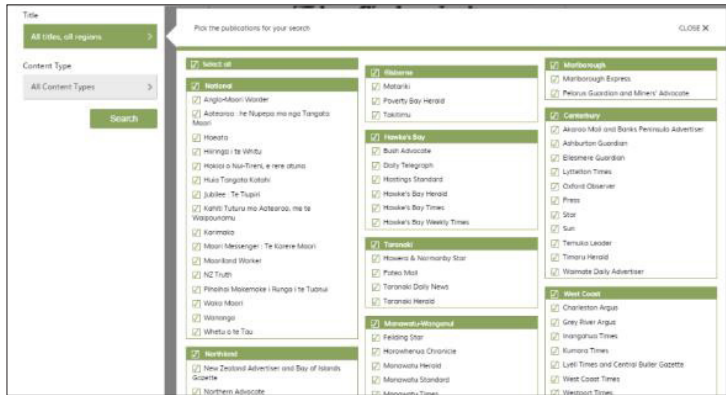
1855-1921

Pick the start date and end dates for your search

From: 1855-01-01 To: 1921-12-31

1839 1948

## Title



This is where you can choose the publications for your search. You can: select all newspapers, select a region or province, or just individual newspapers of interest.

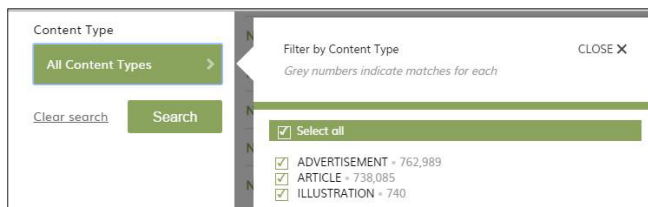
If you have changed the search dates, **'All titles, all regions'** will display in grey the newspaper titles that are not available at that time.

## Coral's hints

At first, search the whole country and every newspaper (for the time period if known). If you get too many results you can then narrow down by area or each province at a time. For further background and information on regions refer to the chapter Background to New Zealand's Provinces.

If there are two families in the country with the same surname but you don't want, for example, the Otago family you can click on every province but Otago to search for articles for the second family. You could also use the Boolean search term *-Otago*.

## Content Type



There are three content types: Advertisement, Article and Illustration. For any search 'grey' numbers are displayed after each content type to indicate the number of matches for each.

With your search term or terms, you can filter matches by content type. For example, for the place name **New Plymouth** (using 'This exact phrase', 'All dates' and 'All titles, all regions') the results are:

Advertisement	977,852 results
Article	892,253 results
Illustration	829 results

By searching, for example, with keywords for the early Wellington business family name **Bethune** and **Wellington** (using 'All of these words', 'All dates', and selecting all Wellington titles) the results are:

Advertisement	55,663 results
Article	8,922 results
Illustration	5 results

Remember not to ignore **Advertisement** as this is where you can find birth/death notices, family advertising for staff, bankruptcies, selling property or products, lost and found etc.

If your ancestor was in business and advertised regularly, a better way to search for the family would be to search for the family name and then use a Boolean search term for one or more of the words that consistently appeared in their advertisements – or even by excluding words that you know did **not** appear i.e.

smith -pharmacy  
jones -“great for health”

When looking for an **Article**, if you just use the surname, the search results will include every reference which can give you a more thorough step-by step research workflow with fewer gaps. Remember early newspapers often used Thos. for Thomas and Jas. for James, or just initials.

To cut down on the number of results you can add a Christian name or place name such as Benjamin Vickery, Benjamin Vickery Wanganui or Vickery Wanganui (using **All of these words**). You could also use Boolean search terms here.

An **Illustration** can appear in newspapers from out of the area also. My great-grandfather William Gadsby was a breeder and stock judge and appeared in an illustration at the Masterton Agricultural Society Show, 230kms from where he lived.



GROUP OF JUDGES AT THE MASTERTON SHOW. Back Row: H. Overton, E. Harrison, J. Reid, A. Donald, D. H. Potter, R. H. Aldworth. Front Row: W. Gadsby, A. Buchanan, J. Smal, A. Chamberlain, G. L. Surderland.

OTAGO WITNESS, ISSUE 2503, 12 MARCH 1902

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## Please Copy

With birth, marriage and death notices it was often recorded in the notice for other newspapers to please copy. This was seen as a cheap way of getting your notice in newspapers from your home town or where you had relatives.

Remember newspapers from different areas may have covered news of your family members. If they were short on news from their area they often included news from other areas.

A lot of news about Australia and other countries was also recorded in the New Zealand newspapers, and vice-versa. If you are looking for news of a particular area in Australia it is well worth looking in Papers Past.

### DEATHS

**BELL.**—On July 24th, at Eilerbeck, Amberley, the infant daughter of John and Bertha Bell.  
**SHAVE.**—On July 25th, at Christchurch Hospital, William Edward, eldest son of William Shave, aged 16.  
**CRAIG.**—On July 25th, at Agnes street, Sydenham, Peter Craig, beloved son of William and Flora Craig, aged two months and six days.—Home papers please copy.

### MARRIAGE.

**FARLEY—TURNER.**—On the 2nd August, at the Registrar's office, George Richard Farley, of Southampton, Hants, to Mary Magdalen, eldest daughter of Mr. James Turner, of Wellington. Melbourne and Sydney papers please copy.

## Results

Title	Region	First year	Last year
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Once you have a result you can sort them by:

- Best match (this is the default)
- Date – the initial sort by date returns the ‘Oldest first’ but this can readily be reordered to ‘Most recent first’ by selecting that option from the ‘Oldest first’ menu
- Title (of the article) – the initial sort by title returns the results as A-Z which can be readily reordered to Z-A
- Publication Title (of the newspaper) – in A-Z order
- Content Type – advertisement, article, and illustration

## Best match

The best match comes into its own when using Boolean search terms or multiple words but for single words it might be preferable to use Date.

## Items per page

**Search** ARTICLES

Showing results 1-10 of 1,504,136 [Next 10 results →](#)

For these words

Between dates

SORT BY Best match
 ITEMS PER PAGE 10

Article	te
NEW PLYMOUTH.	November, 1870
NEW PLYMOUTH.	March, 1876
NEW PLYMOUTH.	Taranaki Herald 14 November, 1874

You can choose to display 10 (the default), 25, 50 or 100 items per page.



## Show Preview / Hide Preview

By clicking **Show Preview** the results are shown with a small synopsis of the results. You do need to open each search result given to see the full article. This toggles between **Show Preview / Hide Preview**.

The screenshot shows the search results for the keyword 'NEW PLYMOUTH'. The interface includes a search bar with the keyword entered, and filters for 'Between dates' (set to 'All dates'), 'Title' (set to 'All titles, all regions'), and 'Content Type' (set to 'All Content Types'). The results are sorted by 'Best match' and show 10 items per page. The first three results are listed in a table:

Article	Newspaper	Date
NEW PLYMOUTH.	Taranaki Herald	23 November, 1870
NEW PLYMOUTH.	Taranaki Herald	18 March, 1876
NEW PLYMOUTH.	Taranaki Herald	14 November, 1874

Once you have opened an article, there is an option to read the previous or next result or return to the search results.

The navigation bar contains three links: '← Previous result', '↑ Back to search results', and 'Next result →'.

## Coral's hint

Search widely. I had been told of a fire in my great grandfather's home and store in Oaonui (Taranaki) about 1932 and had looked in the Taranaki newspapers to no avail. However, by using **All of these words, All dates, All titles, all regions** unchanged I found the article reported in the *Auckland Star*, 410 km away.

## Explore newspapers

The second way to find information in Papers Past is to **Explore newspapers ... By Title, By Region or By Year**.

### By Title

The screenshot shows the 'Explore newspapers' page. It has a header 'YOU ARE VIEWING Newspapers' and a sidebar with search filters. The main content area has three buttons: 'By TITLE', 'By REGION', and 'By DATE'. Below these is a section titled 'Featured Newspapers' which highlights 'The Daily Southern Cross' with a brief history: 'The Southern Cross began as a weekly paper in Auckland on 22 April 1843. In 1862 it became the first daily newspaper in Auckland, changing its name to the'.

This will give you the Title, Region and the first and last year of print of a particular paper.

## Explore all newspapers

Region: 
Year published:  
On a specific date:

Title	Region	First year	Last year
<a href="#">Akaroa Mail and Banks Peninsula Advertiser</a>	Canterbury	1877	1939
<a href="#">Albertland Gazette</a>	Auckland	1862	1864
<a href="#">Alexandra Herald and Central Otago Gazette</a>	Otago	1902	1948
<a href="#">Anglo-Maori Warrier</a>	National	1848	1848
<a href="#">Aotearoa : he Nupepa mō nga Tangata Māori</a>	National	1892	1892

### By Region

Clicking on By Region displays a drop-down menu which defaults to 'All regions'. You can search all regions, select a region in New Zealand or even choose National or Samoa.

For example, for the Northland region:

Papers Past
Newspapers
Magazines & Journals
Letters & Diaries
Parliamentary Papers
Help
About
English

## Explore all newspapers

Region: 
Year published:  
On a specific date:

Showing 2 titles matching your choices.

Title	Region	First year	Last year
<a href="#">New Zealand Advertiser and Bay of Islands Gazette</a>	Northland	1840	1840
<a href="#">Northern Advocate</a>	Northland	1887	1925

Clicking on the newspaper name i.e. *Northern Advocate* gives the available online issues (use the drop-down menu to select a year – this then changes the calendar), alternative titles, years of print, background history of the newspaper and region, a copyright statement (which can vary from newspaper to newspaper), the copyright owner and acknowledgements.

The 'National' region. In 2015 the National Library added a collection of historic newspapers published primarily for a Māori audience. There were three main types of Māori newspapers published—government sponsored, Māori initiated, and religious.

Further information about each newspaper can be found in *Rere atu taku manu! discovering history, language & politics in the Māori-language newspapers*, edited by Jennifer Curnow, Ngapare Hopa, and Jane McRae (Auckland: Auckland University Press, 2002).

Other than the Māori newspapers, New Zealand did not and does not have a national newspaper except for the *NZ Truth* and the *Māoriland Worker*.

The *NZ Truth* was for many years one of the country's most colourful, controversial and popular newspapers. It was launched in Wellington in 1905 and included divorce cases and other scandalous news items.

The *Maoriland Worker* 1910-1924 was printed monthly and was seen as an important publication of the New Zealand labour movement.

For further background and information on regions refer to the chapter Background to New Zealand's Provinces.



### By Year

When changing the year in the drop box, this then changes the calendar. Click on the required date. This will bring up all the available newspapers for that date.

Title	Region	First year	Last year
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Available newspaper titles will be listed by default A-Z order. They can be toggled to display in Z-A order by clicking on the column heading.

Region will return the regions in A-Z order which can be toggled to display in Z-A order as for titles.

First year will toggle the earliest printed editions of all available newspapers in chronological order – at present 1839 to 1947.

Last year will toggle the last year of printed editions of all available newspapers in chronological order – at present 1840 to 1949.

### Coral's hint

Under Canterbury region the earliest available newspaper is the *Lyttelton Times* which covered the period of arrival of the early Canterbury settlers. For example, Volume 1 Issue 1 Page 2 has the arrival of The First Four Ships into Canterbury. This is a great way of reading what is of interest in the area you are researching.

### The Akaroa Mail

AND BANKS PENINSULA ADVERTISER

1877-1939

#### Available issues

1877

January							February						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6		1	2	3	4	5	6	7
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
28	29	30	31				29	30	31				

#### Background

Region: Canterbury

Available online: 1877-1939

The Akaroa Mail's first bi-weekly issue was published on July 21 1876. It was begun by the peripatetic 'rag-planter' Joseph Ivess who began nearly 30 newspapers in clusters of small towns around New Zealand for three decades from the early 1870s. Ivess sold the Akaroa Mail a year later and there were several owners before, in 1881, the paper was bought by Howard C. Jacobson. The Jacobson family went to own and run the newspaper for 71 years.

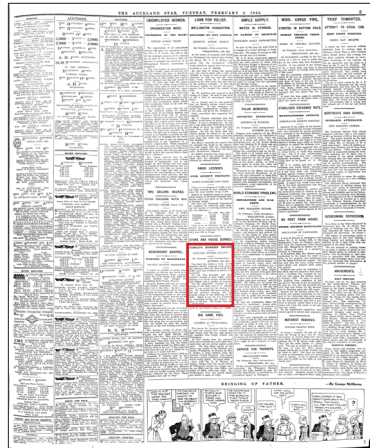
H C Jacobson, from Devon and educated at King's College, London, was a school teacher before becoming, with Joseph Ivess,

## View the full page

Whether you have done a 'Search' or 'Explore', it is possible to view the full page of the paper on which an article appeared. To **View the full page** – just click on View the full page link below the article. This will then bring up a copy of the full page that the article is on and you can see where it is positioned on the full page.

light. About 4 a.m. he was awakened by something falling and noticed the glare of the fire. The flames then had a strong hold.  
The building and its contents were insured in the Phoenix Office for £2000.

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At the top of the full-page view there are more options for examining the paper. Options are:

- Previous page / Next page arrows – use the arrows to read the rest of the newspaper
- Image – gives you an image of the whole page
- Page contents – gives you a list of the contents of this page, especially useful if there is later further information added to the original article
- Enlarge image – enlarges the whole page – to scroll across the page go to the bottom of the page and slide the grey bar. To return to the original display click on 'Original Size'.
- Print – includes the newspaper and date
- Save a copy – save as either a PDF file (.pdf) or High-resolution image (.gif)

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If you want to see all the pages in a particular issue, click on the date of the newspaper. This will display the contents of the issue as well as thumbnail images of each page. You can click either on an article under the contents list to display an image of the article or on a particular page to display an image of that entire page.



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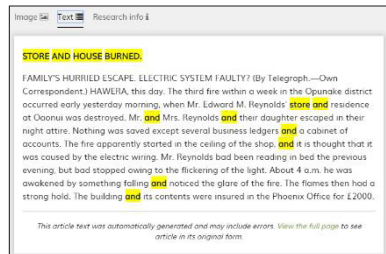


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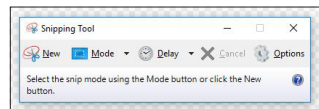


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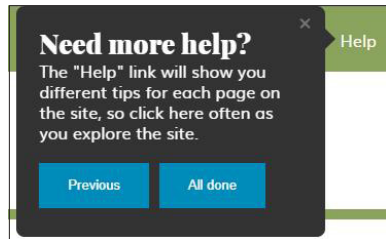
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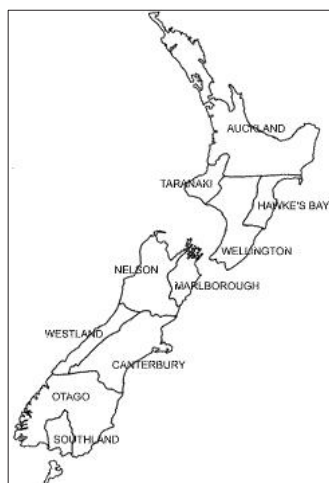
When searching newspapers in New Zealand an idea of the background of the area for the time required is needed. Be aware of places like Palmerston and Havelock (in both the North and South Islands), and five Gladstone's as well as numerous place-name changes. For these see <http://sooty.nz/nzplacenames.html>.

When New Zealand separated from the colony of New South Wales in 1841 and was established as a Crown colony, the Royal Charter noted that

...the principal Islands, heretofore known as, or commonly called, the 'Northern Island' the 'Middle Island', and 'Stewart's Island', shall henceforward be designated and known respectively as 'New Ulster', 'New Munster', and 'New Leinster'.<sup>1</sup>



*Map of major place names in New Zealand*



*New Zealand Provinces 1853-1876*

In 1853 New Zealand was divided into provinces. The provinces and year of establishment were:

## North Island

- Auckland (1853) – included Northland, North Auckland, Waikato (including Thames and Coromandel), Bay of Plenty, Gisborne (also known as East Coast or Poverty Bay). (includes Hauraki in the Thames and Coromandel area)

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1. [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New\\_Munster\\_Province](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_Munster_Province)

- New Plymouth (later renamed Taranaki) (1853)
  - Wellington (1853) – included Rangitikei, Wanganui, Manawatu, and Wairarapa. (includes Horowhenua and Tararua. Tararua was also known as Seventy Mile Bush and the southern portion as the Forty Mile Bush)
  - Hawke's Bay (seceded from Wellington 1858)

### **South Island**

- Nelson (1853) – included Golden Bay, Murchison and Reefton (in the Buller region)
- Marlborough (seceded from Nelson 1859) – included Wairau (Blenheim), Marlborough Sounds and Kaikoura
- Canterbury (1853) – included North and South Canterbury and Chatham Islands
- Westland (became an independent county in 1868, seceded from Canterbury 1873) – also known as the West Coast
- Otago (1853) – included North Otago (Oamaru) to South Otago (Balclutha)
- Southland (seceded from Otago 1861)
- Stewart Island (annexed to Southland 1863)

These provinces formally ceased to exist on 1 January 1877 when local government was vested in elected borough and county councils. On 1 November 1989, many of these borough and county councils disappeared into district and city councils.

All newspapers on Papers Past are listed under 'regions' as follows:

### **North Island**

- Northland – includes Far North, Whangarei, North Auckland
- Auckland – includes Auckland City (Waitemata), Kaipara, Franklin (Pukekohe and Waiuku), Rodney, Otamatea (Maungaturoto), Albertland, Puhoi
- Waikato – includes Matamata/Piako, Hauraki, Waipa, Otorohanga, Waitomo, King Country, Taupo, Ohinemuri, Thames Valley, Waihi, Te Aroha
- Bay of Plenty – Tauranga, Rotorua, Whakatane, Opotiki
- Gisborne – also known as Poverty Bay, East Coast or Eastland
- Hawke's Bay – Dannevirke (70 Mile Bush), Napier, Hastings, Wairoa
- Taranaki – New Plymouth, Stratford, South Taranaki, Patea
- Manawatu-Wanganui - Rangitikei, Wanganui, Manawatu, Horowhenua, Tararua, Ruapehu, Taihape
- Wellington – includes Kapiti Coast, Porirua, Hutt Valley, Wairarapa, Wellington City and Chatham Islands included in Wellington papers

### **South Island**

- Nelson – Nelson, Tasman, Golden Bay
- Marlborough – includes Marlborough Sounds, Blenheim, Kaikoura

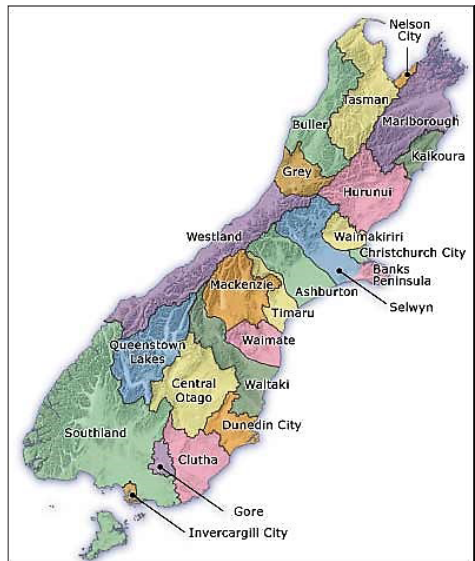
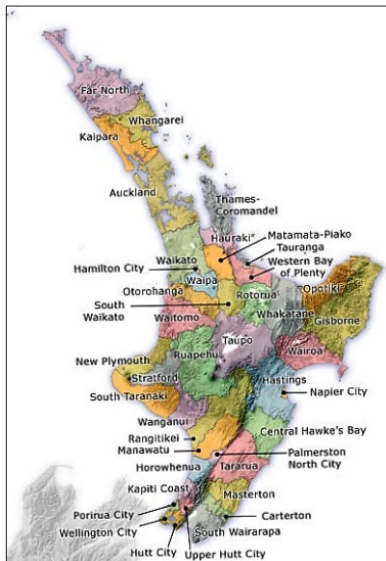
- Canterbury – includes Hurunui, Waimakariri, Selwyn, Ashburton, MacKenzie, Timaru, Waimate
- West Coast – also known as Westland – includes Grey, Westport, Kumara, Buller, Murchison and Reefton
- Otago – includes Southland and Stewart Island, North Otago (Oamaru), South Otago (Balclutha), Queenstown and Lakes, Central Otago, Clutha, Waitaki, Gore

In addition to papers considered as North/South Island are those classed as ‘National’ and ‘Samoa’.

### Coral's hint

It is always worth checking neighbouring regions for earlier publications as the country developed. For example, before Rangitikei had its own newspapers it came under Wellington, then later under Wanganui, as the district became more settled.

To narrow your search area, you can unclick the **Select all** newspapers and click on the region or area required.



New Zealand District and City Councils as at 2017

Source: [www.teara.govt.nz](http://www.teara.govt.nz)

## Other historical New Zealand newspaper sites

The newspapers on Papers Past are only a proportion of all New Zealand newspapers. If you cannot find what you are looking for online, it may be available as an original, microfilm or digital copy at the National Library in Wellington. Check the National Newspaper Collection at <https://natlib.govt.nz/collections/a-z/national-newspaper-collection>.

You can take copies from most items in this collection if copying doesn't breach copyright. Printers for microfiche and microfilm readers are available for use at the National Library. Copies on microfilm are also available for purchase. You can borrow microfilm copies of newspapers by inter-library loan through your New Zealand or overseas libraries.

Check with Papers Past regarding a specific title as digitising may be in progress.

### Newspapers of New Zealand



This website, <http://nznewspapers.appspot.com>, is based in part on the Publications New Zealand Metadata Dataset. It is an attempt to list every newspaper ever published in New Zealand, many of which are not online.

### Early New Zealand Newspapers

This is a private web site which includes information on many New Zealand newspapers and where they are held—<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~nzbound/newspapers.htm>.

### Union list of newspapers

This book, by D.R. Harvey, is a list of New Zealand newspapers before 1940 preserved in libraries, newspaper offices, local authority offices and museums in New Zealand. It is published by the National Library of New Zealand, Wellington in 1987. (ISBN: 0477074049)

## New Zealand newspapers today

New Zealand Newspapers online **[www.onlinenewspapers.com/nz.htm](http://www.onlinenewspapers.com/nz.htm)**

Stuff – online newspaper **[www.stuff.co.nz](http://www.stuff.co.nz)**

*The New Zealand Herald* (Auckland) online death notices

**<http://notices.nzherald.co.nz/obituaries/nzherald-nz>**

*The Dominion Post* (Wellington) online death notices

**<http://deaths.dompost.co.nz/obituaries/dominion-post-nz>**

*The Press* (Christchurch) online death notices

**<http://deaths.press.co.nz/obituaries/the-press-nz>**

AMemoryTree.co.nz – a commercial site which lists death notices from numerous New Zealand newspapers **[www.amemorytree.co.nz/index.php](http://www.amemorytree.co.nz/index.php)**

Family Notices: family memories - online and forever. The site is free to publish family notices of any kind. **[www.familyarchives.co.nz](http://www.familyarchives.co.nz)**



## Magazines and Journals

The Magazines and Journals section contains digitised NZ journal publications.

As with newspapers, there are two options available to find information – *Search* and *Explore*. The techniques described under newspapers apply also to this collection.

To see what titles are available click on Explore Magazines and Journals – By Title.

Each magazine and journal has its own page containing information about the publication, including the date range which is available online.

The magazines on Papers Past that are especially useful for family history research are:



### The New Zealand Tablet

*The NZ Tablet* was a Catholic periodical that was published weekly in Dunedin from 1873 to 1996 to represent the interests of Irish Catholics throughout the nation. It is particularly useful for obituaries.



### Kai Tiaki

*Kai Tiaki: The Journal of the Nurses of New Zealand*, as it was originally titled, was founded by nursing visionary Hester Maclean, who came to New Zealand from Australia in 1906 to take up the government role of Assistant Inspector of Hospitals. It contains obituaries and personnel news.



### The Ladies' Mirror

*The Ladies' Mirror* was published monthly from 1922 to 1926 and was aimed at middle-class women. Its content was royal tours, society weddings and Māori maidens; overt political comment was avoided.



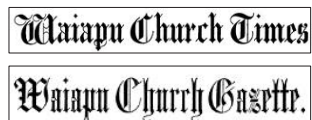
## Te Ao Hou

*Te Ao Hou* was published from 1952 to 1976 by the Māori Affairs Department. It includes obituaries and human interest stories.



## Waiapu Church Times

The first issue of *Waiapu Church Times* monthly newspaper was published in Napier on 1 July 1907 by the Anglican Diocese of Waiapu. It was followed in 1910 by the *Waiapu Church Gazette*. The Diocese covers the area around the East Coast of the North Island of New Zealand, including Tauranga, Taupo, Gisborne, Hastings and Napier. It contains obituaries and personnel news.



There are also a number of other magazines of interest which are not available on Papers Past.

## The Journal of the Polynesian Society

This journal, [www.jps.auckland.ac.nz](http://www.jps.auckland.ac.nz), was founded in 1892. Its aim was and still is a 'scholarly study of past and present New Zealand Māori and other Pacific Island peoples and cultures'.

## New Zealand Railways Magazine

<http://nzetc.victoria.ac.nz/tm/scholarly/tei-corpus-railways.html>

The *New Zealand Railways Magazine* was the 'official publicity outlet of the New Zealand Government Railways Department' between 1926 and 1940. It contains articles on many districts of New Zealand to disseminate, 'useful knowledge' to railway workers, their families, and the public at large.

## The Photo News

Of the seven regions served by the *Photo News* during its run, two (Gisborne and Nelson) are available on <https://photonews.org.nz>.

Gisborne Photo News (1954–1975)

Nelson Photo News (1960–1972)

Rotorua Photo News (1963–1975)

[https://photonews.org.nz/gisborne/issue/GPN112\\_19631003/t1-body-d2.html](https://photonews.org.nz/gisborne/issue/GPN112_19631003/t1-body-d2.html)

Waikato / Thames Valley - Paeroa-Matamata and Franklin (1954–1975) <https://photonews.org.nz/gisborne/search/results?type=section&text=waikato%2Fthames+valley>



Others are also available as follows:

Taranaki Photo News (1957–1981) <http://new-plymouth.com>

Whangarei Photo News (1962–1966) <http://whangarei.recollect.co.nz/nodes/index/q:AWPI.11>

Tauranga Photo News (this site under construction) [http://tauranga.kete.net.nz/en/tauranga\\_photo\\_news](http://tauranga.kete.net.nz/en/tauranga_photo_news)

Over time, with the assistance of the communities in the various regions served by the *Photo News*, they plan to make more editions available.

On the website they say:

What the *Photo News* roving reporters wouldn't go to probably wasn't worth knowing about—they went to everything from birthdays, engagements and 21sts, to Boy Scout excursions and mother daughter badminton mornings—nothing was considered irrelevant.

... at its height, Logan Publishing was printing *Photo News* editions for nine regions around New Zealand—a total of 60,000 copies a month, or nearly three-quarters of a million every year.

The flagship edition from Gisborne was printed for 21 years. By that time John Logan says it was no longer viable with more photos being published in newspapers, magazines and with the popularity of television.

These days the publication is more important than ever as a representation of a social slice of life and cultural change in provincial New Zealand used for all manner of research.

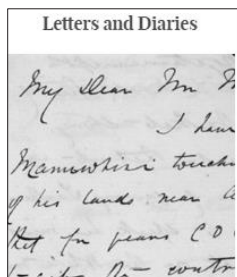
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## Letters and Diaries

The Letters and Diaries section contains digitised full-text manuscripts. Currently this section contains only the papers of Sir Donald McLean, but further material will be added soon.

Again, as with newspapers, there are two options available to find information – *Search* and *Explore*. The techniques described under newspapers apply also to this collection.



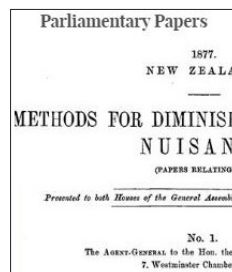
# Parliamentary Papers

The Parliamentary Papers section contains digitised reports of the:

- Appendix to the Journals of the House of Representatives (AJHRs) (1858–1950)
- Votes and Proceedings of the House of Representatives (1854–1856)

Again, as with newspapers, use *Search* and *Explore* to locate information of interest.

The AJHRs are very useful for family history/whakapapa as well as Maori and local history. They contain reports on immigrant ships, lists of sheep-owners, lists of government employees, buying and selling land, petitions to government, witnesses to inquiries, returns of drownings, development of educational facilities, results of local elections, details of community activities such as wine-growing and gum-digging.



## Other government papers not on Papers Past

The **British Parliamentary Papers** <http://digital.liby.waikato.ac.nz/bppnz> 'comprise reports, statutes, correspondence and other documentation sent between the Colony and the Government in Britain, and cover all aspects of life and events in the colony at the time'. The collection currently covers the years 1837 to 1882.

**Early New Zealand Statutes (1841–1940)** [www.enzs.auckland.ac.nz](http://www.enzs.auckland.ac.nz) 'is a collection of assent versions of New Zealand ordinances and statutes'.

**New Zealand Statistical Publications and Official Handbook** [www.stats.govt.nz](http://www.stats.govt.nz) contains statistics by topics.

The **New Zealand Official Yearbook** collection [www.stats.govt.nz/yearbooks](http://www.stats.govt.nz/yearbooks) provides a 'comprehensive statistical picture of life in New Zealand from 1893 to 2012. Handbooks of statistical information go back even further.'

**Hansard Reports** [www.parliament.nz/en/pb](http://www.parliament.nz/en/pb)

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## Conclusion

I encourage anyone researching their family history to use this wonderful website whether they have family in New Zealand, Australia or other places around the world.

Coral Shearer

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# GEDmatch

tools for DNA & genealogy research

by Kerry Farmer

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## GEDmatch: What It Is and How to Use It

GEDmatch is a free website that allows you to upload your raw DNA data and add it to a large database, where you can then compare your data to other people's data. You can also use GEDmatch to compare your data with a list of people who have tested their DNA at the same company as you, or you can use GEDmatch to compare your data with a list of people who have tested their DNA at the same company as you, or you can use GEDmatch to compare your data with a list of people who have tested their DNA at the same company as you.

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Research conducted by the FBI's Y-chromosome DNA Laboratory has shown that the addition of new DNA data to the database can help researchers identify the source of a crime scene sample.

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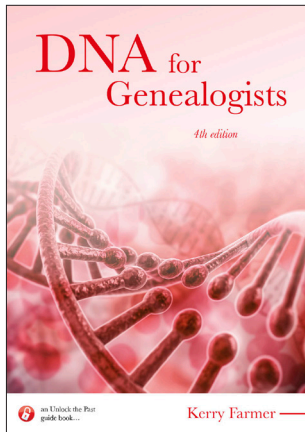
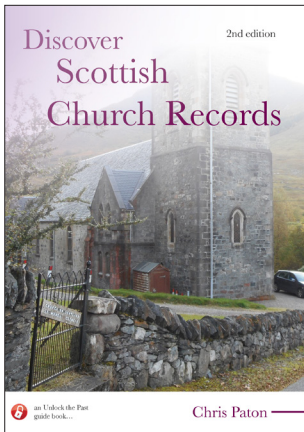
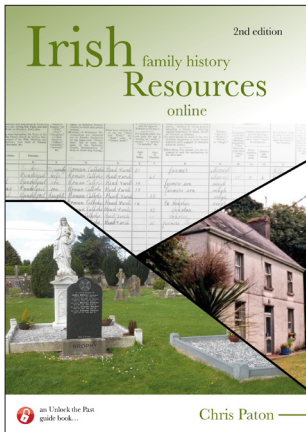
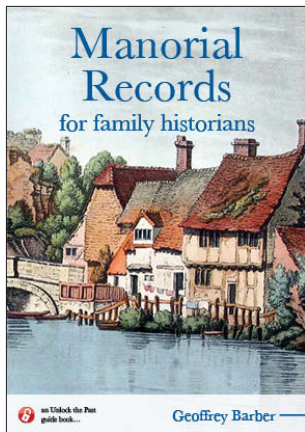
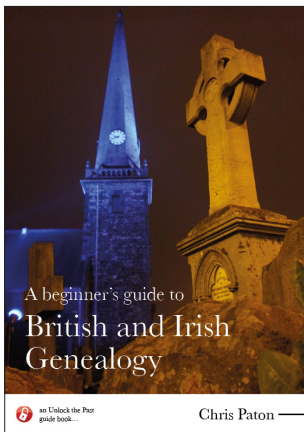
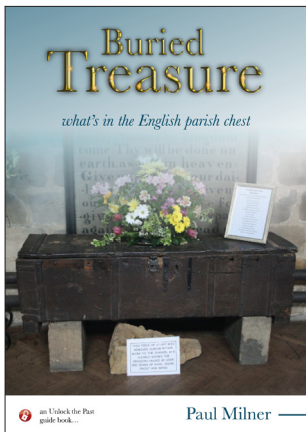
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