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ARCHIVES	
Archway is an online finding aid to New Zealand government archives. It contains descriptions of over 6 million records that have been transferred from Government agencies to Archives New Zealand offices in either Auckland, Christchurch, Dunedin or Wellington. Online records include WWI personnel records and Police Gazettes.	www.archway.archives.govt.nz
The Community Archive was previously known as the National Register of Archives and Manuscripts (NRAM), and is New Zealand's hub for archival collections. Contributors range from individuals and small local organisations through to large institutions with nationally-significant collections. This site has descriptions and listings of archival holdings.	http://thecommunityarchive.org.nz/
GENERAL	
Births, Deaths & Marriages  The historic data available for you to search is limited so that information relating to people who might still be alive can be protected. Information available includes: • Births that occurred at least 100 years ago • Stillbirths that occurred at least 50 years ago • Marriages that occurred 80 years ago • Deaths that occurred at least 50 years ago or the deceased's date of birth was at least 80 years ago.	www.bdmhistoricalrecords.dia.govt.nz
Combined Research Databases: This collection from Auckland City Libraries includes the 1881 electoral roll, Armed Constabulary 1867-1877, Auckland cemetery records, Auckland Crown Grants, Heritage Images and their NZ wide Photographers database.	http://www.aucklandcity.govt.nz/dbtw-wpd/Fedsearch/Combinedsearchquery.htm
<b>FindNZarticles</b> is a collaborative database hosted by the National Library, which has a great collection of bibliographies and indexes to find New Zealand articles. It is also not just references to articles.	https://natlib.govt.nz/collections/a-z/findnzarticles
New Zealand History website by Manatu Taonga – Ministry for Culture & Heritage. Check out the calendar and anniversaries sections.	https://nzhistory.govt.nz/
Pandora Research aka Pandora's Box is a treasure chest compiled by the New Zealand Society of Genealogists. There are indexes as well as abridged transcripts of 19th Century NZ documents. Most of the information is in the form of PDF documents. Links are provided to family group sheets, evidence timelines and manuscript transcripts. Projects cover subjects that are either genealogically linked or highlight relationship networks associated with communities or individuals.	www.nzpictures.co.nz http://www.nzpictures.co.nz/19thCenturyNZRe cords-UsefulResources.pdf
<b>Te Ara The Encyclopedia of New Zealand</b> Also includes the <i>Dictionary of New Zealand Biography</i> - 3,000 life stories of dead famous people - And it also has my all-time favourite the 1966 <i>An Encyclopedia of New Zealand</i> .	https://teara.govt.nz/en https://teara.govt.nz/en/biographies https://teara.govt.nz/en/1966

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GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS	
Appendices to the Journal to the House of Representatives (and the Votes and Proceedings): The Parliamentary papers include maps, returns and reports.	http:/atjos.natlib.govt.nz
The British Parliamentary Papers. Colonies: New Zealand. Digitised despatches and reports relating to New Zealand from selected volumes of the British Parliamentary Papers.	University of Waikato Digital Collections or http://digital.liby.waikato.ac.nz/bppnz
<b>Historical Hansard:</b> The Parliamentary Debates – transcripts of debates in the New Zealand Parliament from 1854-1987.	https://www.parliament.nz/en/pb/hansard-debates/historical-hansard/
NZ MILITARY HISTORY	
New Zealand Militia, Volunteers and Armed Constabulary of New Zealand 1863-1871: An Auckland City Libraries database.	http://www.aucklandcity.govt.nz/dbtw-wpd/armedconstab/armedconstabulary.html
Online Cenotaph: Auckland War Memorial Museum's digital social space where enthusiasts, families, and researchers can share and contribute to the records of those who served for Aotearoa New Zealand.	http://www.aucklandmuseum.com/war- memorial/online-cenotaph
IMAGES	
Cartographic & Geospatial Resources Repository: includes NZ Mapping Service NZMS series maps, Lands & Survey series maps and Topographic series maps.	https://gdh.auckland.ac.nz/
<b>Digital NZ</b> : Search across millions of digital images such as aerial photos, posters and memorabilia. Items are contributed from partners including Te Papa, the Alexander Turnbull Library, Auckland Art Gallery, Te Ara, NZ On Screen and many more.	http://www.digitalnz.org
<b>Retrolens:</b> Website of aerial photographs- the Local Government Geospatial Alliance (LGGA) has made a large collection of historical images available.	http://retrolens.nz/
University of Waikato Digital Collections includes: Historical maps of the Waikato Region A selection of maps of Hamilton and the Waikato. Historical photos of the Waikato and New Zealand A selection of photographs from the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. Waikato Region Postcards 1890-1940 A collection of commercially released postcards that show the rural and urban landscape of the Waikato, and life and activities.	University of Waikato Digital Collections

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MÃORI	
Index of Māori Names: This index is from an unpublished manuscript compiled about 1925 by the missionary Rev. Henry James Fletcher (1868-1933). In its original form it was 987 pages long, a vast index of Māori names referred to in books and journals, including the names of boundaries, Māori individuals, canoes, trees, landmarks and geographical locations. Many more names have now been added.	http://www.waikato.ac.nz/library/maorinames-index/
<b>Iwidex:</b> An index of books, articles, chapters and sections of books that contain information about Māori waka, traditions, waiata, haka, tribal whenua, maunga, marae, carving, weaving, stories and whakapapa.	http://www.aucklandcity.govt.nz/dbtw-wpd/iwidex/iwidexsrch.html
Waitangi Tribunal Reports website has tribunal reports, research reports and school resources.	https://www.waitangitribunal.govt.nz/publications-and-resources/waitangi-tribunal-reports/
NEWSPAPERS	
<b>Illustrated London News:</b> A digital library of the New Zealand content from 1842- 1902.	University of Waikato Digital Collections
Papers Past site which provides access to millions of pages of digitised New Zealand & Pacific newspapers from the 19th and 20th centuries. Māori newspapers 'Niupepa 1842-1933', a collection of newspapers published in Māori or for a Māori readership is an excellent resource also offered here. Papers Past also now includes some magazines and journals as well as selected letters and diaries, eg the papers of Sir Donald McLean, 1820-1877 and Parliamentary Papers: Reports and publications from the House of Representatives.	http://Paperspast.natlib.govt.nz
PUBLICATIONS	
The Early New Zealand Books Collection developed by the University of Auckland Libraries and Learning Services. It aims to provide a complete online full-text and keyword-searchable corpus of books about NZ which were published in the first two-thirds of the 19 <sup>th</sup> century. Memoirs and collections of letters and journals from the period which were published later are also included. Accounts by early travellers provide information about traditional Maori society and culture as well as early European settlement. In some cases selected chapters have been digitised where the remainder of the content is not relevant to NZ. Illustrations and maps in books have also been digitised, with higher resolution versions available by clicking on the images in the text.	http://www.enzb.auckland.ac.nz/
NZETC- New Zealand Electronic Text Collection comprises significant New Zealand and Pacific Island texts and materials held by Victoria University of Wellington Library.	http://nzetc.victoria.ac.nz/





THE "ALSO RANS" OR "NEARLY MADE IT" DATABASES AND WEBSITES:	
<b>Find New Zealand Artists:</b> a database of artists names and an index to finding information about them.	http://findnzartists.org.nz/
New Zealand Cemetery Records Online	https://www.genealogy.org.nz/local- authorities-cemetery-information 1553
NZMuseums Some museums have local history information on their websites.	http://www.nzmuseums.co.nz/
Newspapers of New Zealand is a list of 1521 newspapers from 234 places. This website is an attempt to list every newspaper ever published in NZ. It's a work in progress. Some are digitised on Papers Past.	https://nznewspapers.appspot.com/
<b>Journals</b> that are available online e.g. <i>Journal of the Polynesian Society</i> and <i>New Zealand Journal of History</i> .	http://www.jps.auckland.ac.nz/ http://www.nzjh.auckland.ac.nz/
<b>Te Puna Search</b> a web-based search service giving access to what is held in New Zealand libraries and worldwide. Te Puna Search is the view of the combined catalogue of New Zealand libraries on WorldCat,	https://natlib.govt.nz/librarians/te-puna/te-puna-search
<b>He Tohu</b> A declaration. A treaty. A petition. National Library of NZ's permanent exhibition of 3 iconic constitutional documents that shape Aotearoa New Zealand.	https://natlib.govt.nz/he-tohu
<b>Transcripts, Miscellaneous Records &amp; Army Department</b> is a genealogy based research project by Lynly Lessels Yates. Lots of work here including land wars listings of deserters, Māori deaths and prisoners.	http://www.lynly.gen.nz/WARTranscriptsMiscR ecords&ArmyDept.pdf