

ENZED HISTORY ONLINE:

Kathryn's Top 25+ Databases and Websites for New Zealand Historical Research

| ARCHIVES | |
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| <p>Archway is an online finding aid to New Zealand government archives. It contains descriptions of over 1.5 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.</p> | www.archway.archives.govt.nz |
| <p>The Directory of Community Archives This is a tool to help researchers explore the treasures of our past and present held within local community collections across New Zealand. It includes small local organisations, through to larger national institutions.</p> | https://bit.ly/3ayyEN6 |
| GENERAL | |
| <p>Births, Deaths & Marriages Online The historic data available 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.</p> | https://bit.ly/3bvOsj0 |
| <p>FindNZarticles 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.</p> | https://bit.ly/2NP0fAr |
| <p>Kura: Heritage Collections Online Auckland Libraries' heritage collections online includes: photographs, heritage maps, manuscripts, shipping records, local history, oral history and index cards. Also now includes what used to be called the Combined Research Databases: This collection from Auckland City Libraries comprises ones such as: the 1881 electoral roll, Armed Constabulary 1867-1877, Auckland cemetery records, Auckland Crown Grants, Heritage Images and their NZ wide Photographers database.</p> | https://bit.ly/2ZCqug8 |
| <p>New Zealand History website by Manatu Taonga – Ministry for Culture & Heritage. Check out the calendar and anniversaries sections.</p> | https://nzhistory.govt.nz/ |
| <p>Pandora Research aka Pandora's Box is a treasure chest compiled by the NZ 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.</p> | https://bit.ly/3bvH3Ae https://bit.ly/3duUqmz |
| <p>Te Ara The Encyclopedia of New Zealand 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 Encyclopaedia of New Zealand</i>.</p> | https://teara.govt.nz/en https://teara.govt.nz/en/biographies https://teara.govt.nz/en/1966 |
| GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS | |
| <p>Appendices to the Journal to the House of Representatives (and the Votes and Proceedings): The Parliamentary papers include maps, returns and reports.</p> | https://bit.ly/3saW29e |

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| <p>The British Parliamentary Papers. Colonies: New Zealand. Digitised despatches and reports relating to New Zealand from selected volumes of the British Parliamentary Papers.</p> | <p>https://bit.ly/38ipnF5</p> |
| <p>Historical Hansard: The Parliamentary Debates – transcripts of debates in the New Zealand Parliament from 1854-1987.</p> | <p>https://bit.ly/3pG2x2j</p> |
| <p>NZ MILITARY HISTORY</p> | |
| <p>New Zealand Militia, Volunteers and Armed Constabulary of New Zealand 1863-1871: An Auckland City Libraries database.</p> | <p>https://bit.ly/3pCscJe</p> |
| <p>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.</p> | <p>https://bit.ly/2ZzSpxl</p> |
| <p>IMAGES</p> | |
| <p>GeoDataHub The "Centralised repository of authoritative cartographic & geospatial resources " curated by the University of Auckland Library: includes NZ Mapping Service NZMS series maps, Lands & Survey series maps and Topographic series maps.</p> | <p>https://bit.ly/2NiuJv6</p> |
| <p>Digital NZ: 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.</p> | <p>http://www.digitalnz.org</p> |
| <p>Retrolens: Website of aerial photographs- the Local Government Geospatial Alliance (LGGA) has made a large collection of historical images available.</p> | <p>http://retrolens.nz/</p> |
| <p>University of Waikato Digital Collections O Neherā: 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.</p> | <p>https://bit.ly/3sc1fxr</p> |

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| <p>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.</p> | https://bit.ly/3sdV6kx |
| <p>Iwidex: 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.</p> | https://bit.ly/3bp62oG |
| <p>Waitangi Tribunal Reports website has tribunal reports, research reports and school resources.</p> | https://bit.ly/3dy2u6g |
| NEWSPAPERS | |
| <p>Illustrated London News: A digital library of the New Zealand content from 1842- 1902.</p> | https://bit.ly/38d9gsF |
| <p>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.</p> | http://Paperspast.natlib.govt.nz |
| PUBLICATIONS | |
| <p>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 19th 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.</p> | http://www.enzb.auckland.ac.nz/ |
| <p>NZETC- New Zealand Electronic Text Collection comprises significant New Zealand and Pacific Island texts and materials held by Victoria University of Wellington Library.</p> | http://nzetc.victoria.ac.nz/ |

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| THE "ALSO RANS" OR "NEARLY MADE IT" DATABASES AND WEBSITES | |
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| Archaeological Reports Digital Library: A collection of unpublished archaeological reports provided by Heritage New Zealand. | https://bit.ly/37y0Tts |
| Find New Zealand Artists: a database of artist's names and an index to finding information about them. | http://findnzartists.org.nz/ |
| 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 attempts to list every newspaper ever published in NZ. It's an ongoing work. Some are digitised on Papers Past. | https://bit.ly/3qECKZH |
| Journals 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/ |
| Te Puna Search is 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://bit.ly/3sbi6om |
| He Tohu 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 |
| Transcripts, Miscellaneous Records & Army Department is a genealogy based research project by Lynly Lessels Yates. Lots of work here including land wars listings of deserters, Māori deaths and prisoners. | https://bit.ly/2NjxTPc |

Handy Hints for Online Searching (With acknowledgement to the University of Waikato Library for these searching tips)

| TECHNIQUES | EXAMPLES |
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| Keywords Use keywords rather than sentences when searching online. | Cambridge militia Star redoubt |
| Adapt your search terms if the first ones you try don't get results. Think of the three Ws: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Who are you researching? What are you researching? Where are you researching? | Name of individual or group Topics Place or type of organisation |
| Apply phrase searching. Use quotation marks to treat words as a phrase | "3rd Waikato Militia" "Women's Suffrage" |
| Truncation If a word has several possible endings, use a truncation symbol (usually an asterisk, sometimes a question mark). This tells the system to search for the variant endings. | Use teach* to search for teach, teacher, teachers, teaches, teaching |
| Wild card If you want to include several different spellings of a word use the wild card symbol. | Wom?n for searching both woman and women |
| Synonyms | Primary or elementary; alcohol or liquor |