

FAMILY HISTORY RESOURCES:

Handy hints for resources held at Cambridge Museum and beyond...

CAMBRIDGE MUSEUM	
'19th century arrivals by ship to Auckland.' Compiled from Auckland Public Library Records. Some notes of Cambridge settlers.	Held at Cambridge Museum.
Archives and Manuscripts Of individuals, clubs, organisations and societies of Cambridge.	Held at Cambridge Museum.
Biographies Index A card index of Cambridge people with more than 20,000 entries from archives, publications and a wide range of resources such as the <i>Cyclopedia</i> . Announcements of birth, marriage, and death from Cambridge newspapers particularly the <i>Waikato Independent</i> .	Held at Cambridge Museum.
Cemetery Records The Museum holds many photographs of headstones and transcriptions of the inscriptions. Waipā District Council has an online cemetery database.	Held at Cambridge Museum. http://rid.waipadc.govt.nz/cemetery/
Directories A range of directories including: <i>Universal Auckland Provincial Trades Directory, 1953-54</i> . Published by Universal Business Directories Ltd. <i>Universal Auckland Provincial Business Directory, 1956-57</i> . Published by Universal Business Directories Ltd. <i>Wise's Auckland Provincial Directory, Dunedin, H Wise & Co. 1942</i> . Has pages with names & often their occupation for Cambridge, Kihikihi, Pirongia and Te Awamutu. Telephone directories: Earliest one held <i>Waikato telephone directory</i> c. 1920. Cambridge pages 69-82, Te Awamutu 153-166 includes Kihikihi and Pirongia. And we hold 195?, 196? 197? And 1980s onwards. Also held are other examples such as <i>Jaycees Enquire Within</i> , <i>Rotary Find it and Who's who in Cambridge</i> and a few Post Office directories.	Held at Cambridge Museum.
Electoral rolls Local electoral rolls: 1905, 1907 and 195? Much more substantial holdings are held at Hamilton City Libraries.	Held at Cambridge Museum.
Ephemera These are short lived publications or documents such as calendars, entry forms, invitations, leaflets, programmes, receipts and tickets.	Held at Cambridge Museum.
Family histories The book <i>First families of Cambridge 1864-1899</i> by Ruth Wilkinson is held and has been indexed by family names. https://bit.ly/3oqxrwM There are at least forty family histories in the collection. These are histories that have a Cambridge connection and these might be of interest for your research. https://bit.ly/3FeBW4k	Held at Cambridge Museum.
Funeral service sheets Comprising eleven ring binders so far this collection contains service sheets for Cambridge people from the 1990s onwards.	Held at Cambridge Museum.
Histories There is a strong collection of district, local and regional published histories as well as church, organisational and school histories of the Cambridge district.	Held at Cambridge Museum.

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<p>Land and property records Photocopies of rates records, building permit files are held. The original borough records are at Waipa District Council in Te Awamutu. Some SPND (Speight, Pearce, Nicoll and Davys Ltd) company records such as their account books and wages books provide details of building work and alterations in the town and district.</p>	Held at Cambridge Museum.
<p>Maps and town plans A small collection of maps and plans. See our online map guide.</p>	Held at Cambridge Museum.
<p>Military records There are 3rd Waikato Militia photocopied records. Armed Constabulary and Cambridge Cavalry information. Plus details on Cambridge soldiers in WWI and WWII. Books on the New Zealand Wars, the Boer War, World War One and World War Two and related publications.</p>	Held at Cambridge Museum.
<p>Newspapers held <i>Cambridge Edition</i>, 1981- <i>Cambridge News</i>, 2008- <i>Waikato Advocate</i>, 1895. <i>Waikato Independent & Cambridge Independent</i>, 1904-1995. Indexing of the <i>Waikato Independent</i> is being done by volunteers.</p>	Held at Cambridge Museum.
<p>Research files 'Drop' files have been gathered over many years and comprise newspaper clippings and notes on Cambridge organisations & groups, districts and subjects such as sports clubs, societies and significant events and anniversaries.</p>	Held at Cambridge Museum.
<p>School registers Photocopies of some school registers or rolls are held for Cambridge Primary School, Goodwood, Hautapu, Pukerimu, Roto-o-Rangi and Taotaoroa School.</p>	Held at Cambridge Museum.
<p>Scrapbooks of Family notices: * In Memoriam -dates covered? * Wedding Anniversaries – dates covered?</p>	Held at Cambridge Museum.
ONLINE RESOURCES	
<p>Archway 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.</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/3avyEN6
<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. It includes the Bibliography of published family histories in New Zealand.</p>	https://bit.ly/2NP0fAr
<p>Kura: Heritage Collections Online- Auckland City Libraries Includes: photographs, heritage maps, manuscripts, shipping records, local history, oral history & index cards. Also what was called the Combined Research Databases providing access to: 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/2ZCqg8

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<p>New Zealand History website by Manatu Taonga – Ministry for Culture & Heritage. Check out the calendar and anniversaries sections.</p>	<p>https://nzhistory.govt.nz/</p>
<p>Pandora Research aka Pandora's Box This 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>	<p>https://bit.ly/3bvH3Ae https://bit.ly/3duUgmz</p>
<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>	<p>https://teara.govt.nz/en https://teara.govt.nz/en/biographies https://teara.govt.nz/en/1966</p>
NZ MILITARY HISTORY	
<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>
IMAGES	
<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>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>
MĀORI	
<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>	<p>https://bit.ly/3sdV6kx</p>
NEWSPAPERS	
<p><u>Papers Past</u> 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 included 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>	<p>http://Paperspast.natlib.govt.nz</p>