

RESEARCH GUIDE

Clutha District Libraries

This guide provides helpful information for researching your family and/or local history in Otago and Southland.

Clutha Heritage
Check out our digital heritage repository https://heritage.cluthadc.govt.nz/

Search our Catalogue for Local History Books or browse our Local History and Māori Collections situated next to the Digihub at the Balclutha Library. Ancestry Library Edition is a database that provides a wide and diverse variety of unique content to help users trace their family lineage or help historians access historical records. You can only access this via the libraries website https://www.cluthadc.govt.nz/community/libraries/resources/eresources while using a library computer or when your own device is connected to the APNK WiFi. You can also find street information on ancestry via the New Zealand Electoral Rolls, 185301981and New Zealand, City & Area Directories, 1866-1954 ← Stone's and Wise's directories.

Cemeteries
Some of our cemetery records have been digitised including Owaka, Balclutha, Kaitangata, and Tapanui. You can access these at https://www.cluthadc.govt.nz/council/do-it-online/cemetery-search. However, not all our cemetery records have been digitised. For Milton and Lawrence, visit or ring the local library who hold the original cemetery records.

The *Balclutha Genealogy Society's* Master Index has reference to valuable school, cemetery, and family records. The Master Index can be found at http://www.balcluthagenealogy.org.nz/

Helpful Links

Archives New Zealand hold the archives from government departments including military, land and building information, health records, immigration information, and much more. Their website is https://collections.archives.govt.nz/web/arena. Some of their records are available online via familysearch.org including;

New Zealand, Archives New Zealand, Probate Records, 1843-1998:
https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1865481
New Zealand, Archives New Zealand, Passenger Lists, 1839-1973:
https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1609792

The Department of Internal Affairs' *Births, Deaths & Marriages Online* gives names and dates for big life events
https://www.bdmhistoricalrecords.dia.govt.nz/Search/Search?Path=querySubmit.m%3fReportName%3dDeathSearch%26recordsPP%3d30

Papers Past is an online archive of New Zealand newspapers. Potential information includes birth and marriage announcements, obituaries, court news, and events. You can access this here https://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/

Digital NZ and *NZMuseums* collate various digitised heritage collections from throughout New Zealand. You can access them via these links
https://digitalnz.org/
https://www.nzmuseums.co.nz/

The *National Library* also collates resources from throughout New Zealand including the *National Library Photographic Archive* https://natlib.govt.nz/collections/a-z/photographic-archive and the *Alexander Turnbull Collection* https://tiaki.natlib.govt.nz/#home

The *Ministry of Culture and Heritage* has an online encyclopaedia of New Zealand history called *Te Ara* https://teara.govt.nz/en

Ngāi Tahu Archives
https://kareao.nz/scripts/mwimain.dll?logon&application=ANON_UNION_VIEW&LANGUAGE=144&file=%5bngai_tahu%5dhome.html

Ngāi Tahu Cultural Mapping Project https://www.kahurumanu.co.nz/

Our Museums

Owaka Museum, 10 Campbell St, Owaka 9535
Phone: (03) 415 8323
Email: owakamuseum@outlook.com
Owaka Museum Online Collection
https://ehive.com/collections/3021/owaka-museum-and-catlins-information-centre-wahi-kahuika-the-meeting-place-a-rest-on-your-journey
Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/Wahi-Kahuika-Owaka-Museum-217456028449720

Tuapeka Goldfields Museum, 17 Ross Place, Lawrence 9532
Phone: (03) 485 9222
Email: tuapekagoldfieldsmuseum@gmail.com
Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/tuapekagoldfieldsmuseum

South Otago Museum, 1 Renfrew Street, Balclutha 9230
Phone: (03) 418 2382
Email: southotagomuseum@xtra.co.nz
Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100057098364539

Tokomairiro Museum, 51 Union Street, Milton 9220
Phone: (03) 417 7480
Email: miltoninfo@xtra.co.nz
Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/Tokomairiro-Museum-101252071826556

Kaitangata Black Gold Museum, 19 Torquay Street, Kaitangata 9210
Phone: (03) 418 2293
Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/KaitangataMuseum

West Otago Vintage Club, 59 Northumberland Street, Tapanui 9522
Phone: (03) 204 8306
Email: wovc@mail.com
Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/WestOtagoVintageClub

Wider Otago and Southland Records

Toitū Otago Settlers Museum Archives, 31 Queens Garden, Central Dunedin
https://www.toituosm.com/collections/archives
Email: osm.archives@dcc.govt.nz & osm.collections@dcc.govt.nz

Dunedin City Council Archives
Email: archives@dcc.govt.nz
Phone: (03) 474 3553
Dunedin City Council Flickr https://www.flickr.com/photos/dccarchives/

Hocken Library, 90 Anzac Ave, Dunedin
https://www.otago.ac.nz/library/hocken/
Phone: (03) 479 8868
Email: General Enquiries hocken@otago.ac.nz Reference Collection reference.hocken@otago.ac.nz Hakena Catalogue Enquiries archives.hocken@otago.ac.nz
Hakena: The Hocken's unpublished catalogue
https://hakena.otago.ac.nz/scripts/mwimain.dll?logon&application=UNION_VIEW&language=144&file=%5Botago%5Dsearch.html
Hocken Snapshop: Digitised photographs from the Hocken Collection
https://hocken.recollect.co.nz/

Otago Nominal Index
https://www.otago.ac.nz/library/hocken/oni/advanced.php

Dunedin branch of Archives New Zealand, 556 George St, Dunedin
Email: dunedin.archives@dia.govt.nz
Phone: 03 477 0404

Presbyterian Archives in Dunedin, Knox College, Arden St, Opoho, Dunedin
https://pcanzarchives.recollect.co.nz/
Email: pcanzarchives@prcknox.org.nz
Phone: (03) 473 0777

Otago Museum, 419 Great King Street, Dunedin
https://otagomuseum.nz/
Email: mail@otagomuseum.nz
Phone: (03) 474 7474

Invercargill Libraries & Archives
https://ilibrary.co.nz/research-archives/archives/
Email: archives@ilibrary.co.nz
Phone: (03) 211 1573

Southland Oral History Project
Email: sohp@ilibrary.co.nz
Phone: (03) 211 8414