



RESEARCH GUIDE

Clutha District Libraries

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

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Clutha Heritage

Check out our digital heritage repository [Clutha Heritage](#)

Search our [Catalogue](#) for Local History Books

[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 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, 1853-1981 and 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. 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

Helpful Links

[Archives New Zealand](#) hold the archives from government departments including military, land and building information, health records, immigration information, and much more. Some of these records are available online via familysearch.org including:

[New Zealand, Archives New Zealand, Probate Records, 1843-1998](#)

[New Zealand, Archives New Zealand, Passenger Lists, 1839-1973](#)

The Department of Internal Affairs' [Births, Deaths & Marriages Online](#) gives names and dates for big life events.

[Papers Past](#) is an online archive of New Zealand newspapers. Potential information includes birth and marriage announcements, obituaries, court news, and events.

[Digital NZ](#) and [NZMuseums](#) collate various digitised heritage collections from throughout New Zealand.

The [National Library](#) also collates resources from throughout New Zealand including the [National Library Photographic Archive](#) and the [Alexander Turnbull collection](#).

The Ministry of Culture and Heritage has an online encyclopaedia of New Zealand history called [Te Ara](#).

[Ngāi Tahu Archives](#)

[Ngāi Tahu Cultural Mapping Project](#)

Our Museums

Owaka Museum, 10 Campbell St, Owaka 9535

Phone: 03-415 8323

Email: owakamuseum@outlook.com

[Owaka Museum Online Collection](#)

Tuapeka Goldfields Museum, 17 Ross Place, Lawrence 9532

Phone: 03 485 9222

Email

South Otago Museum, 1 Renfrew Street, Balclutha 9230

Phone: 03-418 2382

Email: southotagomuseum@xtra.co.nz

Tokomairiro Museum, 51 Union Street, Milton 9220

Phone: 03-417 7480

Email: miltoninfo@xtra.co.nz

Kaitangata Black Gold Museum, 19 Torquay Street, Kaitangata 9210

Phone:

Email:

West Otago Vintage Club, 59 Northumberland Street, Tapanui 9522

Phone: (03) 204 8306

Email: wovc@mail.com

Wider Otago and Southland Records

[Toitū Otago Settlers Museum Archives](#)

[Dunedin City Council Archives](#)

[Dunedin City Council Flickr](#)

[Hocken Library](#)

[Hakena](#) Hocken's unpublished catalogue

[Hocken Snapshot](#) Hocken's

[Otago Nominal Index](#)

[Dunedin](#) branch of [Archives New Zealand](#)

[Presbyterian Archives](#) in Dunedin

[Otago Museum](#)

[Invercargill Libraries & Archives](#)