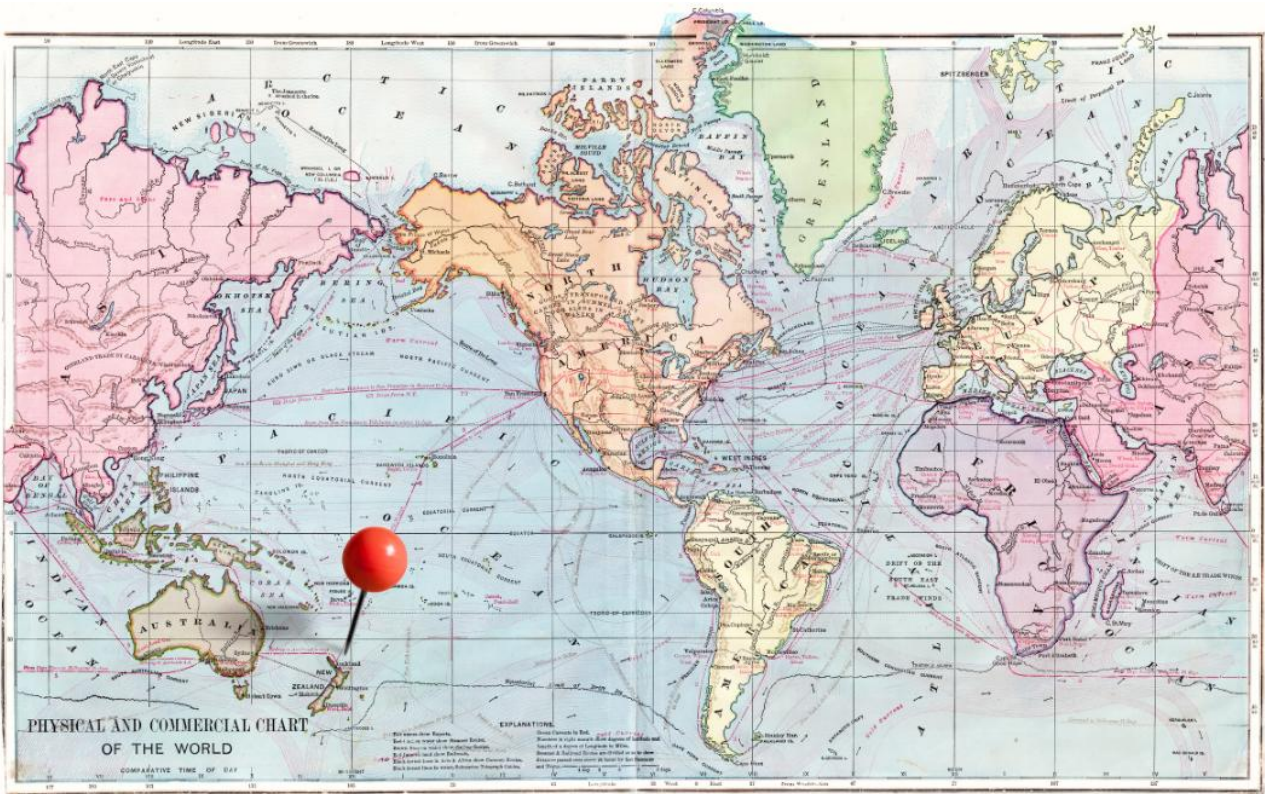


The New Zealand Society of Genealogists



Nau mai haere mai! Welcome!

Kia ora from New Zealand!

We're a tiny country, at the end of the world, but people from all over the world have family links here. Let us help you discover your Kiwi connections!

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Family history - Preserving our past for the future



The New Zealand Society of Genealogists

is New Zealand's national genealogical organisation.

We can help you with your Kiwi family, wherever you are in the world!!

As a member of NZSG you get to be part of a community of amazing people with access to a wealth of information that members have researched and indexed for over 50 years.

www.genealogy.org.nz



Become a better researcher. Add to your skills and knowledge by using our online resources, attending training courses and conferences, or listening to speakers at local events. Find out about new research techniques and resources, or just enjoy reading our members' stories in our award-winning magazine, *The New Zealand Genealogist*.



Discover new resources. Access a huge range of genealogical resources from your home, including online databases and other collections built up by our members over the last fifty years. You can subscribe to the 12 million records on our Kiwi Collection. Visit our Family Research Centre and Library or get one-on-one email assistance from our knowledgeable and friendly volunteers.



Save money on your research Get discounts on popular user-pays genealogy websites, free access to Gale Newspapers and The National Archives (UK) digitised content as well access to records already purchased by others for example our amazing NZSG Certificates Collection.



Share your research and skills. Publish articles in *The New Zealand Genealogist* and share short stories in our *e-KIT* newsletter. Get help, or help other members through our Members Mailing List (mem-list), social media platforms or join a local branch or interest group.



Help preserve resources for future researchers. Get involved in projects that preserve the historical records of New Zealand. Help digitising old school records, transcribing information from headstones or contribute to a local area project.

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NZSG Collections

The New Zealand Society of Genealogists has been collecting New Zealand records since we began in 1967. These have been collected by members for members. Here is an overview of the different records we have been collecting.

NZSG Certificates

Set up as a repository for certificates found to be unrelated to members' research, this Collection has over 130,000 certificates which are indexed by all parties to the certificate. Available by email service, members have saved thousands of dollars accessing this collection.

NZSG First Families

Contributed by NZSG members and non-members, these family record sheets cover families that immigrated to New Zealand by 1901. These give you information from members who may have been closer to the source information than you. A great opportunity to get in touch with other researching, the First Families Collection may help you make the leap out of New Zealand.

Pedigrees

This Collection allows you to make contact with others who are researching your family through an indexed collection of Pedigree Registration forms submitted by members. As a member, you can submit your own form to make contact with other family members.

Pre-1856 New Zealand Marriages

This is a database of New Zealand marriages that took place before compulsory Civil Registration in 1856. Sources include those that are available publicly and those held in private collections.

Griffis Illegitimacies

This collection is a name-searchable database involving illegitimate births in New Zealand between 1877 and 1950 that were available on Public Records.

Funeral Service Sheets

An ongoing collection with contributions from members around New Zealand. Funeral Service Sheets may provide more recent information about family members.

New Zealand Cemeteries

Cemetery transcriptions for approximately 1400 cemeteries nationwide made by our members. A significant proportion of this collection includes private cemeteries, Māori Urupa and remote burial locations. This Collection includes the full text of the headstone, which may no longer be extant.

Obituaries

This collection includes contributions from members nationwide from sources such as national and regional newspapers, club newsletters and periodicals.

School Records

This collection is the only central point for school records in New Zealand. We have accumulated records for almost 2000 schools nationwide dating from 1858 to present time. This is a great tool for finding families who moved often or were not British and therefore not on the Electoral Roll.

Coming in 2024 - We will be starting our Shipping Collection - pulling together all the disparate records on how our sea-faring ancestors got to New Zealand.



Kiwi Collection

The [Kiwi Collection](#) is the gateway to a vast, meticulously compiled index of 15 million records over 340 record sets (including many of our Collections listed above), allowing you to locate the records you need and find exactly where and how to access them.

As a non-member, you can have a sneak peek at the Kiwi Collection on our website

Please note that New Zealand has strict privacy laws. While many of our Collections hold information well into the 20th Century, we have a 100 year embargo on many of them. You are allowed to access information on yourself or anyone you can prove is deceased.

NZSG's Research Service

The access point to many of our Collections and the resources we hold in our Library in Panmure, Auckland, is our Research Service. This is available for free to our members.

NZSG's Research Service is manned by volunteers who are very experienced in all things genealogical. Their experience isn't just limited to New Zealand resources either. And because there is a person answering your query, they may know of resources you haven't yet tried, or which are in our Library but you didn't know were relevant.



Our Library contains over 65,000 items. Many can be borrowed by postal service - if you live in New Zealand. If you're overseas, or just want to see if an item is relevant, you can request a look up. Volunteers may be able to scan and email the relevant sections of an item to you.

Non-members can [access our Library Catalogue](#) online.

You may also like to have a look at our [Library Cat's webpage](#). She highlights collections of books and other items that you might find useful. Fortunately, her team of volunteers don't spend as much time sleeping as she does!

For more information on how to join the New Zealand Society of Genealogists, please see our [website](#).



Improving Your Research Skills with the NZSG

The NZSG has a large number of resources available to members and non-members on their website. Look under Resources/Research Skills. Non-members will see only the tip of the iceberg, with more extensive resources available to members.



Getting It Right

These resources consist of a video and accompanying notes. They are split into three categories:

- Starting Your Genealogical Journey
- Effective Research
- Sharing Your Family History

All levels of skill will find something useful within these resources, even if it's just a quick refresher.

Members can access *Getting It Right Extra!* and the *Getting It Right Case Studies* which will provide more help in developing your skills.

Online Groups

We have a number of online groups to help our members and are looking to develop more. They include:

