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- **Free admission**
Research and copying fees apply. Prices available on request.
- **Research by correspondence undertaken by staff**
\$60.00 per hour in steps of \$15.00 per 15 minutes

OPENING HOURS

Saturday 10:00–2:00pm
Tuesday to Friday by arrangement only

Closed Sunday, Monday, public holidays and Christmas / New Year period.



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FAMILY HISTORY RESOURCES



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REFERENCE LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES

The Museum's reference library was developed with financial assistance from the Bett Trust and features a comprehensive collection of books and documents that can be used for local and family history research. Material may not be borrowed.

If you are unfamiliar with our library and archives, contact the Museum's Curator of Regional History to find out how you can make best use of the resources listed below.

1. Biography Index

A card index filed alphabetically by surname, giving information from various sources (such as jury lists or shipping lists). Some references to other sources of information such as biography files and newspapers.

2. Birth, Death and Marriage Notices:

1842 - 1920, 1961 - 1966, 1974, 1978 - 2001, 2003

Birth, death and marriage notices have been transcribed from local newspapers and are indexed alphabetically.

3. Cemetery Records

Headstone transcriptions and burial records are available for many cemeteries in the Nelson, Marlborough and West Coast area.

4. Census Records 1845, 1849

Population censuses in the Nelson district and outlying areas (such as Wairau) were held in 1845 and 1849. The Returns are available with an alphabetical index. The 1845 census gives the name, address, occupation, number in the family and amount of land occupied. The 1849 census gives further details such as ages of family, religion, crops and livestock.

OTHER MUSEUMS IN THE REGION

Golden Bay Museum

Commercial Street, Takaka
Research by appointment
Phone/Fax: (03) 525 9990

Motueka District Museum

140 High Street, Motueka
Phone/Fax: (03) 528 7660
Email: savepast@ihug.co.nz

Marlborough Historical Society

Brayshaw Museum Park
New Renwick Road
PO Box 308, Blenheim
Phone: (03) 578 1712
Email:
archives@marlboroughmuseum.org.nz

Picton Museum

London Quay, Picton
Phone: (03) 573 8283

Murchison & District Historical & Museum Society

60 Fairfax Street
PO Box 108, Murchison
Phone: (03) 523 9392

Black's Point Museum

Main Highway
PO Box 10, Reefton
Colin Watts Phone: (03)732 8808
Tony Lewis Phone: (03)732 8397

West Coast Historical Museum

Tancred Street
PO Box 180, Hokitika
Phone/Fax: (03) 755 6898

Greymouth's History House

Old Grey County Council Chambers
Gresson Street, Greymouth
Phone: (03) 768 4028



9. Jury Lists 1843-1861

A list of people required for jury service was published each year in the newspaper. These lists give the person's name, brief address and occupation.

10. Lucas's Nelson Almanac and Yearbook

1867 –1966 (incomplete set)

Published annually – included a small directory section listing local businesses, postmasters, hotels, churches, friendly societies etc. for Nelson and district. Some issues contain listings for Lyell, Reefton, Karamea & Westport. Ask staff to view particular years.

11. Name index to Nelson Government Gazettes 1853 - 1876

Index to names published in *Nelson Government Gazettes*. The Gazettes included court notices, school reports, reports on patients, applications for leases and licences (e.g. mining and depasturage).

12. Newspapers

- *The Colonist* 1857 - 1920
- *Golden Bay Argus* 1883 - 1911 (on microfilm, mezzanine floor)
- *Lyell Times* 1888, 1892
- *Nelson Evening Mail* 1866 - 1985 (issues on microfilm, mezzanine floor)
Sep 1985 - 1996, 1999 - 2001 (hard copy)
- *Nelson Evening Mail* Apr 1958 - Jun 1965
- *Pelorus Guardian* 1890 - 1919

Sports Edition

- *Nelson Examiner* 1842 - 1874 (on microfilm, mezzanine floor)
- *Inangahua Herald* 1872
- *NZ Spectator* 1846 - 1847
- *NZ Wesleyan* 1880 - 1881

Ask staff to view particular issues. Strip-copies of newspaper columns are available on request.

13. Passenger Lists 1840 - 1880

Passenger Lists vary in the amount of detail given. Greatest detail is available for assisted immigrants sponsored by:

- New Zealand Company 1840 - 1850
(Passenger application numbers enable you to find their place of origin).
- Nelson Provincial Government 1853 - 1867
- New Zealand Government 1874 - 1880

Brief passenger listings from local newspapers are also available and include Trans-Tasman and coastal shipping.

14. Personal Papers

Material in our archives includes personal papers, diaries, journals, and reminiscences. These are listed under name and subject in the *Archives* section of the card catalogue. Family histories are deposited in manuscript and book form – check both *Archives* and *Publications* sections of the catalogue.

Note: There may be restrictions on access to some material.

15. Photographs

The Museum has a collection of over 1.2 million negatives, which includes portraits from the 1860's onwards. Please enquire at the Museum's Information Counter or write to: Collection Manager Photography.

16. Photo News (Nelson) 1960 - 1974, 1983

Photo News was a weekly pictorial magazine. It included photos of weddings, recent engagements, sporting, social and theatrical events in Nelson. Negatives are held for most issues from 1960 - 1970. An index to the weddings included is held in the library with other marriage notices. Ask staff to view particular issues.

17. Postal Directories

The library holds a few postal directories prior to 1900 and an incomplete set until 1957.

18. Published Family and Local Histories

The Library holds copies of published local and family histories. The collection also includes general texts on New Zealand history, costume, transport etc... These are listed in the card catalogue marked *Publications*. Books are classified using the Dewey Decimal System – use the Dewey number (e.g. 920 CAM) to locate the item on the shelf.



19. Rating Records

- Nelson Board of Works: Nelson City rating rolls, 1857 - 1874. Indexed by owner and occupier – also useful for dating buildings. Records for 1857 - 1873 are on microfilm (mezzanine floor).
- Nelson City Council: Rating records, 1874-1878. Records for 1874 - 1878 are on microfilm (mezzanine floor).
- Nelson City Council: Valuation rolls 1910-1949. Ask staff to view records.
- Tahunanui Town Board: Valuation rolls 1933-1950. Ask staff to view records.

20. Records of local businesses and Organisations

The archives collection contains records of local businesses, organisations and societies e.g. Women's Division of Federated Farmers, Ancient Order of Foresters, E. Buxton & Co., Roads Boards, Nelson Provincial Scottish Society, Nelson Badminton Association, Nelson Chamber of Commerce. Check the *Archives* section of the card catalogue. Ask staff to view particular items.

21. School Records

- **Nelson Education Board**
The Museum is the official repository for school and school committee records from the former Board area. These include admission registers for Nelson and Buller, the earliest dating from 1873. Listed in brochure: School admission registers held at Nelson Provincial Museum.
- **Nelson College**
The Museum holds College archives dated 1853 - 1959 (including class rolls: Boys 1881 - 1931, Girls 1896 - 1933).
- **Bishop's School Roll** 1860 - 1895.

22. Telephone directories

- Most Nelson directories from 1934, 1938 to the present.
- Subscribers to Nelson telephone exchange 1902, c.1919, c.1922.

23. Vertical File

Alphabetical subject files of biographical and general information. Includes obituaries, which are listed in the Biography Index.

5. Church Records

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| • Roman Catholic | Baptisms | 1845 - 1900 |
| | Marriages | 1844 - 1913 |
| • Presbyterian | Baptisms | 1917 - 1951 |
| | Marriages | 1853 - 1935 |
| • Lutheran | Baptisms | 1846 - 1906 |
| | Marriages | 1849 - 1920 |
| | Deaths | 1848 - 1909 |
| • Church of Christ | Marriages | 1891 - 1950 (Spring Grove) |
| | Marriages | 1898 - 1919 (Nelson) |

6. Cyclopaedia of NZ

The *Cyclopaedia* was published in six volumes in the early 1900's and contains brief biographies and photographs of local identities who paid a fee to be included. *Volume 5* covers Nelson, Marlborough and the West Coast.

7. Electoral Rolls

1853 – 1896

- 1853-1877 for Nelson Province divided into electoral districts, including Buller and Wairau
- 1865-1896: microfilms for most New Zealand electorates

20th century

Very few electoral rolls held for 1900-1960. Holdings include:

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| • Buller | 1960 - 1966 |
| • Motueka | 1938 |
| • Nelson | 1919, 1928, 1935, 1943, 1960 - 1975, 1992 |
| • Tasman | 1970, 1972, 1989, 1991, 1992 |
| • Waimea County | 1903, 1983 |
| • Southern Maori | 1954, 1938 |

8. Freeholders' List 1882

In 1882, the government published the *Return of the Freeholders of New Zealand* which gives an alphabetical list of people owning land at that time. Information includes the location, area and value of the property.