

Location

Aotearoa New Zealand Collection, Central Library
Manchester, 36 Manchester Street, Christchurch

- Family History collection including books, directories, indexes, microfilm and microfiche
- Four Family History computers containing specialised electronic resources
- A selection of published New Zealand historical resources
- Historical Canterbury newspapers on microfilm
- A selection of published local school and church histories
- Ngāi Tahu collection and other Iwi-based resources

Free parking is available outside the library.

Family History computers are also available at:
[Central Library Peterborough](#), 91 Peterborough Street
[Fendalton Library](#), 4 Jeffreys Road and
[Upper Riccarton Library](#), 71 Main South Road.

Hours

Please check website christchurchcitylibraries.com for current opening hours or call Christchurch City Libraries on (03) 941-7923

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Membership

If you aren't already a member of Christchurch City Libraries, visit any of our libraries to join. Membership is free for Christchurch City Council ratepayers and residents. Visit our website for access to your library account, library catalogue, and some databases. You will need a library card number and password (PIN) to access your account online and electronic resources.

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Ngā Kete Wānanga-o-Ōtautahi

New Zealand Family History



Discover your family's history at Christchurch City Libraries

Need tips on how to get started or where to go next?

Want to know what family/whakapapa history resources we have?

Getting started on your family tree

Christchurch City Libraries can help you begin your family history and help you to continue your research.

Our family history and whakapapa web pages will help you to find out what family history resources we hold or can access online.

my.christchurchcitylibraries.com/family-history

Our main focus is Christchurch and Canterbury information from the 19th and early 20th centuries, as well as general New Zealand information.



Finding family history information

At Christchurch City Libraries our staff can help you find information on the following:

- Births, baptisms and adoptions
- Marriages and divorces
- Deaths and burials
- Māori births, adoptions, marriages and deaths
- Waka and Iwi connections
- Shipping and passenger information
- Naturalisation records
- Directories and electoral rolls
- Education, churches and hospitals
- Local history
- Employment and companies
- Government and justice
- Biographical resources
- Historical and current newspapers
- War records and information
- Māori battalion information
- Iwi newspapers and magazines

Electronic Resources

Christchurch City Libraries provides free access to the following electronic resources within our libraries:

- Ancestry Library Edition
- Find My Past

You can access My Heritage, other electronic resources and a range of historical newspapers remotely using your library card number and PIN.



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