

## Resource Depositories

### Libraries and Archives in Wellington

#### Wellington City Archives

Most of the holdings of Wellington City Archives can be browsed on line, along with digital images of some photographs. Holdings include local authority records for Wellington city dating back to 1842, and the archives of other Wellington organisations ranging from Wellington Harbour Board to Tawa Community Theatre.

There is also a module which allows searching of the content of Wellington Rate Books from 1863-65.

#### Alexander Turnbull Library and the National Library of New Zealand

The Alexander Turnbull Library is New Zealand's principal research library. It is co-housed with the National Library of New Zealand – Te Puna.

The Alexander Turnbull Library holds extensive printed collections and documentary archives including:

- manuscripts and non-government archives
- the national collection of New Zealand newspapers.

Its pictorial resources encompass not just photographs, maps and ephemera but also:

- The New Zealand Cartoon Archive
- The Archive of New Zealand Music
- The National Oral History Archives of New Zealand.

The following collections are to be found here:

#### The Legal Deposit

The National Library benefits from the compulsory deposit provision of the Copyright Act 1962 amended 1989, and by the National Library Act, 2002, which designates it as the national collection of last resort. Publishers must supply two free copies of every book published in New Zealand to the Library. The National Library holds then a comprehensive national imprint.

#### Early Modern Collections

The Turnbull Library has one of the world's best collections of Milton's works and Miltoniana. Alexander Turnbull collected some 55,000 books as well as thousands of visual images, which were bequeathed to the nation on his death in 1918. This extensive collection of Early Modern period publications has been strengthened over the years.

The Library also holds the complete microfiche collection of Incunables (books printed pre-1501) and the complete microfilm collection of Early Modern English Books 1475 – 1700. It subscribes to the Eighteenth Century Catalogue and is receiving microfilm copies of Eighteenth Century British books as they are published.

#### Pacific Collections

Alexander Turnbull Library also holds extensive microfilm collections on early modern Pacific history through its involvement in two microfilming projects, the PMB (Pacific Manuscripts

Bureau) and AJCP (Australian Joint Copying Project). These make available northern hemisphere sources on the Pacific from 16th century ships' logs and missionary records to government documents like the British Foreign Office and officials' personal papers. The Alexander Turnbull and National Library collections also have extensive collections of U.S. periodicals, especially related to the Western States, Civil War narratives, reports on discovery and exploration, and materials relating to Hawaii and other parts of the Pacific that became incorporated into the U.S.A.

### **Archives New Zealand**

Archives New Zealand was first established in 1926 as the Dominion Archives. Unfortunately, the Hope Gibbons fire in 1952 destroyed some of the early collections. The Dominion Archives became National Archives in 1957 and its functions were enhanced by the Archives Act of that year which empowered it to 'ensure the identification, preservation, and custody and use of records of permanent value'.

Since 2001 Archives has become a separate entity known as Archives New Zealand and from 14 April 2005 is responsible for the Public Records Act. The legislative, executive and judicial branches of government are required to deposit records at Archives New Zealand which provide:

- A record of stewardship of the government of New Zealand
- Evidence of the rights and privileges of New Zealand
- Significant information on the history, culture and development of New Zealand and its peoples.

Archives New Zealand has regional branches in the main centres. Nonetheless, Archives New Zealand in Wellington remains the major repository of government records. Recent archives are still held in departments.

Archives New Zealand collections include National Publicity Studios photographs and the National Film Unit's material from 1941.

### **Parliamentary Library**

The Parliamentary Archives has two sections. The New Zealand Room holds a range of materials, in particular, an extensive collection of newspapers, some of which may not be available in the National Library.

The International Documents Collection holds a good collection of overseas reports and enquiries collected over the years at the request of Parliamentarians and most useful to historians. It holds the last ten years of Select Committee submissions, official publications from overseas governments and intergovernmental organisations, such as the UN, OECD, EU, WTO, ILO, WHO etc., and UK Hansard debates going back to the 17th century. It also holds a complete set of British government publications calendaring and printing, sometimes completely, British historical documents 1200 – 1900.

The collection includes large numbers of U.S. Serial Sets for the Senate and House of Representatives including the Congressional Quarterly for research on topics such as the Ku Klux Klan, immigration and labour legislation, and U.S. expansion into the Pacific.

### **Other Libraries and Repositories**

In addition Wellington has a number of other libraries and public archives of national significance which employ an Archivist. These are research libraries (in general they are non-lending libraries and a number are able to be visited by appointment only):

### **J. C. Beaglehole Room, Victoria University of Wellington**

The J. C. Beaglehole Room has a number of excellent collections such as:

- The Fildes Collection of New Zealand and Pacific material
- The Brancepeth collection of 19th century fiction
- The Stout collection of pamphlets.

It also holds an excellent collection of archives, for instance, of trade union records. The Dan Long Union Library has an excellent Equal Pay archive. This collection is now in the Beaglehole Room.

### **Te Papa/Museum of New Zealand, Hector Library**

The Hector Library is only open to accredited researchers. However, the photographic collections will continue to be open to the public, including the Gordon Burt collection.

### **New Zealand Film and Library Archive**

Holds New Zealand films dating back to film of our soldiers embarking in 1902 for South Africa and the 1907 All Blacks in Britain.

### **New Zealand Historic Places Trust Library**

Holds mainly local and overseas Heritage Protection material as well as some architecture collections. Visual resources for historic places including plans, maps, and photographs are also held there.

### **Waitangi Tribunal Library**

Holds the Tribunal's reports as well as any material presented to the Tribunal in the course of its hearings. It also includes research materials such as media files.

### **Wellington Harbour Board Maritime Museum Library**

Holds excellent shipping records.

### **Wellington Public Library, New Zealand Room**

Has a good newspaper and reference collection.

### **Wellington City Council Archives**

Local bodies are required to keep historic city records under the Local Government Act 1974. The Wellington City Council appointed an archivist in 1994. The Archive is located at 28 Barker Street (off Cambridge Terrace).

## **Private Repositories**

Finally, the head office of a number of businesses and organisations are in Wellington and these private archives are also rich. They are all research libraries which can be visited by appointment only.

### **Bank Archives**

- The ANZ Banking Group Archives
- Bank of New Zealand Archives
- Westpac Banking Corporation Archives.

### **Religious Archives**

- Anglican Church Diocese of Wellington Archives
- Salvation Army Archives
- Society of Mary Archives (the Marist Fathers and Brothers)
- Home of Compassion Archives

- Catholic Church Archdiocese of Wellington.

### **Head Offices of National Organisations**

All of the following organisations have records including oral history archives:

- The Retailers Association of New Zealand holds retailers association records
- The Returned Services Association continues to hold its records
- The New Zealand Educational Institute
- The Nurses Educational Foundation

### **Other**

#### **Libraries and Archives in the USA**

The Online Archival Search Information System OASIS - Harvard provides centralized access to a small but growing percentage of finding aids for archival and manuscript collections at Harvard. These finding aids are detailed descriptions of collections that contain a wide variety of materials, including letters, diaries, photographs, drawings, printed material, and objects.

#### **Libraries and Archives in the Britain**

The British Library is the national library of the United Kingdom and one of the world's greatest libraries.