

Looking for someone?

A guide to researching family & local history at the Hokitika Museum

We have a large collection of material which may be of use in your research.

These are some of our most popular sources:

BIOGRAPHICAL CARD INDEX

Contains thousands of references to West Coast people.

PIONEER FAMILY REGISTER

Contains information on approximately 2,000 West Coast families.

DIRECTORIES AND ELECTORAL ROLLS

A selection of directories and electoral rolls from 1866 to recent times.

CEMETERY RECORDS

Burial registers and/or headstone transcriptions for most West Coast cemeteries.

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES

- St Mary's Catholic Church marriage register index 1865-1913.
- Catholic baptism index.
- Anglican Church records index.
- Presbyterian Church marriage & baptism indexes.
- Waimea Goldfields births and death index 1868-1920.
- A collection of over 4,000 obituaries, funeral sheets etc.
- School admission registers often give date of birth information.

SCHOOL REGISTERS

Indexed transcripts of the registers from:

- **Hokitika area:** Hokitika Primary 1877-1934, Hokitika District High 1908-38, Hokitika Convent 1904-47, St. Mary's (Hokitika) 1910-58, South Beach 1903-26, Mananui 1911-37, Ruatapu Primary 1907-46, Woodstock Primary 1876-1968, Rimu Catholic Primary 1908-41, St Joseph's (Kanieri) 1909-47.
- **Ross area:** Ross 1881-1909 & 1900-1931, Ross Catholic Primary 1910-62.
- **Kumara area:** Kumara 1877, Westbrook 1880-1924.
- **Karamea area:** Karamea 1903-31, Wangapeka 1922-37, Little Wanganui 1906-45, Kongahu 1920-47.
- **Grey area:** Camerons 1918-31, Marsden 1915-30, Blaketown 1909-30, Dobson 1887-1932 (index only), Barrytown (index only).
- **Waiuta:** 1909-51 (index only).
- **South Westland:** Pukekura 1918-30, Jacobs River 1910-1982.

NEWSPAPERS

We have a good collection of local newspapers although there are only a few issues surviving of some newspapers. Some are indexed or partially indexed. Our collection includes:

- *West Coast Times/Hokitika Guardian* (1865-)
- *Kumara Times* (1877-1896)
- *Westland Chronicle* (1917-18)
- *Inangahua Times* (1884-1903)
- *Inangahua Herald* (1872-1898)
- *NZ Celt* (1868), *Westland Observer* (1868), *Leader* (1877), *Hokitika Advertiser* (1865), *Lantern* (1870), *Tomahawk* (1870), *Jackson's Bay Chronicle* (1938-9), *Westland Miner* (1893), and others.

REFERENCE COLLECTIONS

We have a remarkable collection of material relating to South Westland and the Graham family curated by **Dorothy Fletcher** ; also collections from historians, **William Heinz**, **Les Wright**, and **Ed Keown**.

PHOTOGRAPHS

We have a collection of over 25,000 images including prints, glass plates, negatives and digital scans. With our professional photo scanner we can reproduce high quality scans and prints. We have a wide range of Westland and West Coast material.

MORE...

Reference library with over 1,500 publications that relate to the West Coast. *Check catalogue at www.westlib.co.nz*

Hokitika Borough Council rates books 1877 - 1950.

Subject index with thousands of references to a variety of topics.

Maps and plans presently unindexed, but please ask, we may be able to help.

Microfiche, naturalisation, return of free holders, river drownings in New Zealand, Mining accidents and various New Zealand directories.

Index of **cabin passengers** arriving and leaving in Hokitika and Greymouth 1865 - 1871.

Government reports including NZ Gazette Mines Records and Lands and Survey Reports. Please check what years we hold.

Archives: We hold personal papers, ephemera, local government records and company records (including gold mining and sawmilling companies) and much more. **Please ask!**

Introduction

During the height of the gold rushes the West Coast was teeming with people. In the late 1860s for example it has been calculated that about 12 per cent of the total European population of New Zealand lived on the West Coast.

At the Hokitika Museum there is a wealth of information for those researching their family's story and for those wanting to delve into the rich history of the West Coast.

Even if we don't have what you are looking for, staff will be able to offer advice about the best places to look.

How to contact us

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IN-PERSON RESEARCH

\$5 for initial enquiry fee (up to 30 minutes)

\$30 per hour thereafter (or part thereof).

WRITTEN RESEARCH SERVICE

\$60 per hour (\$30 minimum)

Payment must be received at time of request.

Special projects by negotiation.

PHOTOGRAPHS

\$7 A4 Prints on light card

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