



Using the Wilson Collection for Genealogy Research

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Abstract

- The Wilson Collection is a website that indexes many different sets of records that are available for your genealogical research in New Zealand.
- The purpose of this presentation is three-fold.
 - Ensure you are aware of its existence
 - Show you how to search its index and ensure you understand that it is only an index
 - Describe the next steps for you to find a record that has appeared in your search of the indexes. These next steps will differ depending on the type of record that you have found, so we will look at several different types.

Diane WILSON Obituary

WILSON, Diane Ellen Gray QSM JP (nee Poland). Diane died peacefully on 4 June 2023 surrounded by her family. Only daughter of the late Mervyn and Lorraine Poland Born 1 March 1935. Sister and sister in law of Ross Poland and the late John Lewis. Wife of the late J Murray Wilson for 61 years and mother of the late A Jane Hulst and mother in law of Gerard Hulst. Didee of the late Rebecca Hulst and Catherine and her wife Chrissie van der Hulst. Great Grandmother of Alice van der Hulst. Mother of Debra Lockie and mother in law of James Lockie. Didee of J William and Beks Lockie and Euan Lockie and Roosje van der Werff. Diane was cherished and loved by her family and friends and this was reciprocated. Diane especially enjoyed the company of her family and her many visitors after her terminal diagnosis. She remained interested in everything to the end. Aside from a life involved in serving the community her lasting and most satisfying work is the Wilson Collection available at www.wilsoncollection.co.nz At Diane's request a private cremation and family celebration has been held. Her thanks go to the staff of Auckland Hospital and the Mercy Hospice. Communications to PO Box 74212, Greenlane, Auckland 1546

Diane Wilson Obituary – Notes

- The Wilson Collection that we are talking about in this presentation was compiled through the coordination of Diane Wilson over 40 years.
- She died recently and we show here her obituary which appears to be written with future genealogists in mind.

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The Wilson Collection

- The website is at <https://wilsoncollection.co.nz/>
- Simple search box

Search our index

This collection is an index only.

It gives you a series of clues to help with your research. There are no active links – Google is your friend!

Every effort has been made to ensure accuracy of these records, but transcribing is not an exact science, and some of the informants were not literate. Where possible original sources should be followed up.

Below is a search box. Instructions to use to full advantage are under the box.

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First Name	<input type="text" value="robina"/>	Starts With <input type="button" value="v"/>	<input type="button" value="Search"/>
Years	<input type="text"/> - <input type="text"/>		

Surname	First Names	Year	
ANDERSON	Robina	1877	Marr
ANDERSON	Robina	1877	Marr
ANDERSON	Robina	1911	1911-E
ANDERSON	Robina	1923	Marr
ANDERSON	Robina	1925	1925-E
ANDERSON	Robina	1925	1925-E
ANDERSON	Robina	1940	Marr
ANDERSON	Robina Cook	1872	Marr
ANDERSON	Robina Cowan	1969	Bur
ANDERSON	Robina Elvira	1949	Marr
ANDERSON	Robina Mary	1902	Marr
ANDERSON	Robina Smith	1934	Marr
ANDERSON	Robina Sutherland	1930	Marr

Surname	ANDERSON
Forenames	Robina Sutherland
Year	1930
Groom Given Names	John
Groom Surname	MARWICK

> MARWICK, John

> ANDERSON, Robina Sutherland

13 Results

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The Wilson Collection

- Find the Wilson Collection online at <https://wilsoncollection.co.nz/>. It has a simple search box and will return you a list of records in their index that match the names and date range you supply.
- There are no links to the records found in the index. Your next step will be to find that record on another site, possibly a paid for site. It is a great starting point, and can help you to find records that you have not thought about, since they are all indexed together here in one place.
- Selecting a found record will show you the indexed details about that record. This is not the full details as this is just an index, but now you know a record exists to go to look for.
- The links below the record are just a quick way of changing the search box to use that name instead and re-running the search. Quite handy when records with two names on them are found, such as marriage records, now you can quickly run a search for the spouses name.

Different Record Sets



Early Settlers

Includes Census substitutes, Wellington Burgess rolls (1842-1843) and Jury rolls



Burial/Cremation Records

Spanning over 150 years



World War 1

Nominal rolls, Reserves, Defaulters and others



Electoral Rolls

5 significant electoral rolls from 1881, 1893, 1896, 1911 and 1925



Marriage Records

From 1841-1956



Smaller Speciality Indexes

Miscellaneous collections

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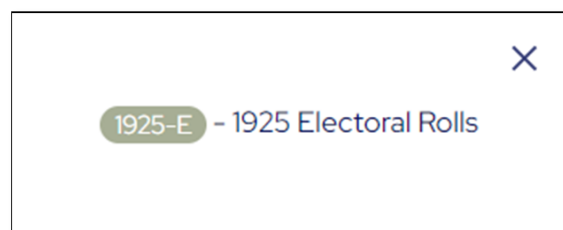
Different Record Sets - Notes

- The indexed records in the Wilson Collection are arranged into six different record sets. We will introduce you to each set and show you how to take the next steps to find a record in each of the sets.
- The different sets are:-
 - Early Settlers
 - Burial/Cremation Records
 - World War I
 - Electoral Rolls
 - Marriage Records
 - Smaller Speciality Indexes

General record advice

- In the in right-hand column there is a marker showing the type of record.
- If the shortened form is not obvious, you can click on it for more details.

ANDERSON	Robina	1877	Marr
ANDERSON	Robina	1877	Marr
ANDERSON	Robina	1911	1911-E
ANDERSON	Robina	1923	Marr
ANDERSON	Robina	1925	1925-E
ANDERSON	Robina	1925	1925-E
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ANDERSON	Robina Cowan	1969	Bur



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General record advice - Notes

- Having typed in your ancestor name and searched, when you get some results you will see various indicators showing where the records are from.
- Many of these will be very obvious, but if they are not, simply click on them to see an unabbreviated version of the record type.

General record advice

The screenshot shows a search interface with the following elements:

- Surname:** Input field containing 'anderson', dropdown menu 'Starts With'.
- First Name:** Input field containing 'robina', dropdown menu 'Starts With'.
- Years:** Two empty input fields separated by a hyphen.
- Search:** A blue button with a magnifying glass icon and the text 'Search'.
- Hide data sources:** A button with a red border and an upward arrow icon.
- Record Sets:** A grid of checkboxes and information icons (i) for various record types:
 - 1881 Electoral Rolls (i)
 - 1893 Electoral Rolls (i)
 - 1896 Electoral Rolls (i)
 - 1911 Electoral Rolls (i)
 - 1925 Electoral Rolls (i)
 - Burial Locator (i)
 - Burials, Purewa (i)
 - Cremations, Purewa (i)
 - Burials, Catholics (i)
 - RSA (i)
 - Burials, St Pauls, TC Index (i)
 - Cemeteries, PN Index (i)
 - Hillsborough
 - Passenger Lists
 - Maori Marriages
 - WWI Service Pe
 - Births Pre-1846
 - NZ Engineering

A modal window titled 'Electoral Rolls' is open, showing information for the year 1881:

Electoral Rolls

1881

In 1879, all men in New Zealand (except aliens and those in prison) were granted the right to vote for Members of the Provincial Councils and the House of Representatives. They needed to have resided in the Colony for one year and in the electorate for six months prior to the election.

"The New Zealand Electoral Atlas" by Alan McRobie (1989) contains maps showing changes in electoral boundaries from 1853-1987.

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General record advice - Notes

- For even more information about each type of record, go to the search box area, and on the right you will see a button titled "Show data sources". Clicking on this will open up a section which allows you to be more specific in your search, in that you can select only to search in specific record sets. However, it is also very useful because it provides detailed additional information about each type record.
- Click on the 'i' symbol to the right of each type name to read more about it.

Early Settlers

Early Settlers	Sett
Wairau Petition	Wair



Burial/Cremation Records

Burial Locator	Bur
Burials, Purewa	Pur-B
Cremations, Purewa	Pur-C
Burials, Catholics	Cath-Bur
RSA	RSA
Burials, St Pauls, TC Index	TC-Burial
Cemeteries, PN Index	PN-Cem
Hillsborough Cemetery Database	Hills-B
Deaths Pre-1846, TC Index	TC-Death
Te Puke Death Notices	TePuk



World War I Records

WWI Service Personnel	WWI
WWI Deaths in UK	WWI-UK
Boer War Roll of Honour	Boer



Electoral Rolls

1881 Electoral Rolls	1881-E
1893 Electoral Rolls	1893-E
1896 Electoral Rolls	1896-E
1911 Electoral Rolls	1911-E
1925 Electoral Rolls	1925-E



Marriage Records

Marriages 1830-1960	Marr
Marriages Pre-1846, TC Index	TC-Marr
Maori Marriages	MM



Smaller Speciality Records

Passenger Lists, TC Index	TC-Pass
Passenger Lists, Various	Pass
Baptisms, Catholics	Cath-Bap
Schools, PN Index	PN-School
Sheep Owners	SO
Births Pre-1846, TC Index	TC-Birth
Hokianga, PN Index	PN-Hok
Northern Luminary, PN Index	PN-NthLum
HOR Journals, PN Index	PN-Journal
NZ Engineering Biographical	NZ-Eng
Auckland Game Licenses	Game-AK
Bay of Plenty Game Licenses	Game-BOP



Early Settlers - Example

- Searching for Edward Pentecost in the Early Settlers records we get two hits.

Surname	First Names	Year	
PENTECOST	Edward	1858	Sett
PENTECOST	Edward	1860	Sett



- These are both indexing items in the Lyttelton Times on two different dates:-
 - 10 Feb 1858
 - 19 May 1860
- Since these are newspaper stories, our first stop is Paper's Past

Surname	PENTECOST
Forenames	Edward
Year	1858
Canonical Year	1858
District	Province Of Canterbury
Location	Rangiora
Occupation	Farmer
Record Source	Lyttelton Times 10 Feb 1858

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Early Settlers – Example - Notes

- We're going to look at an example of finding a record in the Early Settlers records and where to go next.
- Our example is looking for Edward Pentecost. Searching the Wilson Collection for him shows two indexed records in the Early Settlers record set. Both records are indexing newspaper items in the Lyttelton Times.
- Since we're looking for a newspaper item, our next step is to go to the Paper's Past website to find the actual newspaper item.

Finding items in Newspapers



māori english

Newspapers

Search NEWSPAPERS

edward pentecost farmer

All content
 Ngā Tānga Reo Māori only

[What is Ngā Tānga Reo Māori?](#)

Filter

Between dates

10 Feb 1858 to 10 Feb 1858 >

Title

Lyttelton Times >

Pick the publications for your search

Select all

Canterbury

Akaroa Mail and Banks Peninsula Advertiser

Ashburton Guardian

Lyttelton Times

North Canterbury Gazette

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Finding items in Newspapers - Notes

- In Paper's Past, we choose to look at newspapers
- In the search of newspapers, we add the two names, and the occupation that was mentioned in the index.
- We select the exact date that we got from the index.
- We select the specific newspaper that we got from the index. Easiest way to do this is to first deselect everything (by unchecking the "Select all" box) and ticking the single newspaper we are after.

Navigating pages in Papers Past

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Navigating pages in Papers Past - Notes

- Our search returns a single item which is actually a portion of a multi-page item, so we move from looking at a portion of a page, to looking at the whole page. Then we look at the previous page to finally find the title of the newspaper item.

Finding our newspaper items

FEB. 10

PROPOSED JURY LIST FOR THE PROVINCE OF CANTERBURY

FOR THE ENSUING YEAR.

Abrahams, Thomas; Winchester street, Lyttelton, carpenter
Adams, William James; Armagh street, Christchurch, boot and shoe maker
Adley, Antilla Alfred; Avon-side, farmer
Aikman, John Campbell; Heathcote ferry, agent
Aldridge, John; Kaiapoi, freeholder
Allchin, Henry; Manchester street, Christchurch, labourer

Pearce, George; Lyttelton, carpenter
Peele, Thos. Fredk.; Isis farm, gentleman
Pengelly, William; Gloucester street, Christchurch, tailor
Pentecost, Edward; Rangiora, farmer
Pepper, George; Tuam street east, Christchurch, cooper
Perrin, James; Kaiapoi, wheelwright
Perceval, Westby Hawkshaw; Governor's bay, gentleman

JURY LIST FOR 1860.

LIST OF PERSONS qualified and liable to Serve as JURORS, within twenty miles of the Resident Magistrate's Office, Christchurch.

Abbott, Robert, Dampier's bay, Lyttelton, carpenter
Able, Richard, Rangiora, bushman
Abrahams, Thomas, Winchester street, Lyttelton, stonemason
Adams, Thomas Kinnersly, Montreal street, Christchurch, inspector of sheep
Adams, William James, Sumner road, Christchurch, cordwainer
Adley, Antilla Alfred, Charles street, Kaiapoi, writing clerk

Pemberton, Charles Ffrench, Rangiora, surveyor
Pengelly, William, Sumner road, Christchurch, tailor
Pentecost, Edward, Rangiora, farmer
Pentecost, William, Rangiora, farmer
Pepper, George, Tuam st, Christchurch, cooper
Perceval, Spencer Arthur, Cambridge terrace, Christchurch, stock owner

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Finding our newspaper items - Notes

- Here are the two newspaper items that were indexed in the Wilson Collection. These are both Jury lists, one for 1858 and one for 1860.

Burial Record - Example

- Searching for William George Skudder in the Burial Locator records we get one record in the “Seton Kellaway Collection”.



Surname	First Names	Year
SKUDDER	William George	1984 Bur

Surname	SKUDDER
Forenames	William George
Year	1984
Age	96
Category	Newspaper clippings
Location	Seton Kellaway Collection Vol 13
Record Number	705
Record Origin	Seton Kellaway Collection FRC Library

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Burial Record – Example – Notes

- We’re going to look at an example of finding a record in the Burial records and where to go next.
- Our example is looking for William George Skudder. Searching the Wilson Collection for him shows one indexed record in the Burial record set. It is part of a collection called “Seton Kellaway Collection”.
- Since we have not heard of this collection our next step is to do a web search to find out more.

Seton Kellaway Collection

- Enid Seton-Kellaway collection
 - Death notices from New Zealand newspapers, 1957-1984.
 - Microfilm – Tauranga library among others.

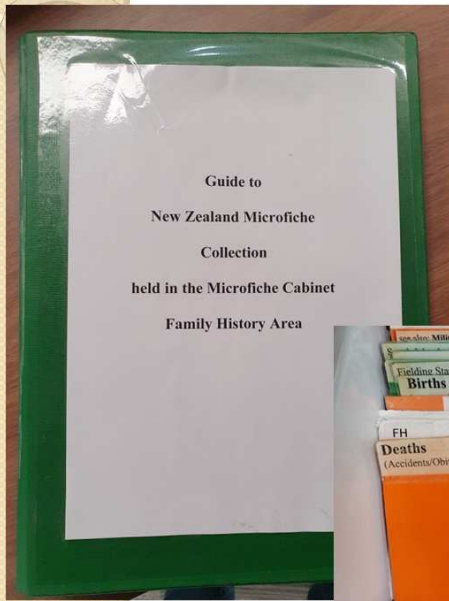


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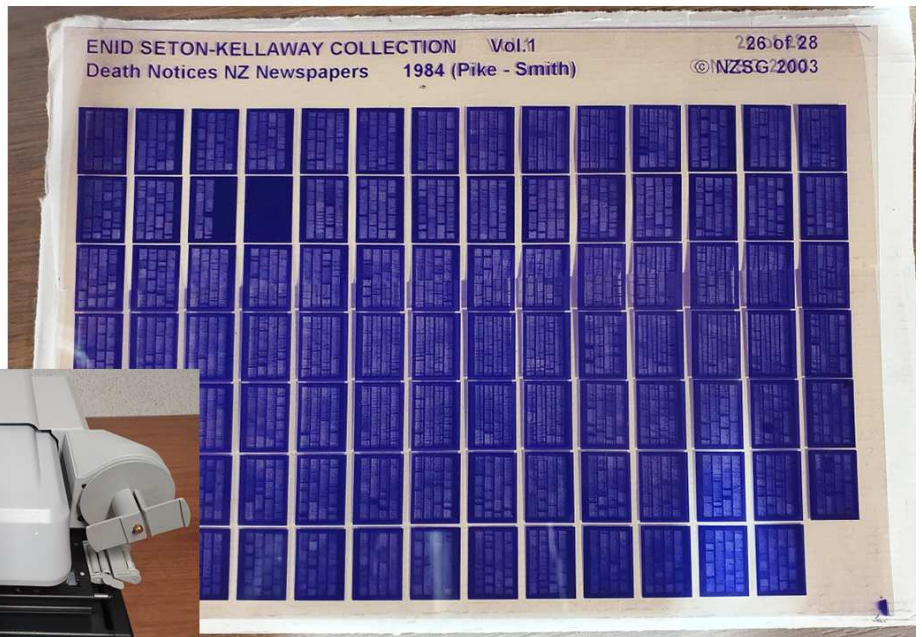
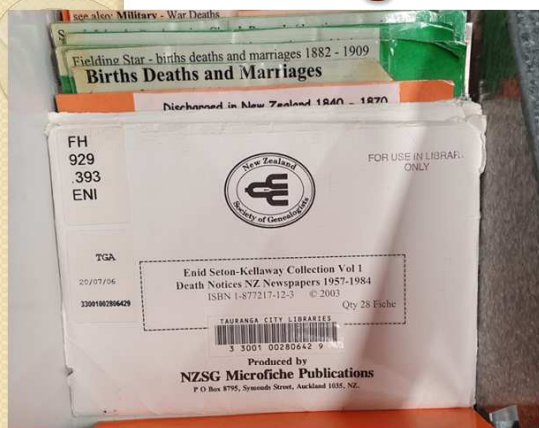
Seton Kellaway Collection - Notes

- A web search tells us a bit more about this collection that we haven't come across before.
- The Enid Seton-Kellaway collection is a compilation of death notices from New Zealand newspapers, 1957-1984. Microfilm is available at 17 Auckland Libraries and libraries throughout the country including Tauranga Library.

Finding the Seton Kellaway Collection



Finding the Seton Kellaway Collection



Finding the Seton Kellaway Collection

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D E A T H S - 1984

SKINNER, James. On April 28, 1984, at Middlemore Hospital, dearly beloved husband of Grace (10A Chichester Drive, Penketh), much-loved father of

SKINNER, Paul David Fraser. On June 7, 1984, at Auckland, loved husband of Marama, and loved father of Susan, Sean and Julie. Funeral notice later. Communi-

SKLENARS, Maurice Vincent (Regt. No 7179, 19th Battalion, 2nd Ech. Second World War, POW Stilag No 18A). On May 20, 1984 (peacefully), at Hawera

SKURR, John Edward — On May 20, 1984, at Oxford Hospital (late of Waddington), loved husband of the late

SKUDDER, William George. On May 12, 1984, in Kaeo Hospital, dearly loved husband of the late Hazel, father and father-in-law of Les and Agnes (Kerikeri), Alan (Whangaroa), Beryl and Kevin Lacey (Whangarei), Shirley and Ken Freeth (Auckland), grandfather of eight, great-grandfather of 16, great-great-grandfather of two; in his 97th year. His funeral service will be held in St James Church, Kerikeri, today (Tuesday), at 11 am.

SKUDDER, William George. Loved father of Shirley, and respected father-in-law of Ken. How sadly you will be missed our dad.

SKUDDER, William George. Loved granddad of Keryn and Derek, great-granddad of Zoe and Andre. May you have a safe journey.

SKUDDER, William George. Loved granddad of Wayne and Claire, great-granddad of Cathy, Coline and Matthew. In our hearts and thoughts always.

SKUDDER, William George. On May 12, 1984 (peacefully), at Kaeo Hospital (after a short illness). Beloved eldest son of the late William and Agnes, highly esteemed brother of Harriet Pentecost (Te Aroha), Harold (Kerikeri), May Ralls (Whangarei), Eunice Chatfield (Kerikeri), Ronald (Northcote), and the late Arthur, Charles, Alfred, Agnes (Sanders), Frances (Donaldson), Madge (Leclerc), and infant Evelyn; aged 97 years. Interred at St James Churchyard, Kerikeri.

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Finding the Seton Kellaway Collection

- It took us a while to locate this very small collection.
- On top of the set of drawers that contain all the microfiche there is a folder containing a guide to all the different collections. In there we found mention of the Enid Seton Kellaway Collection and it said it was a White Envelope. From the page we were reading we knew it was in Drawer 4 and from the top of the page it said it was in the Orange section.
- Right at the start of the orange section, there was the White Envelope. This envelope contained 28 microfiche sheets. From the information we learned from the index, we were looking for a 1984 record which covered the surname Skudder. This was sheet 26 of 28.
- We initially put it in the basic microfiche reader to read the record, and then we used the more high tech microfilm reader than can give you a image file as output.
- From the index we know it is record number 705 – which takes us to the page. Then we view it to find the record for William George Skudder.

World War I Records – Example

Surname	DES BARRES
Forenames	Clifford Stuart
Category	Nominal Roll Vol. 2



WW1 Service Records

Further information may be available from NZ Archives (Archway) site or the Cenotaph site at Auckland Museum Library. A charge may apply.

Occupation	Picture-show Manager
Page	4
Rank	Corporal
Regimental Number	10747
Roll	31

- Searching for Clifford Stuart Des Barres in the WWI records we get one indexed record.

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WWI Record – Example – Notes

- We're going to look at an example of finding a war record and where to go next.
- Our example is looking for Clifford Stuart Des Barres. Searching the Wilson Collection for him shows one indexed record in the WWI record set.
- Reading the help for the WWI record set, it says:
 - “Further information may be available from NZ Archives (Archway) site or the Cenotaph site at Auckland Museum Library. A charge may apply.”
- So we'll go and look in the those two sites.

Search the archives



DES BARRES, Clifford Stuart ...

R20996776

Wellington repository

Physical

1914 - 1916



DES BARRES Clifford Stuart -...

R21444783

Auckland repository

Physical

1917 - 1917




Actually have
online images

Archway NZ - Notes

- To search Archway NZ go to <https://collections.archives.govt.nz/> and provide the name in the search box.
- In our example, searching for Clifford Stuart Des Barres, two records are returned. While they do both say “Physical” in the result list, clicking on each record in turn shows that there are also online views of these records. The first is 26 images and the second is 15 images. There’s a lot of information in these records.

Online Cenotaph

 Find a person

 Search by keyword

Name/Service number [?]

Clifford Stuart Des Barres

Wars and conflicts [?]


Any war or conflict

SEARCH >

Displaying 1 - 1 of 1 record

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Relevance ▾

Photo	Family name	First names	Force	Wars	Service #
	<u>Des Barres</u>	John Clifford Stuart	Army	World War I, 1914-1918	10747

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Online Cenotaph – Notes

- To search the online cenotaph go to <https://www.aucklandmuseum.com/war-memorial/online-cenotaph> and type in either the name or the service number (which we also had in the index from the Wilson Collection) to find the record.
- In our example, searching for Clifford Stuart Des Barres, we find a cenotaph record which also links to the previous records in Archway NZ.

Electoral Rolls - Example

- Searching for William Parsonson Anderson in the Electoral Rolls we get one indexed item.
- Can use Ancestry or Find My Past to get full record.



Surname	First Names	Year
ANDERSON	William Parsonson	1881 1881-E

Surname	ANDERSON
Forenames	William Parsonson
Year	1881
Electorate	Mount Ida
Nature Of Qualification	Residential
Occupation	Miner
Place Of Residence	Sowburn
Record Number	17

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Electoral Rolls – Example – Notes

- We're going to look at an example of finding a record in the Electoral Rolls and where to go next.
- Our example is looking for William Parsonson Anderson. Searching the Wilson Collection for him shows one indexed Electoral roll.
- Since we're looking for an electoral roll we can use either Ancestry or Find My Past, both of which are free to use in the library.

Electoral Rolls on Ancestry

The screenshot shows the Ancestry website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'ancestryLibrary', 'Home', 'Search', and 'Message Board'. A dropdown menu is open, showing 'All Categories', 'Census & Voter Lists' (highlighted with a red box), 'Birth, Marriage & Death', 'Military', 'Immigration & Travel', and 'Card Catalog'. Below the menu, there are three search results for 'New Zealand, Electoral Rolls, 1853-1981, 1900s (century)'. Each result includes a 'View' button and details for Name and Residence. The search form on the right is titled 'Census and Voter Lists' and includes a 'Search' button, a 'Match all terms exactly' checkbox, and input fields for 'First & Middle Name(s)', 'Last Name', 'Birth', 'Year', and 'Location'. The search results show 'William Parsonson Anderson' with a residence of '1880-1881 New Zealand'.

Electoral Rolls on Ancestry – Notes

- The Ancestry website is one way to view the New Zealand electoral rolls. The images are available on Ancestry.
- Remember that you can use the Library to access the Ancestry website for free.
- To find electoral rolls, search within the “census and voter lists” section.

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Electoral Rolls on Find My Past

Your search Clear All

First name(s)
William Parsonson X

Include name variants ⓘ

Last name
Anderson X

Include name variants ⓘ

Year Of Birth Give or take
e.g. 1874 ± 2yrs X

Year Of Death Give or take
e.g. 1965 ± 2yrs X

Year Give or take
1881 ± 0yrs X

Location
New Zealand X

William Parsonson Anderson in 1881
New Zealand Electoral Rolls
New Zealand
Print

Transcript of William Parsonson's record Copy to clipboard

First name(s)	William Parsonson	Property qualification	-
Last name	Anderson	Country	New Zealand
Electoral year	1881	Record set	New Zealand Electoral Rolls
Occupation	Miner	Category	Census, Land & Substitutes
Residence	Sowburn	Subcategory	Electoral Rolls
Electorate	Mount Ida	Collections from	Australasia
Qualification	Residential		

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No image on FMP

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Electoral Rolls on Find My Past – Notes

- The Find My Past website is one way to view the New Zealand electoral rolls. The images are not available on Find My Past.
- Remember that you can use the Library to access the Find My Past website for free.

Marriage Records - Example

- Searching for Andrew Honyman Bennie in the Marriage Records we get two indexed newspaper reports:-
 - Hawera & Normanby Star
 - The Dominion
- From the index we also learn:
 - **Bride: Christina Arthur Taylor**
 - **Marriage Place: Presbyterian Manse, Hawera.**



Surname	First Names	Year	
BENNIE	Andrew Honyman	1920	Marr
BENNIE	Andrew Honyman	1920	Marr

Surname	BENNIE
Forenames	Andrew Honyman
Year	1920
Place Of Marriage	Presbyterian Manse, Hawera
Source Of Data	Hawera & Normanby Star
Bride Given Names	Christina Arthur
Bride Surname	TAYLOR

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Marriage Record – Example – Notes

- We're going to look at an example of finding a record in the Marriage records and where to go next.
- Our example is looking for Andrew Honyman Bennie. Searching the Wilson Collection for him shows two indexed records in the Marriage record set. Both records are indexing newspaper items, in two different newspapers, but likely the same article in both.
- Since we're looking for a newspaper item, our next step is to go to the Paper's Past website to find the actual newspaper items.

Finding our newspaper items

Newspapers

Search NEWSPAPERS

Andrew Bennie

Filter

Between dates

1 Jan 1920 to 31 Dec 1920

Title

2 titles

Content types

All types of content

Clear search

WOMAN'S

MARRIAGE

BENNIE—TAYLOR.—At the Presbyterian Manse, Hawera, on Saturday, November 6th, 1920, Andrew Hornyman Bennie (late R.N.Z.F.A.) to Christina Taylor, of Falkirk, Scotland.

MATTERS OF INTEREST

SOCIETY

A very quiet wedding took place at the Presbyterian Manse, Hawera, on Saturday, when Mr. Andrew H. Bennie (Military Medal and Bar), late N.Z.F.A., and only son of Mr. A. H. Bennie, late of Wellington, was married to Miss Chrissie A. Taylor, of Falkirk, Scotland. The bride, who wore a white georgette gown with pearl trimmings, and white lace hat to match, was attended by Miss Ethel Tait (niece of the bridegroom) as bridesmaid. The Rev. H. B. Gray performed the ceremony.






Finding our newspaper items - Notes

- In Paper's Past, we choose to look at newspapers
- In the search of newspapers, we start with all three names, Andrew Honyman Bennie, but when we find nothing, we remove the middle name.
- We select the whole year of 1920, since the index doesn't give us an exact date.
- We select the two specific newspapers that we got from the index. Easiest way to do this is to first deselect everything (by unchecking the "Select all" box) and ticking the two individual newspapers we are after.
- The Dominion newspaper has a lovely description of the wedding in a section entitled "Women's World" by "Imogen".
- The Hawera & Normanby Star newspaper has a rather more succinct description. Both have some quite helpful genealogical details though.

Smaller Speciality Records - Example

- Each of these are Very Different – unique next steps.
 - Read the help! Use Web Searches
- We found one example searching for Alexander Vallance in the Sheep Owners.



Surname	First Names	Year
VALLANCE	Alexander	1879 
VALLANCE	Alexander	1884 
VALLANCE	Alexander	1885 
VALLANCE	Alexander	1886 
VALLANCE	Alexander	1888 

Surname	VALLANCE
Forenames	Alexander
Year	1879
County	Ashley
District	Canterbury And Westland
Location	Sefton
Subdivision	North Canterbury

Speciality Records – Example – Notes

- All these indexes are very different and are from different places, and thus have different follow up steps.
- Our best advice is to read what the help says, and to use web searches to find out more about the collection. This should help you to find where to go next.
- We have got an example from one of the speciality record sets though.
- Our example is looking for Alexander Vallance who we found in the Sheep Owners index.
- A brief web search shows us that this collection is available again on both Ancestry and Find My Past. As with the earlier collection we showed, remember that you can access both these website for free from the library.

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Finding Sheep Owner record: Ancestry

Search > Wills, Probates, Land, Tax & Criminal

New Zealand, Sheep Returns, Owners and Officers, 1879-1889

Search

Match all terms exactly

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RETURN of Sheepowners and of Sheep and Lambs in the Canterbury Northern Subdivision—*continued.*

Name of Owner.	Run or Farm.	Post Office.	No. of Sheep.	Rate.
Vallance, Alexr.	...	Sefton	120	£ s. d. 0 4 0
Woodhouse, R.	...	Amberley	1870	1 18 0
White, J. S.	...	Ohoka	2697	2 14 0
Warnall, S.	...	Leithfield	101	0 4 0

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Finding Sheep Owner record: Ancestry

- You can find the record set through the card catalog on Ancestry, or, as you can see from the screenshot, it is part of the “Wills, Probates, Land, Tax & Criminal” section.
- The images are available on Ancestry.

Finding Sheep Owner record: FMP

Alexander Vallance in 1881

 New Zealand: Sheep-Farmers 1881-1918

 Sefton, Australasia

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Transcript of Alexander's record

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First name(s)	Alexander	Sheep owned 1	120 in 1879
Last name	Vallance	Sheep owned 2	-
Year	1881	Sheep owned 3	0 in 1881
Address	Sefton	Country	New Zealand
Sub-division	North Canterbury	Category	Education & work
District	Canterbury & Westland	Subcategory	Farming & Agriculture
County	Ashley	Collections from	Australasia

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Finding Sheep Owner record: FMP

- Using the Find My Past collection entitled “NEW ZEALAND: SHEEP FARMERS 1881-1918” you can see a transcript of the record shown in the index.



Wilson Collection Summary

- A marvellous collection of indexes
- Give you an idea of what is out there
- Does not supply the actual record – only an index

- Hopefully we've shown you how to take the next step to getting the record.