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Title

How did that Kiwi get in your tree? Researching your New Zealand ancestors online with Auckland Libraries

Summary

Then, as now, we travelled freely back and forth across the Tasman, so a high proportion of Australians have New Zealanders in their family trees.

Research your New Zealand connections online, take a trip through Auckland Libraries' eResources using a colonial family as a case study.

Abstract

Sir George Grey was Governor of South Australia, Governor of New Zealand twice, and Cape Colonies. He had also been Premier of New Zealand.

A bibliophile and amateur anthropologist, he gifted his library – some 14,000 volumes to Auckland Libraries, and later also gave his personal correspondence, including some 3000 letters.

Sir George's gift has been added to over time, to include gifts from others including manuscripts, letters, photograph collections and a wide variety of other materials.

Sir George Grey Special Collections contains many valuable manuscripts and early New Zealand material. Much of which has been indexed into an online database, and is slowly being digitised so that the digitised originals are available online.

Take a trip through our family history eResources and see what information opens up to you – and see this case study's family transported back in time to their origins in the UK.

Audience

All levels