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### **Title**

Migration to New Zealand – including trans-Tasman Travel

### **Summary**

The first immigrants to New Zealand came from New South Wales in 1814 a little over two hundred years ago. Since then there have been many schemes providing immigrants to New Zealand. However, most of these originate in the United Kingdom.

### **Abstract**

New Zealand is a small country but its terrain was steep and covered by trees and scrub. As a result overland travel was extremely difficult in the seventeenth, eighteenth and early twentieth centuries. Most travel was by boats of varying sizes around the islands and therefore there were a great many ports where immigrants entered. This lecture focuses on where these ports were, the various schemes for immigration and where to find the records – if they exist.

### **Audience**

All levels