

Accessible New Zealand census records that name people

All accessible New Zealand census records naming people that I have found so far are listed below. Please tell me about other surviving records or any errors for a future update (contact details below).

- The criteria for inclusion are that:
- 1. the record was, or appears to have been, compiled with the intention of counting all Europeans and/or Maori living within a defined area, and
 - 2. any of those counted are named, whether just a few or everyone, and
 - 3. the record is now accessible to the public.

All sorts of lists of names survive, e.g., electoral rolls, directories, jury lists, militia lists, rate books, school registers and lists of Maori communal landowners. While they may serve as census *substitutes*, if they do not meet the above criteria then they are excluded from the tables below. A few records below may appear to be lists of property owners, rather than a census, but they are the only surviving part of a census record. Virtually all surviving census records over 100 years old are accessible to the public. The important inaccessible ones that name people are the surviving national census returns since 1966, but they may become accessible after 100 years.

Table 1: This table summarises the coverage of the surviving records, which are individually listed in more detail in Table 2.

Region	1837-38	1839	1841	1842	1843	1844	1845	1846	1847	1848	1849	1850	1851	1852	1853	1854	1855	1856	1857	1858	1860	1861	1862	1863	1864	1867	1868	1874	1877	1878	1889	1891	1894	1896	1906	1921
Northland	E	E	M					E																												
Auckland	E		M	E	E	E	E	E					E																	M						
Waikato	E		M			M														M										M						
Taranaki						E		E	M					E							E															
Coromandel	E		M																																	
Bay of Plenty	E		M																																	
East Cape	E		M																											M						
Hawkes Bay	E		M																		B															
Whanganui			M	E	B		M	M					M		M			M						M				M	M	M					M	
Manawatu			M									M																			M					
Horowhenua			M									M																			M					
Wairarapa			M								M	M																								
Wellington	E		M	M						E	M	M																		M					E	
Nelson			M				E			E	E		M										M				M									
Marlborough			M		M	M				E	B		M														M				M		M	M		
Canterbury			M		B	B				M					M												M					M		M		
Westland										M				M						M							M					M				
Otago					B	B				B	B	E	B	B	B	E	E	E	E	E							M					M				
Southland					B	B				B		M	B	B	M										H	H	M					M				
Chatham Islands																					M				M		M									

E = European, M = Maori, B = both European and Maori, H = mixed European-Maori ancestry (“half-caste”) only

Table 2: This table describes the surviving records in date order.

The columns in this table need some explanation:

“**Date**” **column** is the date the census was taken. Some censuses were taken over days or weeks, depending on the collectors’ speed in moving through the areas covered. Even when a census had an official date, the information recorded may have been collected over a longer period and this isn’t always clear in the records. Dates in [] are inferred, either from internal evidence or from other records, when the date isn’t explicitly stated. Dates stated only as a year could be narrowed down with further research in other records.

“**Places**” **column** shows the approximate places covered in each record. Modern place names have been used for easier identification. For example, an 1848 census, which has a contemporary description of the area covered as "Jacob's River, New River, Bluff, Ruapuke, Murray's River Stu. Id., Neck", is modernised as “Riverton to Bluff, Ruapuke Island, Stewart Island”.

“**Contents**” **columns** broadly describe the contents of each census record. All but 3 columns share the same set of abbreviations to indicate the information recorded. They are explained in this key:

All columns, except 3 columns explained further on	
Y	Yes, the census has the information in the column heading
S	Some entries in the census have the information in the column heading
blank	The census does not have the information in the column heading

The 3 columns that have unique sets of abbreviations to indicate the information recorded are explained in these keys:

“Who included” column	
E	Europeans only, but often including Maori and those with mixed European-Maori ancestry living in European households
M	Maori only, but often including Europeans and those with mixed European-Maori ancestry living in Maori communities
B	Both European and Maori
H	Mixed European-Maori ancestry (“half-caste”) only

“Names” column	
A	Adults only
E	Everyone
F	Farm (land, buildings and livestock) owners only
H	Family/household heads only
H+	Family/household heads and adults living with other families only
L	Community leaders only

“Age” column	
Y	Yes, age is stated
S	Sometimes age is stated
A	“Adult” or “child” is stated
blank	Age is not stated

“Source” column shows where the records are held and their reference details. Abbreviations are used for the repositories holding the records:

AML	Auckland War Memorial Museum Library, Auckland Domain, Auckland	www.aucklandmuseum.com/discover/library
ANC	Archives New Zealand, 15 Harvard Ave, Wigram, Christchurch	www.archives.govt.nz
ANZ	Archives New Zealand, 10 Mulgrave St, Thorndon, Wellington	www.archives.govt.nz
ATL	Alexander Turnbull Library, 70 Molesworth St, Thorndon, Wellington	natlib.govt.nz
CCL	Central City Library, 44-46 Lorne St, Auckland	www.aucklandlibraries.govt.nz
HC	Hocken Collections, University of Otago Library, 90 Anzac Ave, Dunedin	www.otago.ac.nz/library/hocken
NL	National Library of New Zealand, 70 Molesworth St, Thorndon, Wellington	natlib.govt.nz
NPL	New Plymouth Library, Puke Ariki, 1 Ariki St, New Plymouth	pukeariki.com
OSM	Toitu Otago Settlers Museum, 31 Queens Gardens, Dunedin	www.toituosm.com
WRM	Whanganui Regional Museum, Queens Park, Watt Street, Whanganui	www.wrm.org.nz

Where the repository is the National Library, the source is a publication, which may also exist in other major libraries.

“Images” column has hyperlinks to digitised images available on the web for some of the census records.

“Copies, extracts, indexes and notes” column shows which census records have been copied or indexed. Notes explain aspects of the records.

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Articles on New Zealand censuses:

Hansen, Donald. “Forgotten but not gone: some early New Zealand census returns”. The New Zealand Genealogist. Vol. 42, no. 329. May/Jun 2011. pp.115-121.
<https://genealogy.org.nz/NZG-Digital-Magazines/11094/>
NZSG subscription required. An 1891 South Island Maori census was explicitly excluded, in error, from the list of censuses in the article, but is included in Tables 1 and 2 here.

Hansen, Donald. *The Empire Census: New Zealand's first national census in 1851*. (2017). Alexander Turnbull Library, Wellington. MSDL-3780.
https://ndhadeliver.natlib.govt.nz/delivery/DeliveryManagerServlet?dps_pid=IE30035271&dps_custom_att_1=emu

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		Who included	Names	Sex	Age	Ethnicity	Residence	Occupation	Marital status	Relationships	Religion	Literacy	Immigration	Where from	Vital events	Land	Agriculture	Buildings	Employees	Other details				
[1837-38]	Northland, Manukau, Waikato, Kawhia, Thames, Coromandel, Whitianga, Tauranga, Matamata, Rotorua, Hicks Bay, Hawkes Bay, Mana Island	E	H			Y	Y	Y		Y				S							ATL	qMS-0344. James Busby. Despatches from the British Resident. 1833-39.	https://natlib.govt.nz/records/23196751?search%5Bpath%5D=items&search%5Btext%5D=qMS-0344	Note: Date inferred by matching with names listed on website "Pre-1839 foreigners in NZ" at sites.google.com/site/pre1839settlersinnz.
1838	Hokianga Harbour	E	H				Y	Y		Y											ATL	qMS-0344. James Busby. Despatches from the British Resident. 1833-39.	https://natlib.govt.nz/records/23196751?search%5Bpath%5D=items&search%5Btext%5D=qMS-0344	Images and transcript: www.ourhokianga.com/census1838.htm.
1839	Bay of Islands to Doubtless Bay to Kaitaia	E	H			Y	Y	Y		Y				S							ATL	qMS-0344. James Busby. Despatches from the British Resident. 1833-39.	https://natlib.govt.nz/records/23196751?search%5Bpath%5D=items&search%5Btext%5D=qMS-0344	Note: Update to the 1837-38 census in qMS-0344.
1841	Northland to Waikato to East Cape to Wellington to Whanganui, Cloudy Bay to Riwaka, Banks Peninsula	M	L			Y	Y	Y												Y	ATL	MSDL-0800. NZ Company. Report from Commissioner for the Management of Native Reserves. 11 Nov 1841.	https://ndhadeliver.natlib.govt.nz/content-aggregator/gettEs?system=emu&id=69546	Printed copy at AML, ATL and HC: <i>Third Report from the Select Committee of the House of Lords on Colonization from Ireland; together with an Appendix; and an Index to Minutes of Evidence taken in Sessions 1847 and 1847-8.</i> (The House of Commons, 1849). pp.3740.
1841	Lyttelton Harbour, Port Levy	M	E	S				S													ATL	MSDL-0800. NZ Company. Report from Commissioner for the Management of Native Reserves. 11 Nov 1841.	https://ndhadeliver.natlib.govt.nz/content-aggregator/gettEs?system=emu&id=69546	Printed copy at AML, ATL and HC: <i>Third Report from the Select Committee of the House of Lords on Colonization from Ireland; together with an Appendix; and an Index to Minutes of Evidence taken in Sessions 1847 and 1847-8.</i> (The House of Commons, 1849). p.30.
1841	Wellington Harbour	M	E	S	A	S	Y	S													AML ATL HC	<i>Third Report from the Select Committee of the House of Lords on Colonization from Ireland; together with an Appendix; and an Index to Minutes of Evidence taken in Sessions 1847 and 1847-8.</i> (The House of Commons, 1849). pp.31-36.		
[1842 Feb]	Wellington	M	E	S	A	Y	Y														ANZ	R17497693 AAYZ 8971/NZC3/2/2. NZ Company. Despatches from Principal Agent, Wellington. 1842. pp.192-201.		Note: Date inferred from accompanying despatches dated 5 to 11 Feb 1842.
1842 Jul 1	Wellington Harbour	M	E	Y	A	S	Y														ANZ	R24749913 ACGO 8333/IA1/14/[14]/1842/1299. Colonial Secretary. Inwards correspondence. 1842.		
1842	Auckland	E	H				Y	Y		Y	Y							Y			CCL	NZMS-0025. Police Office, Auckland. Census book. 1841-46.	https://kura.aucklandlibraries.govt.nz/digital/collection/manuscripts/id/15089	Photocopy: FAM/2/NZL/CEN/AKD. Auckland Police Census 1842-46.
1842	Whanganui	E	F												Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		WRM	1953.29.31. Laura Harper Papers. Census of Europeans, Whanganui. 1842.		
1843 Jun 7-26	Pipiriki to Whanganui to Oroua River	M	E	Y	A	Y	Y	S	S		Y									S	CCL	GNZMS 297/14. Rev Richard Taylor. Journal and register of baptisms, marriages, burials and communicants. 1842-43. pp.45-60, 62.		
1843 Jun 15-17	Whanganui	E	A		A					Y										S	CCL	GNZMS 297/14. Rev Richard Taylor. Journal and register of baptisms, marriages, burials and communicants. 1842-43. pp.60-61.		
1843 [Jun 15-17]	Whanganui	E	E	Y	A			Y	Y							Y	Y				WRM	1953.29.5. Laura Harper Papers. Census of Europeans, Whanganui. 1843.		Typed copy at ATL: qMS-2116.
1843 [ca Nov]	Waikouaiti to Moeraki	E	H			S	Y	Y	S	Y			Y	S			Y			S	HC	MS-0024. Edward Shortland. Journal notes, Middle Island of NZ. 1843-44.		Photocopy: PC-0024.
1843-1844 Feb	Auckland	E	H				Y	Y		Y	Y				Y	S	S	Y			CCL	NZMS-0025. Police Office, Auckland. Census Book. 1841-46.	https://kura.aucklandlibraries.govt.nz/digital/collection/manuscripts/id/15089	Photocopy: FAM/2/NZL/CEN/AKD. Auckland Police Census 1842-46.
[1843-44]	Codfish Is., Stewart Is., Ruapuke Is., Riverton to Christchurch	E	L				Y													Y	ATL	qMS-1800: Edward Shortland. Report on his South Island journey. 18 Mar 1844.		Typed copy: qMS-1801.
[1843-44]	Rarotoka Is., Stewart Is., Ruapuke Is., Riverton to Kaikoura	M	L			Y	Y	Y													ATL	qMS-1800: Edward Shortland. Report on his South Island journey. 18 Mar 1844.		Typed copy: qMS-1801. Printed copy: Mackay, Alexander. <i>A Compendium of Official Documents relative to Native Affairs in the South Island. Volume II.</i> (Nelson: NZ Government, 1872). p.126.
1844 Jan 10-Feb 10	Lake Hawea, Waitaki River to Temuka	M	E	Y	A	Y	Y		Y	Y										S	HC	MS-0024. Edward Shortland. Journal notes, Middle Island of NZ. 1843-44.		Photocopy: PC-0024.
1844 Jan 10-Feb 10	Leeston to Banks Peninsula	M	E	Y	A	Y	Y		Y	Y										S	HC	MS-0023. Edward Shortland. Journal, Middle Island of NZ. 1844.		Photocopy: PC-0023.
1844 [Jan 29-Feb 7]	Ruapuke Is., Stewart Is., Codfish Is.	B	A	Y	A		Y		Y	Y	S	S	S	S	S					S	ATL	qMS-1772. George Augustus Selwyn. Journal. 1843-44. pp.154, 156-157, 160-161, 163-168.		Note: Typescript copy. 1851 updates for some people. Printed copy: Howard, Basil. <i>Rakiura. A History of Stewart Island New Zealand.</i> (Wellington: A.H. & A.W. Reed, 1940). pp.378-381.
1844 Feb 9-14	Christchurch to Pigeon Bay	E	H				Y	S	S	Y							Y			S	HC	MS-0023. Edward Shortland. Journal, Middle Island of NZ. 1844.		Photocopy: PC-0023.
1844 Nov 18-22	New Plymouth (Mangaoraka)	E	F															Y			NPL	ARC2001-363/6/28/B31. NZ Company. Census returns. 1844.		Related document: ARC2001-363/7/30/B29.
1844	Waikato Heads to Tuakau to Kihikihi	M	E	Y	A	Y	Y		S	S					S					Y	NL	Fenton, F.D. <i>Observations on the State of the Aboriginal Inhabitants of New Zealand.</i> (Auckland: NZ Government, 1859). Tables I, III, IV, VI to XV.	http://www.enzb.auckland.ac.nz/document/?wid=1740&page=1&action=null	Note: 1858 updates for some people.
1844-1845 Jan	Auckland	E	H				Y	Y		Y	Y				Y	S	S	Y			CCL	NZMS-0025. Police Office, Auckland. Census Book. 1841-46.	https://kura.aucklandlibraries.govt.nz/digital/collection/manuscripts/id/15089	Photocopy: FAM/2/NZL/CEN/AKD. Auckland Police Census 1842-46.
1845 Jan	Nelson to Riwaka	E	H +				Y	Y		Y					Y	Y	Y	Y		S	ANZ	R16913265 ACHY 8954/SSD3/1/1/430. Superintendent of the Southern Division. Census of Nelson. 1845.	https://ndhadeliver.natlib.govt.nz/delivery/DeliveryManagerServlet?dps_pid=IE85838186	Film copy: MICRO 3632. Photocopy at ATL: fMS-Papers-6030-1 and fMS-Papers-6030-2. Partial typescript at ATL: Micro-MS-0527.

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[1845 Jan]	Patea to Turakina	M	E	Y	A	Y	Y	S			Y									S	CCL	GNZMS 297/15. Rev Richard Taylor. Register. 1844-46. pp.81-83.			
1845 Nov 17	Auckland	E	H					Y										Y			ANZ	R26314845 ACGO 8333/IA1/46/1845/1939. Colonial Secretary. Inwards correspondence. 1845.		Photocopy: REPRO 70.	
1845	Auckland	E	H				Y	Y		Y	Y				Y			Y			CCL	NZMS-0025. Police Office, Auckland. Census Book. 1841-46.	https://kura.aucklandlibraries.govt.nz/digital/collection/manuscripts/id/15089	Photocopy: FAM/2/NZL/CEN/AKD. Auckland Police Census 1842-46.	
1846 Jan 6	New Plymouth	E	H															Y			ANZ	R23534522 ACGO 8333/IA1/47/1846/153. Colonial Secretary. Inwards correspondence. 1846.		Photocopy: REPRO 71.	
1846 May	Bay of Islands to Hokianga Harbour to Mangonui	E	H			Y		Y	Y	Y											CCL	NZMS 476. James Reddy Clendon. Journal, 1839-72.		Photocopy: FAM/2/NZL/CEN/NLD. Return of the Number of Europeans in the Northern district May 1846. Indexed transcript at ANZ: R20351901 ACHU 19336/MISC56/1. Indexed transcript at ATL: MS-Papers-2342.	
1846 Dec 19	New Plymouth	E	H					Y		Y							Y				ATL	MS-Papers-0032-0127. Donald McLean. Inspector of Police - statistics and census returns, Maori and Pakeha. 1845-50.	https://ndhadeliver.natlib.govt.nz/content-aggregator/gettEs?system=emu&id=24307	Film copy: MS-Copy-Micro-0535-033.	
1846	Auckland (part)	E	H				Y	Y		Y	Y				Y			Y			CCL	NZMS-0025. Police Office, Auckland. Census Book. 1841-46.	https://kura.aucklandlibraries.govt.nz/digital/collection/manuscripts/id/15089	Photocopy: FAM/2/NZL/CEN/AKD. Auckland Police Census 1842-46.	
[1846]	Turakina to Hawera	M	E	Y		Y	Y	S			Y									S	CCL	GNZMS 297/15. Rev Richard Taylor. Register of baptisms, marriages, burials and communicants. 1844-46. pp.121-125, 130-132.			
1847 [Jul-Nov]	Warea to Mokau	M	E	Y	S		Y		S	S											ATL	MS-1219. Donald McLean. Diary with notes on Maori census and reserves. 1847.	https://ndhadeliver.natlib.govt.nz/delivery/DeliveryManagerServlet?dps_pid=IE2101737&dps_custom_att_1=emu	Film copy: MS-Copy-Micro-0664-2.	
1847 Dec 4	New Plymouth to Waitara River	M	E	Y	A	S	Y														ATL	MS-Papers-0032-0127. Donald McLean. Inspector of Police - statistics and census returns, Maori and Pakeha. 1845-50.	https://ndhadeliver.natlib.govt.nz/content-aggregator/gettEs?system=emu&id=24307	Related document: qMS-1206, p.80. Related document at ANZ: R23519776 ACGO 8333/IA1/64/1847/2523.	
1847	Oaonui	M	E	S	S					Y											ATL	MS-Papers-0032-0127. Donald McLean. Inspector of Police - statistics and census returns, Maori and Pakeha. 1845-50.	https://ndhadeliver.natlib.govt.nz/content-aggregator/gettEs?system=emu&id=24307		
1848 Jul 22	Wellington	E	H	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	ATL	MS-Papers-0032-0981. McLean family. Papers. New Munster census. 1848.		Note: 1 form only, for Robert Roger Strang's household. Film copy: MS-Copy-Micro-0726-47.	
1848 [Aug 31]	Wellington (Karori, road to Porirua), Nelson (Waimea), Motueka	E	H				Y	S					S				Y	S			ANZ	R17053629 AAYZ 16000/NZC132/7/14. NZ Co. Accountant's office. Miscellaneous statements and current accounts book. 1846-50. pp.39-44.		Note: Extracts from the 1848 New Munster census. Copy: R24449466 ACHK 8604/G1/23/1849/48. Governor. Ordinary inwards despatches from the Secretary of State. 1849.	
1848 Sep 4-Oct 3	Otago Harbour	E	E		S		Y	S	S	Y	S		S	S							OSM	1918/67/1. Rev Thomas Burns. Visitation book. 1848-58.		Typed transcript at HL: MS-0440/019. Photocopy of typescript index at HC: Misc-MS-1058.	
1848	Nelson to Wakapuaka, Wairau Valley	E	F														Y				ANZ	R16913270 ACHY 8954/SSD3/6/4. Superintendent of the Southern Division. Statistical returns, Nelson. 1848.			
1848	Leeston to Purakaunui	M	E	Y		Y	Y														NL	<i>Appendix to the Journals of the House of Representatives of New Zealand. 1886. Volume III.</i> G.-16, pp.1-3.	https://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/parliamentary/AJHR1886-I.2.3.2.19	Related documents at ANZ: R20248682 ACIH 16046/MA13/19/2/12b and R20248684 ACIH 16046/MA13/20/4/12d/items 17, 18, 20. Note: Related documents have 1874 updates for some people.	
1848	Kurow to Tuatapere to Jackson Bay to Greymouth, Ruapuke Is.	M	E	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y					S					S	ATL	qMS-1308. W.B.D. Mantell. Outwards letterbook. 1851-53. pp.101-162.		Note: 1852, 1854, 1864 and possibly later updates for some people. Related documents at ANZ: R20248682 ACIH 16046/MA13/19/2/12b and R20248684 ACIH 16046/MA13/20/4/12d/items 17, 18, 20. Note: Related documents have 1874 updates for some people.	
1848	Riverton to Bluff, Ruapuke Is., Stewart Is.	E	H				Y		Y	Y										S	ATL	qMS-1308. W.B.D. Mantell. Outwards letterbook. 1851-53. p.156.			
1848-49	Waikouaiti	M	E	Y																	S	ANZ	R15386010 AECW 18692/MA-MT6/19/19. Dept of Maori Affairs. Maori Trust Office. Native Reserves papers. p.87.		Related documents: R20248682 ACIH 16046/MA13/19/2/12b and R20248684 ACIH 16046/MA13/20/4/12d/items 17, 18, 20. Note: Related documents have 1874 updates for some people.
1849 Feb 21-23	Henley	B	E		S		Y	S	S	Y	S		S	S							OSM	1918/67/1. Rev Thomas Burns. Visitation book. 1848-58.		Typed transcript at HL: MS-0440/019. Photocopy of typescript index at HC: Misc-MS-1058.	
1849 Feb 23	Whareama to Palliser Bay	M	L			Y	Y	Y												Y	ANZ	R24515613 ACFP 8217/NM8/35/[108]/1849/186. New Munster. Colonial Secretary. Inwards correspondence. 1849.			
1849 Mar 5	Picton	M	A	Y	A					Y											NL	Mackay, Alexander. <i>A Compendium of Official Documents relative to Native Affairs in the South Island. Volume I.</i> (Wellington: NZ Government, 1873). p.266.	https://nzetc.victoria.ac.nz/etexts/Mac01Comp/Mac01Comp390.gif		
1849 Dec 3-25	Otago Harbour	E	E		S		Y	S	S	Y	S		S	S							OSM	1918/67/1. Rev Thomas Burns. Visitation book. 1848-58.		Photocopy of typescript index at HC: Misc-MS-1058.	
1849 Dec 5-29	Wellington Harbour	M	E	Y	A	Y	Y	S	Y		Y	Y				Y	Y	Y		Y	ANZ	R24516390 ACFP 8217/NM8/40/[1]/1850/283. New Munster. Colonial Secretary. Inwards correspondence. 1850.			
1849	Riwaka to Cloudy Bay	E	H +			Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	S	ANZ	R16913266 ACHY 8954/SSD3/3/1/2. Superintendent of the Southern Division. Census of Nelson. 1849.	https://ndhadeliver.natlib.govt.nz/delivery/DeliveryManagerServlet?dps_pid=IE85736515	Film copy: MICRO 6892.	
1850 Jan 4-22	Porirua to Waikanae	M	E	Y	A	Y	Y	S	Y		Y	Y				Y	Y	Y		Y	ANZ	R24516390 ACFP 8217/NM8/40/[1]/1850/283. New Munster. Colonial Secretary. Inwards correspondence. 1850.			
1850 Feb 20-Mar 24	Otaki to Bulls	M	E	Y	A	Y	Y	S	Y		Y	Y				Y	Y	Y		Y	ANZ	R24516390 ACFP 8217/NM8/40/[1]/1850/283. New Munster. Colonial Secretary. Inwards correspondence. 1850.			
1850 Mar 27-Apr 6	Pahiatua to Palliser Bay	M	E	Y	A	Y	Y	S	Y		Y	Y				Y	Y	Y		Y	ANZ	R24516390 ACFP 8217/NM8/40/[1]/1850/283. New Munster. Colonial Secretary. Inwards correspondence. 1850.			

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1850 [ca Apr]	Riverton to Maitauro, Ruapuke Is., Stewart Is.	M	H				Y		S	Y											HC	MS-0967/011. Rev J.F.H. Wohlers. Census of Foveaux Strait native settlements. 1850.		Note: Photocopy of microfilm of census taken by HMS Acheron. Photocopy: PC-0298.
1850 Dec 16-1851 Jan 14	Otago Harbour to Balclutha	B	E		S		Y	S	S	Y	S		S	S							OSM	1918/67/1. Rev Thomas Burns. Visitation book. 1848-58.		Photocopy of typescript index at HC: Misc-MS-1058.
1851 Jan 1-Feb 22	Patea to Rangitikei River, Whanganui to Pipiriki	M	L			Y	Y	Y											Y	ANZ	R24517101 ACFP 8217/NM8/45/[58]/1851/284. New Munster. Colonial Secretary. Inwards correspondence. 1851.	https://ndhadeliver.natlib.govt.nz/delivery/DeliveryManagerServlet?dps_pid=IE55881867		
1851 Jan 29-30	Stewart Is., Centre Is., Riverton, Codfish Is.	B	A	Y	A		Y		Y	Y	S	S	S	S	S				S	ATL	qMS-1772. George Augustus Selwyn. Journal. 1843-44. pp.169-171, 173-176, 178-179.		Note: Typescript copy.	
1851 [Nov]	Auckland	E	H														Y			ANZ	R23521613 ACGO 8333/IA1/106/1852/1424. Colonial Secretary. Inwards correspondence. 1852.		Note: Extracts from 12 forms only.	
1851 Nov 23-Dec 24	Otago Harbour to Balclutha	B	E		S		Y	S	S	Y	S		S	S						OSM	1918/67/1. Rev Thomas Burns. Visitation book. 1848-58.		Photocopy of typescript index at HC: Misc-MS-1058.	
1851 Nov-Dec	Totaranui to Cloudy Bay	M	E	Y	A		Y			Y										ANZ	R16913273 ACHY 8954/SSD3/7/7. Superintendent of the Southern Division. Statistical returns, Nelson. 1851.			
1851 Dec 10	Long Beach to Waianakarua	E	E	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	S	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			Y	Y	S	ATL	MS-Papers-0083-215. W.B.D. Mantell. Census. 1851-53.		Film copy: MS-Copy-Micro-0483-17.	
1851 Dec 15-1852 Mar 15	Otago Peninsula to Tuatapere to Jackson Bay to Greymouth, Ruapuke Is.	M	E	Y	Y	Y	Y		S	S	S	S					S	S	S	ATL	MS-1528. W.B.D. Mantell. Notebook. Census. 1851-52. pp.1-4, 9-16, 21-68.	https://ndhadeliver.natlib.govt.nz/delivery/DeliveryManagerServlet?dps_pid=IE11287562&dps_custom_att_1=emu	Film copy: MS-Copy-Micro-0047. Related documents at ANZ: R20248682 ACIH 16046/MA13/19/2/12b, R20248684 ACIH 16046/MA13/20/4/12d/items 17, 18, 20, and R20248722 ACIH 16046/MA13/31/20a. Note: Related documents R20248682 ACIH 16046/MA13/19/2/12b and R20248684 ACIH 16046/MA13/20/4/12d/items 17, 18, 20 have 1874 updates for some people.	
1851 Dec 24-1852 Jan 5	Invercargill to Riverton	E	E	Y	Y		Y	S	S	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	S	ATL	MS-1528. W.B.D. Mantell. Notebook. Census. 1851-52. pp.5-6, 17-20.	https://ndhadeliver.natlib.govt.nz/delivery/DeliveryManagerServlet?dps_pid=IE11287562&dps_custom_att_1=emu	Film copy: MS-Copy-Micro-0047. Extracts: qMS-1308: W.B.D. Mantell. Outwards letterbook. 1851-53. pp.55-56. Printed extracts: Mackay, Alexander. A Compendium of Official Documents relative to Native Affairs in the South Island. Volume I. (Wellington: NZ Government, 1873). p.276.
1852 Dec 9-1853 Feb 16	Otago Harbour to Balclutha	B	E		S		Y	S	S	Y	S		S	S						OSM	1918/67/1. Rev Thomas Burns. Visitation book. 1848-58.		Photocopy of typescript index at HC: Misc-MS-1058.	
1852 Dec 31	New Plymouth	E	H					Y		Y					Y		Y			NPL	ARC2001-363/6/28/B30. NZ Company. New Plymouth. Statistics. 1852.			
1853 Sep 4	Whanganui to Waitotara	M	E	Y	A	Y	Y												S	CCL	GNZMS 297/16. Rev Richard Taylor. Register of baptisms, marriages, burials and communicants. 1852-58. pp.20-22.			
1853	Kaipoi to Timaru, Otakou to Tuatapere, Ruapuke Is.	M	E	Y		Y	Y													NL	<i>Appendix to the Journals of the House of Representatives of New Zealand. 1886. Vol. III. G.-16, pp.3-6.</i>	https://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/parliamentary/AJHR1886-I.2.3.2.19	Related documents at ANZ: R20248682 ACIH 16046/MA13/19/2/12b and R20248684 ACIH 16046/MA13/20/4/12d/items 17, 18, 20. Note: Related documents have 1874 updates for some people.	
1854 Sep 18-Nov 17	Otago Harbour	E	E		S		Y	S	S	Y	S		S	S						OSM	1918/67/1. Rev Thomas Burns. Visitation book. 1848-58.		Photocopy of typescript index at HC: Misc-MS-1058.	
1855 Oct 29-Nov 20	Otago Harbour	E	E		S		Y	S	S	Y	S		S	S						OSM	1918/67/1. Rev Thomas Burns. Visitation book. 1848-58.		Photocopy of typescript index at HC: Misc-MS-1058.	
1856 Apr	Whanganui ("Tanaro West")	M	E																	ANZ	R15386010 AECW 18692/MA-MT6/19/19. Dept of Maori Affairs. Maori Trust Office. Native Reserves papers. p.145.			
1856 Nov 10-25	Dunedin	E	E		S		Y	S	S	Y	S		S	S						OSM	1918/67/1. Rev Thomas Burns. Visitation book. 1848-58.		Photocopy of typescript index at HC: Misc-MS-1058.	
1857 [ca Feb]	Arahura	M	E	Y																ANC	R22189798 CAAR 19936/CP11/ICPS 191/1857. Canterbury Province. Provincial Secretary. Inwards correspondence. 3 Mar 1857.			
1857 Feb 14	Port Chalmers	E	E		S		Y	S	S	Y	S		S	S						OSM	1918/67/1. Rev Thomas Burns. Visitation book. 1848-58.		Photocopy of typescript index at HC: Misc-MS-1058.	
1857 Nov 2-18	Dunedin	E	E		S		Y	S	S	Y	S		S	S						OSM	1918/67/1. Rev Thomas Burns. Visitation book. 1848-58.		Photocopy of typescript index at HC: Misc-MS-1058.	
1858 [before Oct]	Waikato Heads to Tuakau	M	E	Y	A	Y	Y			Y					S				Y	NL	Fenton, F.D. Observations on the State of the Aboriginal Inhabitants of New Zealand. (Auckland: NZ Government, 1859). Tables II, III, V, VI.	http://www.enzb.auckland.ac.nz/document/?wid=1740&page=1&action=null		
1858 Nov 1-18	Dunedin	E	E		S		Y	S	S	Y	S		S	S						OSM	1918/67/1. Rev Thomas Burns. Visitation book. 1848-58.		Photocopy of typescript index at HC: Misc-MS-1058.	
1860 Apr 21	Maraekakaho	B	E	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y				Y		Y	ANZ	R20934298 AEHH 19437/W-NA4/5/5. Public Works Dept, Napier. Provincial Engineer and Surveyor. Office papers. Hawkes Bay provincial census. 1860.		Note: 1 form only, for Alexander McLean's household, Maraekakaho.	
1860 Jul 16-21	New Plymouth	E	H	Y	A		S	S	S	Y									S	ANZ	R15333668 ADQW 17307/TP9/1/3: Taranaki Province. Taranaki Relief Fund Sub-Commissioners. Lists of people assisted.		Related document: R2588049 ADQW 17305/TP7/5, pp.641, 643.	
1861 Oct 5	Chatham Is.	M	E	Y	A	Y	Y													NL	The New Zealand Gazette. 14 Jan 1862. pp.29-32.			
1862 Dec 15	Motueka	M	E	Y					S	Y							Y			S	ANZ	R15386010 AECW 18692/MA-MT6/19/19. Dept of Maori Affairs. Maori Trust Office. Native Reserves papers. pp.151-154.		
1863 May 29	Mangawhero River	M	E		A														Y	ATL	MS-Papers-0075-034. John White, Resident Magistrate, Whanganui. Papers. 1863-74.		Film copy: MS-Copy-Micro-0765-05.	
1864 Mar 1	Chatham Is.	M	E	Y	A	Y	Y													ANZ	R413527 ABGP 7532/1. Chatham Island District Court. Census of Maori and Moriori. 1864.	https://ndhadeliver.natlib.govt.nz/delivery/DeliveryManagerServlet?dps_pid=IE84390966	Photocopy: REPRO 1751. Duplicate copy at ATL: MS-Papers-1426.	
1864 Jun	Stewart Is. (The Neck)	H	E	Y	A				S	Y										ANZ	R20248684 ACIH 16046/MA13/20/4/12d/item 14. Dept of Maori Affairs. Land claims of South Island half-castes. 1875. Copy of a list of half-castes residing at the Neck. 1864.		Note: 1868 and later updates of people's names. Copy: Mackay, Alexander. A Compendium of Official Documents relative to Native Affairs in the South Island. Volume II. (Nelson: NZ Government, 1872). p.62. Copy: Appendix to the Journals of the House of Representatives of New Zealand. 1876. Vol. II, G.-9, p.16.	
1867	Bluff, Ruapuke Is., Stewart Is. (The Neck)	H	E						Y											NL	Mackay, Alexander. <i>A Compendium of Official Documents relative to Native Affairs in the South Island. Volume II.</i> (Nelson: NZ Government, 1872). p.62.	https://nzetc.victoria.ac.nz/etexts/Mac02Comp/Mac02Comp083.gif		

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		Who included	Names	Sex	Age	Ethnicity	Residence	Occupation	Marital status	Relationships	Religion	Literacy	Immigration	Where from	Vital events	Land	Agriculture					Buildings	Employees
1868 Jul 18	Chatham Is.	M	E	Y	A		Y													ATL	MS-Papers-0092-65. Gilbert Mair. Diary 52. 1868.		Film copy: MS-Copy-Micro-0688-8.
1868	South Is., Stewart Is.	M	E	Y	A		Y												S	ANZ	R15386010 AECW 18692/MA-MT6/19/19. Dept of Maori Affairs. Maori Trust Office. Native Reserves papers. pp.64-97.		Related documents: R20248682 ACIH 16046/MA13/19/2/12b and R20248684 ACIH 16046/MA13/20/4/12d/items 17, 18, 20. Note: Related documents have 1874 updates for some people.
1874 May 23	Whanganui River from Kaiwhaiki to its source east of Taumarunui	M	E	Y	A	Y	Y							S					S	ANZ	R12778027 AEDK 18743/MA-WANG4/1/2. Resident Magistrate, Upper Whanganui. Maori census. 1874.		
1877 Jul 1	Whanganui River from Tieke to its source east of Taumarunui	M	E	Y	A	Y	Y							S					S	ANZ	R12778028 AEDK 18743/MA-WANG4/2/3. Resident Magistrate, Upper Whanganui. Tribal register. 1877-78.		Note: 1 Mar 1878 and later updates for some people.
1878 Mar 1	Whanganui River from Kaiwhaiki to Kawakawa	M	E	Y	A	Y	Y							S					S	ANZ	R12778028 AEDK 18743/MA-WANG4/2/3. Resident Magistrate, Upper Whanganui. Tribal register. 1877-78.		Note: Later updates for some people.
1878 Mar 1	Hicks Bay to Wairoa	M	E	Y	A	Y	Y													ANZ	R12726463 ACIH 16056/MA23/16/26. Dept of Maori Affairs. East Coast. Tribal register. 1878.	https://ndhadeliver.natlib.govt.nz/delivery/DeliveryManagerServlet?dps_pid=IE34272937	
1878 Apr	Papakura to Huntly	M	E	Y	A	Y	Y													ANZ	R12726439 ACIH 16056/MA23/12/17. Dept of Maori Affairs. Maori censuses. 1878 and 1881.		
1878 May 1	Waitotara to Palmerston North to Porirua	M	E	Y	Y	Y	Y			S				S					S	ANZ	R12778029 AEDK 18743/MA-WANG4/3/4. Resident Magistrate, Upper Whanganui. Tribal register. 1878.		Note: Later updates for some people.
1889	Queen Charlotte Sound	M	E	Y	A		Y			S				S						ATL	MS-Papers-0189-B157. Maori Purposes Fund Board. Miscellaneous land court papers.		Note: Later updates for some people.
1891 Mar	Kaiapoi to Wakapatu, Ruapuke Is., Stewart Is., Mahitahi to Hokitika	M	E	Y	A	Y	Y		S	S				S						NL	<i>Appendix to the Journals of the House of Representatives of New Zealand. 1892. Vol. III. G.-1.</i>	https://atojs.natlib.govt.nz/cgi-bin/atojs?a=d&d=AJHR1892-I.2.3.2.1&e=-----10--1-----0--	Note: Titled "South Island Native Settlements (return of native residents in 1891 at the)" but subtitled "Return of Members of the Ngaitahu Tribe residing in the Southern Provinces of the South Island and elsewhere in March, 1891." Members of other tribes are included and identified as such.
1894	Queen Charlotte Sound	M	E	Y	A		Y							S						ATL	MS-Papers-0189-B157. Maori Purposes Fund Board. Miscellaneous land court papers.		Note: "Supplement" to the 1889 census of the same place. Later updates for some people.
1896 [Feb-Mar]	Blenheim to Omihi	M	E	Y	Y	Y	Y													ATL	MS-Papers-0189-B157. Maori Purposes Fund Board. Miscellaneous land court papers.		Note: Related documents in the same source have later updates for some people.
1906 Apr 29	Wellington	E	E	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			Y	Y	Y	ATL	MS-Papers-1619-062. Seddon family. Papers. Census. 1906.	https://ndhadeliver.natlib.govt.nz/delivery/DeliveryManagerServlet?dps_pid=IE28589694&dps_custom_att_1=emu	Note: 1 form only, for Richard John Seddon's household.
1921 May 14	Whanganui (Whanganui East)	M	E	Y	Y	Y	Y													ANZ	R22407622 ACIH 16036/MA1/1249/1920/464. Dept of Maori Affairs. Maori census. 1921.		Note: Letter detailing Munu Haimona's household only.