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Family History at National Archives. NATIONAL ARCHIVES (of New Zealand). Wellington, New Zealand: Allen & Unwin New Zealand Limited, 1990. xiv, 162 p., illus. ISBN 0 04 614018 2.

Produced just prior to the opening of a new, purpose-built facility for the New Zealand National Archives, *Family History at National Archives* is a comprehensive source book which will undoubtedly encourage genealogists and other researchers to explore the holdings of the Archives. *Family History at National Archives* grew out of the first guide to National Archives sources for genealogists, published in 1969 and revised in 1984. It is not only a worthwhile guide for those interested in researching their own past, but will also be a valuable starting point for a variety of historical research such as social history, women's history, labour history, and the history of native peoples.

Part one suggests ways to begin and organize your family history research, mentions non-archival sources, and briefly describes records held outside the National Archives. Part two deals with the records of the Archives and divides the search (and related collections) into thematic areas: Whakapapa (Maori genealogy), Getting Here, Women, Life Cycle, Making a Living, Troubles, and Ideas. It is illustrated with examples of the variety of documents encountered in biographical research. The inclusion of record series numbers would facilitate researchers' access to material. The appendix to the systems and procedures of the Archives is particularly good.

Family History at National Archives will be a useful model for other archives planning to produce something which is more than a brief guide for genealogical research.

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Manuel de conservation des documents d'archives. Ottawa: Conseil canadien des archives, 1990. ix, 130, [8] p. Édition bilingue publiée tête-bêche: **Basic Conservation of Archival Materials: A Guide.** Ottawa: Canadian Council of Archives, 1990. ix, 119, [8] p. ISBN 0-929115-00-7. 10,00\$.

«Tous savent pertinemment qu'il ne se fait presque rien en matière de conservation». C'est Marion Beyea, présidente du Conseil canadien des archives, qui fait cette