

The 1990 and 1995 Family Biography Competition essays were given to the Alexander Turnbull Library. Here you can see the online record for the collection:

New Zealand Society of Genealogists. 1990 Sesquicentennial Family Biography Competition collection 1990. MS-Papers-4280

<https://tiaki.natlib.govt.nz/#details=ecatalogue.28545>

Ted Gilberd Literary Trust. Essay Competition 1995. MS-Papers-5757

<https://tiaki.natlib.govt.nz/#details=ecatalogue.123276>

And there are two publications based on the 1990 competition:

Our lesser stars : twelve New Zealand family biographies (NZSG, 1990)

<https://tepona.on.worldcat.org/oclc/22981287>

A guide to the Family Biography Competition Collection in the Alexander Turnbull Library (NZSG, 1991) <https://tepona.on.worldcat.org/oclc/154639231>

Useful sites

Cyndi's List

Writing your family's history

<http://www.cyndislist.com/writing.htm>

Dictionary of New Zealand Biography

<http://www.dnzb.govt.nz>

Te Ara – The Encyclopedia of New Zealand is a comprehensive guide to our peoples, natural environment, history, culture, economy and society

<http://www.teara.govt.nz/>

DigitalNZ - discover millions of NZ items from the digital stores of libraries, museums, archives, communities, and government.

<http://www.digitalnz.org>

PapersPast

More than 130 New Zealand newspaper titles provide extensive access to the stories of people, places, events.

<http://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/cgi-bin/paperspast>