

Annotated Bibliography

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Books on the founding of Christchurch and its early history

Amodeo, Colin with Ron Chapman, *Forgotten Forty-niners being an account of the men & women who paved the way in 1849 for the Canterbury Pilgrims in 1850*, (Caxton Press, Christchurch, 2003)

Includes a section on the selection of the site of Christchurch and of work done on the site in anticipation of the arrival of the main body of settlers.

Amodeo, Colin, *The Summer Ships being an account of the first six ships sent out from England to New Zealand by the Canterbury Association in 1850-1851*, (Caxton Press, Christchurch, 2000)

Provides detail of the founding of Christchurch and of the city's first months.

Barker, Lady, *Station Life in New Zealand*, (Vintage edition, Auckland, 2000)

A classic account of early Canterbury which ranges well beyond the city's boundaries but includes revealing information about Christchurch life in the 1860s.

Evison, Harry, *Te Wai Pounamu: The Greenstone Island A History of the Southern Maori during the European Colonization of New Zealand*, (Aoraki Press, Wellington, 1993)

This book, and other works by the same author, includes details about the purchases that included the land on which Christchurch was built and the place of Maori in Christchurch's colonial society.

Lamb, R.C., *Early Christchurch The Beginnings of Municipal Government 1862-1868: a Study commemorating the Centenary of the Christchurch City Council*, (Canterbury Public Library, Christchurch, 1963)

Provides a ‘snapshot’ of Christchurch in the 1860s and gives details about the establishment of the Christchurch City Council and its early activities.

McIntyre, W. David ed., *The Journal of Henry Sewell 1853-7*, (Whitcoulls, Christchurch, 1980) 2 vols. Vol. 1, Feb 1853-May 1854; vol. 2, May 1854-May 1857.

Sewell played a prominent role in Christchurch in the city’s first decade and his *Journal*, though voluminous and detailed, is a basic source for information on life in and the development of the city in those years.

Maling, Peter ed., *The Torlesse Papers 1848-51 The Birth of Canterbury*, (2nd edition, Caxton Press, Christchurch, 2003; 1st edition, Pegasus Press, Christchurch, 1958)

An invaluable primary reference for the selection of the site of Christchurch, the original condition of the site and the very beginnings of the city.

Ogilvie, Gordon, *Pioneers of the Plains The Deans of Canterbury*, (Shoal Bay Press, Christchurch, 1996)

Details of the first permanent settlers on the site of Christchurch, of Christchurch’s earliest years, and of Christchurch in later years seen in a wider Canterbury context. Information also on Riccarton bush and house and their preservation.

O’Keeffe, M., “Heathcote Valley: A study and archaeological assessment”, (Unpublished Report for Christchurch City Council, 2001)

Survey of archaeological sites within the Heathcote Valley area, both post and pre-European sites included.

Stocker, Mark ed., *Remembering Godley A Portrait of Canterbury’s Founder*, (Hazard Press, Christchurch, 2001)

Essays on Godley and his role in founding the Canterbury Settlement, covering Christchurch in its early years and the Godley statue and its place in Cathedral Square.

General histories, with information on many topics

Andersen, Johannes C., *Old Christchurch in Picture and Story*, (Simpson and Williams, Christchurch, 1949; Capper Press reprint, 1975)

A discursive and sometimes unreliable work, but full of information (some of it personal reminiscence) about Christchurch's development and its buildings and personalities.

Bedford, Richard and Andrew Sturman eds, *Canterbury at the Crossroads Issues for the Eighties*, (New Zealand Geographical Society, Miscellaneous Series, No. 8, Christchurch, 1983)

The study concentrates on the environment and resources of the wider region in which Christchurch is located. There is much material on Christchurch and its economic development. The question "What's different about Christchurch?" is addressed.

Christchurch Chronology A history of settlement, (Planning Policy Unit, Christchurch City Council, Christchurch, 2nd edition, 1990; first published 1983)

A simple chronology, with no differentiation of events by their nature or importance, but indexed so that particular topics can be followed through. Invaluable for fixing precise dates for events, which greatly facilitates further research.

Christchurch and North Canterbury New Zealand 1966 A Regional Survey, (P.E. Consulting Group (Australia) Pty Ltd)

A report on the economic development prospects for the following ten years for the area from the Rakaia to the Conway, with considerable historical background, prepared for the Chamber of Commerce, Manufacturers Association, Canterbury Progress League and Federated Farmers (North Canterbury Provincial District)

Cookson, John and Graeme Dunstall eds, *Southern Capital Christchurch Towards a City Biography 1850-2000*, (Canterbury University Press, Christchurch, 2000)

A key recent work, written by academics but for a popular readership. The essays cover the transformation of the Christchurch environment, physical changes in the city, its society, local government and sport. Usefully indexed and footnoted.

Donaldson, Jane, *A History of Municipal Engineering in Christchurch 1862-1990*. Revised and extended 1998 by John Ince, (Christchurch City Council, Christchurch, 1999)

A invaluable record of the development of city services and utilities, including drainage, water supply and street formation. The development of city planning is covered and there is

material relevant to the city's general history and growth. A useful index and appendices presenting reports etc. on topics covered in the text. *Note:* some material in the 1980 edition was excised from the 1999 edition; the 1980-1990 material in the 2nd edition is entirely new.

Eldred-Grigg, Stevan, *A New History of Canterbury*, (John McIndoe, Dunedin, 1982)

Includes interesting perspectives on the city's social history and at least mentions a large number of institutions and organisations.

Eldred-Grigg, Stevan, *A Southern Gentry: New Zealanders who Inherited the Earth*, (Reed, Wellington, 1980)

Touches on many aspects of Christchurch's social history because so many of the class the author is examining had town houses in Christchurch and spent time in the city.

A History of Canterbury, (Whitcombe and Tombs, Christchurch)

Vol. 1, ed. James Hight and C.R. Straubel, (1957)

Vol. 2, ed. W.J. Gardner, (1971)

Vol.3, ed. W.H. Scotter, (1965)

A basic source for reliable information on almost all aspects of the city's social, political and economic history. The passages on Christchurch occur within a text that covers the whole province. This is a 'traditional', 'conventional' history which no longer reflects modern interests or scholarship but remains indispensable.

Johnson, David, *Christchurch a pictorial history*, (Canterbury University Press, Christchurch, 1992)

An interesting selection of photographs. The information is mostly in extended captions and is not comprehensive because it covers only what is in the selected pictures. The book is usefully organised by topics or themes.

Lamb, Robert C., *From the Banks of the Avon The Story of a River*, (Reed, Wellington, 1981)

Because the Avon River has such a crucial place in Christchurch's history, this book touches on very many aspects of city life – its natural history, the use of water, buildings and statuary, recreation and sport, bridges and beautification and tree and other plantings.

Morrison, J. Patricia, *The Evolution of a City: The Story of the Growth of the City and Suburbs of Christchurch, the Capital of Canterbury, in the Years 1850 to 1903*, (Christchurch City Council and Whitcombe and Tombs, Christchurch, 1948)

Deals with the development of the Christchurch City Council as an institution, but also the physical development of the city up to the time of the first amalgamation.

Proceedings of the Conference on the Growth of Greater Christchurch, Held at Christchurch, 19th and 20th August 1955, (Department of Economics, Canterbury University College, Christchurch, 1955)

This is a general discussion of planning in Christchurch and forces affecting the city's growth. It includes tables with statistics about Christchurch's development to 1955.

Rice, Geoffrey W., *Christchurch Changing An Illustrated History*, (Canterbury University Press, Christchurch, 1999)

An important recent work which covers almost all aspects of the development of and life in Christchurch, told chronologically and including key city personalities. The book is comprehensive in its coverage, but deals only briefly with most individual topics.

Rice, Geoffrey W., *Christchurch in the Nineties A Chronology of Events from The Press 1990 to 2000*, (Hawthorne Press, Christchurch, 2002)

Many trivial events are included in this undifferentiated chronology, but it includes information not readily available from any other source about changes and developments in the city in the last decade of the 20th century.

Temple, Phillip, *Christchurch A City and its People*, (Whitcombe and Tombs, Christchurch, 1973; new edition Pacific Publishers, Auckland, 1987)

Primarily a photographic essay with minimal captions, but accompanied by a text essay which is an evocative interpretation rather than a useful source of factual information, but valuable because it is perceptive. The book was re-photographed and re-designed for the 1987 edition and more historic photos were included.

Wigram, Henry F., *The Story of Christchurch New Zealand*, (The Lyttelton Times, Christchurch, 1916)

Written by a former mayor who was himself a key figure in the city's history. The book contains first-hand information Wigram gathered from older fellow-citizens and information based on Wigram's own active life in Christchurch.

Books on defined areas of the city and specific suburbs

Baker, Tim, Professor Bickerton's Wainoni, (Tim Baker, Christchurch, 2004)

A intriguing study of the origins of one of the cities eastern suburbs in the pleasure ground of an 'eccentric' professor.

Beckenham A Suburb of Christchurch New Zealand, (Beckenham Neighbourhood Association, Christchurch, 1993)

Includes information on families, buildings and institutions in the area of the city immediately south of the older suburb of Sydenham.

Clark, G.L., Bealey Avenue Christchurch's North Town Belt Its History and People, (G.L. Clark, Christchurch, 1976)

and

Clark, G.L., Rolleston Avenue and Park Terrace Christchurch Their History and People, (G.L. Clark, Christchurch, 1979)

These companion books detail the buildings, mainly houses, along two of inner Christchurch's main streets and the people who lived in or were associated with the buildings. The details including planting and roading development of the two streets.

Herriott, E.M., "A History of Hagley Park, Christchurch, with Special Reference to its Botany", Transactions of the New Zealand Institute, vol. LI (1919), pp.427-47

An important source on the development of Hagley Park and the history of Christchurch's vegetation.

Lamb, R.C., Street Corner A study to mark the thirtieth anniversary of the founding of the Caxton Press, (Caxton Press, Christchurch, 1967)

This brief study focuses on a short stretch of Victoria Street, but packs into a slim book a wealth of information on a variety of topics, from private charitable aid, to transport, buildings, trades, public processions and the clocktower.

Looser, Frieda, Fendall's Legacy A History of Fendalton and North-West Christchurch, (Canterbury University Press, Christchurch, 2002)

A history of the development of several key older and more recent suburbs in one quadrant of Christchurch which covers the development of services and industries, architecture, institutions and prominent individuals.

McBride, Ian, *The Paparua County A Concise History*, (Paparua County Council/Canterbury Public Library, Christchurch, 1990)

The history of Christchurch's western fringe between 1911 and 1989 (the years when Paparua County was formed and then the urban parts of it incorporated into the city). Residential and industrial development are covered, along with the activities of local bodies, social life and recreation.

McBride, Ian, Riccarton *The Founding Borough A Short History of Canterbury's founding settlement*, (Riccarton/Wigram Community Board, Christchurch, 1994)

Covers the early and later settlement, industrial development, local governance and social and community life of the area of the city west of Hagley Park that was governed as an independent borough right through to 1989.

Ogilvie, Gordon, *Exploring the Port Hills Christchurch*, (Caxton Press, Christchurch, 2000)

A guide which summarises historical and other information about the Port Hills. For more historical detail it is necessary to refer to the same author's *Port Hills*, but this provides good briefer coverage of the area.

Ogilvie, Gordon, *The Port Hills of Christchurch*, (Reed, Wellington, 1978)

The standard, authoritative work on all aspects of the Port Hills, including their early history, residential development on and recreational use of them.

Penney, Sarah, *Beyond the City The Land and its People Riccarton, Waimairi, Papanui*, (Sarah E.W. Penney, Christchurch, c. 1977)

Although the material is not always well organised, this book gives comprehensive detail (about people, buildings and development) of the areas on which the western and north-western suburbs of Christchurch were developed.

Penney, Sarah, *The Estuary of Christchurch: A history of the Avon-Heathcote Estuary, its communities, clubs, controversies and contributions*, (Penney Ash Publications, Christchurch, c. 1982)

Like the previous title, this book is a comprehensive but sometimes rather 'dense' and poorly organised account of many aspects of life in the suburban areas to the east and south-east of the city.

St Albans from Swamp to Suburbs An Informal History, (New Zealand Federation of University Women, Canterbury Branch, Christchurch, 1989)

Information on the area north of the original city that became St Albans Borough before becoming part of the city in 1903. The coverage includes early settlement, subdivision and house building, suburban institutions like schools and churches and the activities of the Borough Council.

Sydenham The Model Borough of Old Christchurch An Informal History, (New Zealand Federation of University Women, Canterbury Branch, Christchurch, 1977)

The physical development and building history of Christchurch's most important working class suburb are described, along with the development of industry, the formation of social institutions and political life.

de Thier, Walter, *Sumner to Ferrymead a Christchurch history*, (Pegasus Press, Christchurch, 1976)

Deals with the early history of Sumner, the later extension of settlement on the flat and spurs and the place of Sumner as one of the city's seaside resorts. The sections on Ferrymead include information about the shipping trade into the lower Heathcote.

Walsh, George, W., *New Brighton: a regional history 1852-1970*, (George W. Walsh, Christchurch, 1971)

An indispensable source on the development of New Brighton, with information on buildings, personalities and most other aspects of its history. It remains useful despite taking the story only to 1970.

Walsh, George W., *Richmond, Christchurch A Regional History*, (Kiwi Publishers, Christchurch, 1998)

A brief but useful account of one of Christchurch's oldest suburbs, including information about the buildings in the suburbs.

Watson, James, *Along the Hills A History of the Heathcote Road Board and the Heathcote County Council 1864-1989*, (Heathcote County Council, Christchurch, 1989)

While focusing on the administration of areas south and east of the original city, this study tells much about early settlement, the development of industry, sources of energy, transportation, social life, recreation and, more recently, regional planning as they impacted on the area of Christchurch immediately beneath the Port Hills.

Books on the city's architectural history

The Architectural Heritage of Christchurch, (Christchurch City Council, Town Planning Division, nos. 1-6; Planning Policy Unit, no. 7; Environmental Policy and Planning Unit, nos. 8-10, Christchurch)

The Normal School, (1981)

Shand's Emporium, (1982)

McLean's Mansion, (1983)

The Cranmer Club, (1985)

Government Buildings, (1986)

Church of the Good Shepherd, (1988)

Nurses' Memorial Chapel, (1990)

The Legacy of Thomas Edmonds, (1993)

Wood's Mill, (1996)

Pavilions, temples and four square walls Christchurch pump houses and substations, (2003)

Each of these booklets focuses on just one, or a handful, of buildings, but the depth of coverage makes them collectively an invaluable resource on the architectural history of Christchurch and also about various aspects of its development.

The Buildings of Christ's College 1850-1990. Drawings by Rodney Wells. Text by Don Hamilton. (Caxton Press, Christchurch, 1991)

An indispensable source on the buildings of the most important architectural group in the city. Demolished as well as surviving buildings are covered.

A Century of Architecture Collins and Son, (Caxton Press, Christchurch, 1965)

A small book which traces the work of architects who were the principals of Christchurch's longest-lasting architectural firm, founded by W.B. Armson, which continued as Collins & Harman, then as Collins & Son. Many key commercial and other buildings were designed by the firm. An incomplete checklist of buildings is provided.

Hendry, John A. and Alice J. Mair, Homes of the Pioneers, (Caxton Press, Christchurch, 1968)

and

Hendry, John A. and Alice J. Mair, More Homes of the Pioneers, (Caxton Press, Christchurch, 1974)

These companion books, with text accompanying a drawing of each building featured, were critical in first alerting Christchurch people to the city's domestic architectural heritage. They remain an important starting point for the study of the city's architectural history.

Living with the Past Historical Buildings of the Waimairi District, (Waimairi District Council, Christchurch, n.d.)

A brief history of the area governed by the former Waimairi County is followed by pictures and descriptions of historic buildings in the area. They are overwhelmingly houses, but a few public buildings are featured.

Lloyd Jenkins, Douglas, *At Home: A Century of New Zealand Design*, (Random House, Auckland, 2004)

Provides an interesting perspective on the development of Modern Movement ideas and philosophies in New Zealand and gives particular emphasis to the role of Christchurch architects in this development.

Lochhead, Ian, *A Dream of Spires Benjamin Mountfort and the Gothic Revival*, (Canterbury University Press, Christchurch, 1999)

An impeccable study of the life and work of the architect who, above all others, put Christchurch's architectural tradition on a firm (Gothic) foundation. There is information about and assessments of key early Christchurch buildings, including the Anglican Cathedral and the Provincial Government Buildings.

Porter, Frances ed., *Historic Buildings of New Zealand South Island*, (Methuen, Auckland, 1983)

Chapters on the 'Pilgrim churches', the Provincial Government Buildings and 'Post-Provincial Christchurch' contain information about and assessments of several city churches, public buildings and houses.

Pryor, Ted, *Rising of the Phoenix A Tribute to the Life and Works of William Thomas Trethewey Sculptor of Christchurch*, (E.G.Pryor, Christchurch, 2002)

Includes information about the life of one of Christchurch's leading artists/craftsmen and such important adornments of the city as the Citizens War Memorial, the Captain Cook statue and the Edmonds Clock Tower.

Round the Square A History of Christchurch's Cathedral Square, (New Zealand Federation of University Women, Canterbury Branch/Clerestory Press, Christchurch, 1995)

This book takes the Square quadrant by quadrant, recording both past and present buildings on the Square's perimeter. It is strongly focused on buildings and architecture, but also contains useful information on the city's social and economic history and on the development of the Square as a public open space.

Statues, Fountains, Clocks, Memorials and Other Structures of Christchurch City, (Report prepared by Fulton Hogan Facilities Management for the Christchurch City Council Parks and Reserves Unit, n.p., n.d.)

A comprehensive inventory of a large number of ancillary structures in Christchurch, with brief notes on each. The notes are sometimes so brief as to be of little use.

Stocker, Mark, *Angels and Roses: The Art of Frederick George Gurnsey*, (Canterbury University Press, Christchurch, 1997)

The life and work of an artist whose wood carvings in particular are important features of several heritage buildings of Christchurch.

Stocker, Mark, *Francis Shurrock: Shaping New Zealand Sculpture*, (University of Otago Press, Dunedin, 2000)

A sculptor whose work is part of the artistic heritage of several Christchurch buildings and public areas.

Turner, Gwenda, *Buildings and Bridges of Christchurch New Zealand*, (John McIndoe, Dunedin, 1981)

A compilation of sketches and old photographs. The text is slight, but the book provides an adequate overview of aspects of the city's architectural development.

Warren & Mahoney Architects 1958-1989, (Warren & Mahoney, Christchurch, 1989)

A survey of the work of the most prominent firm of architects in Christchurch in the second half of the 20th century. The firm played a critical role in the ongoing development of the city's architectural tradition. The book includes many buildings beyond Christchurch, but the bulk of the firm's work was in the city and included the seminal Town Hall.

Wilson, John, *The Canterbury Provincial Council Buildings*, (Canterbury Regional Council, Christchurch, 1991)

A summary history of the city's most important group of buildings, with material also on political life in early Christchurch and the city's statues and Victoria Street clock tower.

Wilson, John, *Historic Christchurch A Walking Tour*, (Reed, Auckland, 1998)

This small booklet provides a short introductory survey of Christchurch's architectural history, then describes 25 buildings representative of most phases of that history.

Wilson, John, *Lost Christchurch*, (Te Waihora Press, Springston, 1984)

Chapter 1 provides a summary overview of Christchurch's architectural history and discusses the architectural character of the city. Subsequent chapters discuss (and illustrate) by material, location and building type buildings which have been demolished or have burned down.

Yonge, Melanie, *Government Buildings Christchurch 1909-1996*, (Symphony Group and Dynasty Pacific Group, Auckland, 1996)

The history of the original construction, subsequent use, and then recycling of one of the city's most notable buildings.

Catalogues of exhibitions featuring the work of Christchurch architects:

W.B. Armson *A Colonial Architect Rediscovered*, (Robert McDougall Art Gallery, Christchurch, 1983)

Essays on the career of and specific buildings designed by Christchurch's leading 19th century commercial architect. Includes a checklist of his buildings.

A Century of Architectural Drawings Works from the Armson-Collins Collection, (School of Fine Arts, University of Canterbury, Christchurch, 1994)

Essays on a number of buildings designed by the longest-lasting Christchurch architectural firm, founded by W.B. Armson and continued by members of the Collins family.

Peter Beaven – *Architect Buildings and Projects*, (School of Fine Arts, University of Canterbury, Christchurch, 1995)

Essays on several of the buildings designed by another of the most important Christchurch architects of the second half of the 20th century.

B.W. Mountfort and the Gothic Revival in Canterbury, (Robert McDougall Art Gallery, Christchurch, 1998)

Features several of the buildings designed by, and discusses the career of, Christchurch's most important 19th century architect.

Books on the city's transport history

Ince, John A., *A City of Bridges A History of Bridges over the Avon and Heathcote Rivers in Christchurch*, (Christchurch City Council, Christchurch, 1998)

Details on all the bridges, past and present, over the two rivers which flow through the urban area of Christchurch. Their design and their functioning as part of the city's road system are covered.

Johnston, W.B. ed., *Traffic in a New Zealand City*, (Christchurch Regional Planning Authority, Christchurch, 1965)

The findings of a study undertaken in preparation for a Master Transportation Plan for Christchurch. The book includes information on land use, urban growth and the distribution of industries and shops in the urban area.

Laugesen, Keith, *A driving force: The Laugesen family and the Midland group of companies*, (J.K. Laugesen, Christchurch, 2001)

Midland buses were an important element of Christchurch transport through the middle years of the 20th century. This hybrid family/company history includes information on many aspects of Christchurch's transport and commercial history.

Stewart, Graham, *Around Christchurch by Tram in the 20th Century*, (Grantham House, Wellington, 1999)

A pictorial book, with useful information in the captions about the city's electric tram system.

[Stewart, Graham], *A Christchurch Album to Celebrate the Return of Trams to the Streets*. Photographs by W.W. Stewart of the 1920s and Graham Stewart of the 1950s. (Grantham House, Wellington, 1994)

Usefully dated and captioned pictures of trams on various Christchurch streets.

On the Move: Christchurch transport through the years, (Christchurch Transport Board/Tramway Historical Society, nos. 1-5; A. & M. Publishers/Tramway Historical Society, no. 6; A. & M. Publishers, nos. 7-8)

Bullock to Brougham Private Road Transport in Early Christchurch, (n.d.)

Hailing a Hansom Public Transport and Transport in Trade and Industry in Christchurch's horse-drawn days, (n.d.)

Rails in the Roads The Steam and Horse Tram Era in Christchurch, (n.d.)

The Wire Web The Christchurch Tramway Board and its Early Electric Tramways 1903-1920, (1986)

The Country Commuter The Regional Railway Network of Christchurch, (1988)

The Tidal Traveller The Small Ships of Canterbury, (1991)

Tram to the Terminus The Christchurch Tramway Board and its electric tramways 1921-54, (1993)

Buses-beetle to bristols The buses of Canterbury 1904-1989, (1996)

The booklets in this series are an indispensable source for information about most of the ways people have moved about Christchurch since its earliest days through to the mid 20th century when the private car began to eclipse other modes of transport.

Books on specific services and utilities

Alexander, Mark, Christchurch A City of Light, (Southpower, Christchurch, 1990)

A detailed history of the Municipal Electricity Department which covers such diverse topics as supply sources, reticulation (including substations), street lighting, MED buildings and the impact of electricity on life in Christchurch.

Hercus, Agnes I., A City Built upon a Swamp The Story of the Drainage of Christchurch 1850-1903 With Epilogue 1903-1936, (Christchurch Drainage Board, Christchurch, 1948)

This work covers primarily the work of the Drainage Board up to 1903, but also discusses the choice of the site of Christchurch and drainage of the city prior to the formation of the Board. An appendix lists pipe-laying contracts which make it possible to trace the growth of the city, and extension of the sewers, through time.

Phillips, A.A., Always Ready Christchurch Fire Brigade 1860-1985, (New Zealand Fire Service, District 5AO1, Christchurch, 1985)

A history on the administration of the fire service in Christchurch, with material on all the important fire-fighting service buildings, appliances and major fires. Useful appendices summarise much of the information in the text.

Public Activities in Christchurch. Official Record of the Work of the City Council, North Canterbury Hospital Board, Lyttelton Harbour Board, Drainage Board, Tramway Board, Domains Board and Fire Board 1925-1927, (n.p., n.d., ?Christchurch, ?1927)

An invaluable 'snapshot' of utilities and services in the city and their administration in the mid 1920s.

Wilson, John, Christchurch Swamp to City A Short History of the Christchurch Drainage Board 1875-1989, (Te Waihora Press, Lincoln, for the Christchurch Drainage Board, 1989)

An institutional history of the Drainage Board which also covers all sewerage and stormwater drainage work in the city through to the dissolution of the Board in 1989.

Books about specific industries and businesses

Canterbury Manufacturers' Association, *A Century of Achievement 1879-1979: A Record of Progress*, (Canterbury Manufacturers' Association, Christchurch, 1980)

Though primarily an account of an organisation important in the city's economic life, the book also contains useful information about the city's industrial development.

Collins, Ernest G., *Malting in the Heathcote Valley 1871-1981*, (The Canterbury Malting Company, Christchurch, 1981)

Besides covering the specific industry of the book's title, this work provides an overview of industrial development (including brickworks) in the Heathcote Valley.

Lane Walker Rudkin, *Lane Walker Rudkin: 75 Years: Milestones 1904-1979*, (Lane Walker Rudkin, Christchurch, 1979)

A survey history of the firm that played a leading role in the textile and clothing manufacturing industries in Christchurch.

Loach, A.C., *A History of the New Zealand Refrigerating Company*, (New Zealand Refrigerating Company, Christchurch, 1969)

An excellent account of the firm which played a leading role in developing the meat freezing industry in Christchurch, with works at Islington and at Hornby.

Ogilvie, Gordon, *Ballantynes The Story of Dunstable House 1854-2004*, (J. Ballantyne and Co. Ltd, Christchurch, 2004)

A recent work which tells the story of a single company. But it is a company which has played a highly significant role in retailing in Christchurch and the book includes information about the central city's physical development and its social history. It includes the best account yet of the tragic Ballantynes fire of 1947.

Pollard, John S., *Requiem for a Gasworks*, (University of Canterbury, Christchurch, 1987)

A detailed history of the production of coal gas in Christchurch, from the 1864 founding of the company to disposal of the contaminated soil after the works closed down. The work is technical, but has information about the structures and buildings on the gasworks site and about the reticulation and use of coal gas in the city.

Smith, Greg C., Divine Rock The Quarrymen's Gift, (Roding Unit, Christchurch City Council, Christchurch, 1993)

The history of the longest-lasting of the many Port Hills quarries which was a source of both building stone and road metal for more than a century and is now being developed as a reserve.

Stevens, P.G., Pyne Gould Guinness Ltd The Jubilee History 1919-1969, (PyneGould Guinness Ltd, Christchurch, 1970)

Although it covers only a relatively brief timespan and deals with just one (albeit important) company, the book illuminates Christchurch's role as a centre for handling farm products and supplying farmers' needs.

Books on specific organisations or institutions (including churches, hospitals, schools and sporting organisations)

Amodeo, Colin, ed., *Wilderness to Garden City: a celebration of 150 years of horticultural endeavour in Canterbury*, (Canterbury Horticultural Society, Christchurch, 2001)

An important source for information about the planting of public spaces and private gardening in Christchurch as well as about an organisation which has had a significant influence on how the city's appearance has developed and changed.

Averill, L.C., *St George's Hospital The First Fifty Years*, (St George's Hospital Executive, Christchurch, 1978)

The history of a private hospital which casts light on the place of the churches in Christchurch life and on the medical history of the city.

Bennett, F.O., *Hospital on the Avon The History of the Christchurch Hospital 1862-1962*, (North Canterbury Hospital Board, Christchurch, 1962)

An institutional history which deals with the organisation of the hospital, its departments and personnel but also describes the hospital's physical growth and development and the buildings on the site up to 1962 (just before the major redevelopment began).

Blight, W.T., *A House Not Made With Hands A History of the Durham Street Methodist Church Since the present Church Building was Erected 1864-1964*. (Trustees of the Durham Street Methodist Church, Christchurch, 1964)

This is a chronicle rather than a history which places emphasis on the personalities associated with one of the city's early inner-city churches.

Britten, Rosemary, *Rangi Ruru Girls' School, Christchurch, New Zealand, 1889-1989*, (Te Waihora Press, for the Board of Governors, Rangi Ruru Girls' School, Christchurch, 1988)

The book covers the history and physical development of, and personalities associated with, a private girls' school which was bought by the Presbyterian Church. Interesting material on the educational and social life of Christchurch.

Brittenden, W.J.A., *A Dream Come True The Christchurch Town Hall*, (Christchurch Town Hall Committee, Christchurch, 1972)

As background to an account of the campaign to build the present Town Hall, and of its design and construction, this booklet provides details on former public meeting places in Christchurch and on Market (now Victoria Square) where the new Town Hall was built.

Brown, Colin, Vision and Reality Christchurch's Cathedral in the Square, (Christ Church Cathedral Chapter, Christchurch, 2000)

This is a history of the Cathedral as both a building and an institution. Given the place of the Cathedral in Christchurch life, the book includes information on Christchurch society and personalities.

Brunt, Phoebe, Deep Roots and Firm Foundations A History of St Paul's Presbyterian Church, Christchurch, 1864-1964, (St Paul's Church, Christchurch, 1964)

A history of the city's second Presbyterian church which throws light on general changes in the inner city.

Butchers, A.G., A Centennial History of Education in Canterbury, (Centennial Committee, Canterbury Education Board, Christchurch, 1953)

Though the book is now old it contains useful background information on the development of education in Christchurch and on the body which controlled public education in the city for many years.

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