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Introduction:

Ngāti Kahungunu trace their origins to the Tākitimu waka, which arrived in Aotearoa from Rarotonga around 1100-1200 AD.

Tamatea Ariki Nui, the captain of Tākitimu, settled in Tauranga, and is buried on top of Mauao, called Mount Maunganui today. Tamatea Ariki Nui had a son called Rongokako, and he had a son called Tamatea Pokai Whenua Pokai Moana, which means “Tamatea explorer of land and sea.”

It is from Tamatea Pokai Whenua Pokai Moana that we have the longest place name, located at Porongahau – “Taumatawhakatangihakōauauatamateaturipukakapikimaungahoronuku pokaiwhenuakitānatahu” where Tamatea Pokai Whenua Pokai Moana played a flute to his lover.

It is the son of Tamatea Pokai Whenua Pokai Moana named Kahungunu that Ngāti Kahungunu comes from. Kahungunu travelled widely and eventually settled on the East Coast. His grandson Rakaihikuroa, migrated with his son Taraia, their families and followers, from Nukutaurua on the Māhia Peninsula to Heretaunga (Hawke’s Bay area). Eventually, Heretaunga was brought under the control of his people, who became the first Ngāti Kahungunu as we know it today in Hawke’s Bay.

Ahuriri was an important site of Māori occupation with Te Whanganui-a-Orotū; the inner harbor; being a valued source of food. It is here that Ngāti Kahungunu were one of the first Māori tribes to come into contact with European settlers.

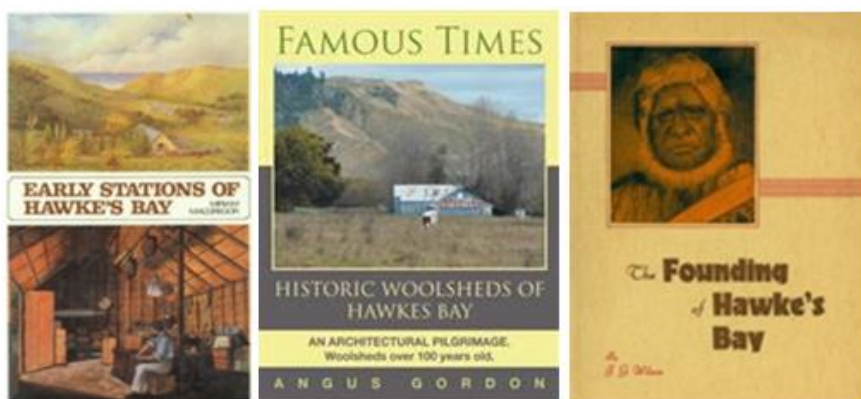
In October 1769, Captain Cook first landed in Napier, before continuing to sail down the East Coast on the HMS Endeavour. Cook named the Hawke’s Bay after Sir Edward Hawke, First Lord of the Admiralty. In the 1830’s traders, whalers, missionaries and other forerunners of a permanent European settlement began to appear.

Originally known as Ahuriri, Napier was founded by the government in 1855, and is Hawke’s Bay’s oldest town. The name “Napier” commemorates Sir Charles Napier, the commander-in-chief of British forces in India.

Napier Library has a wide range of resources to help you in your journey of discovery as you learn about our rich history.

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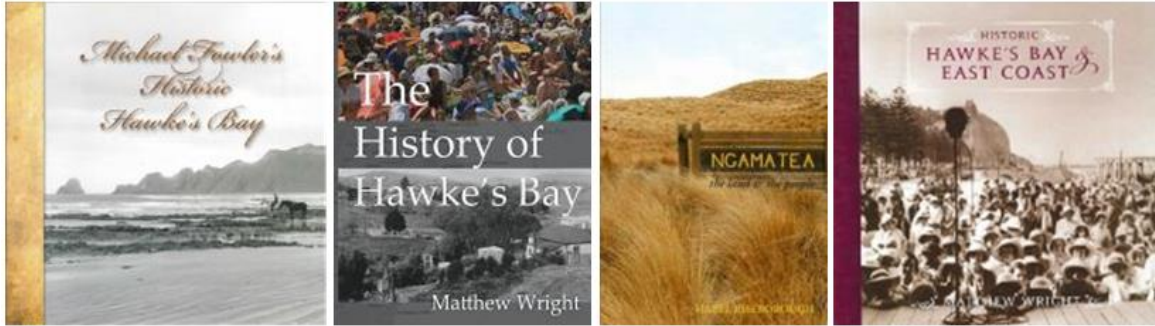
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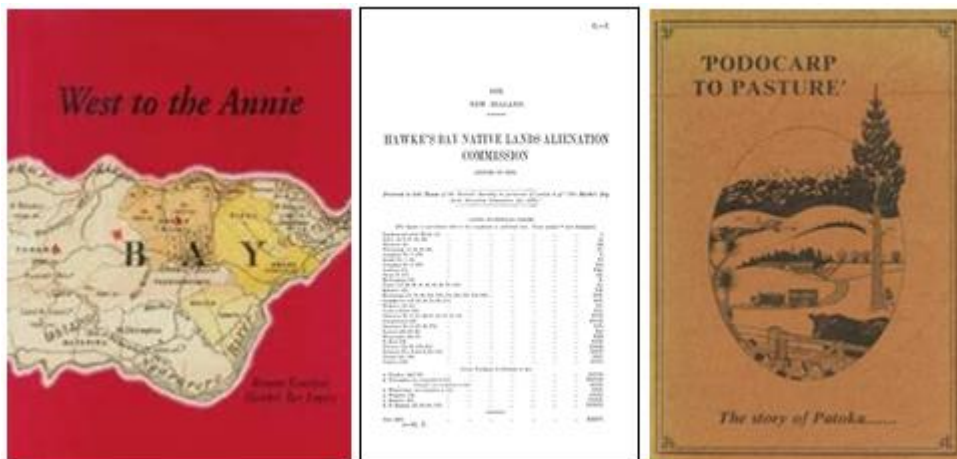
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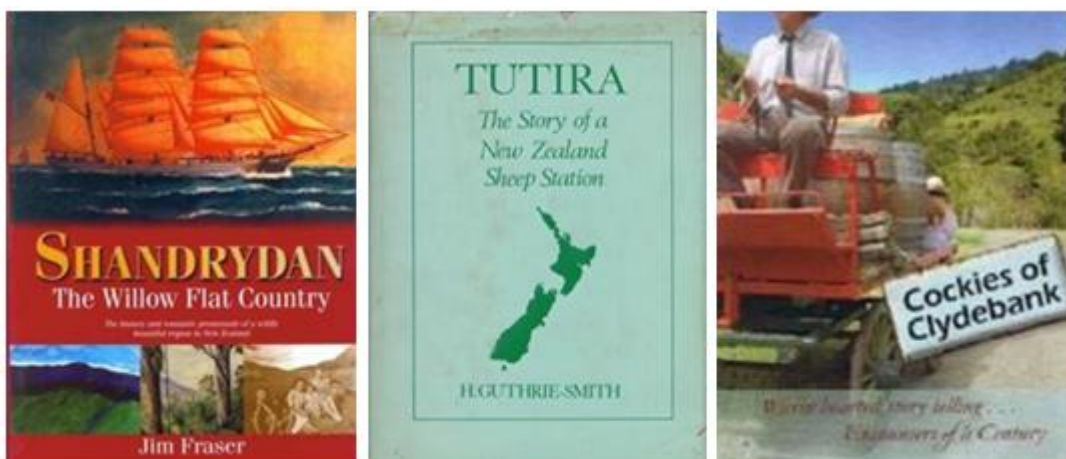
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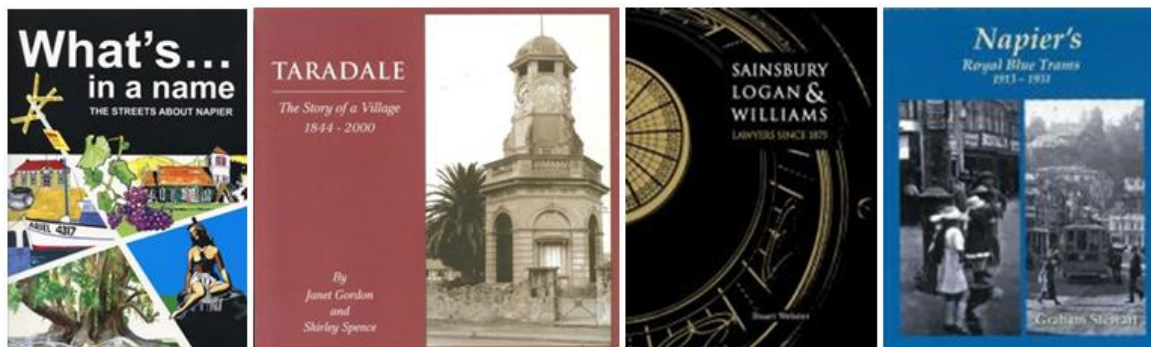
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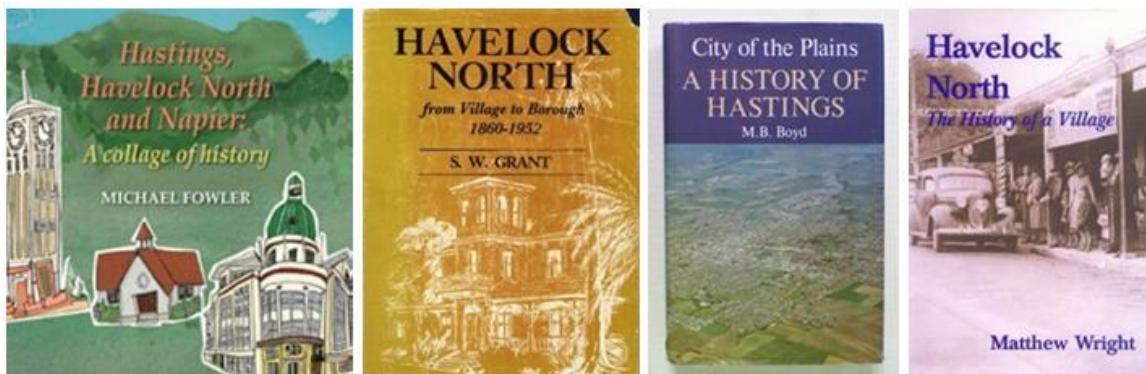
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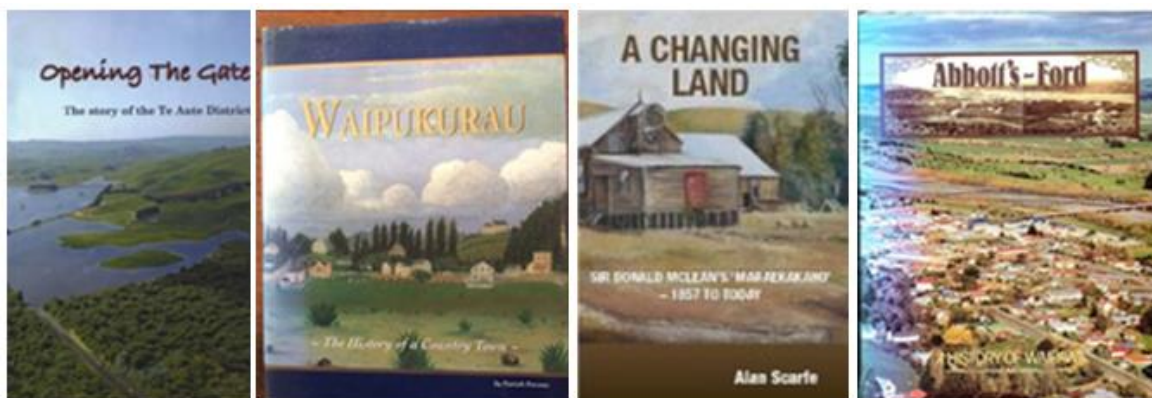
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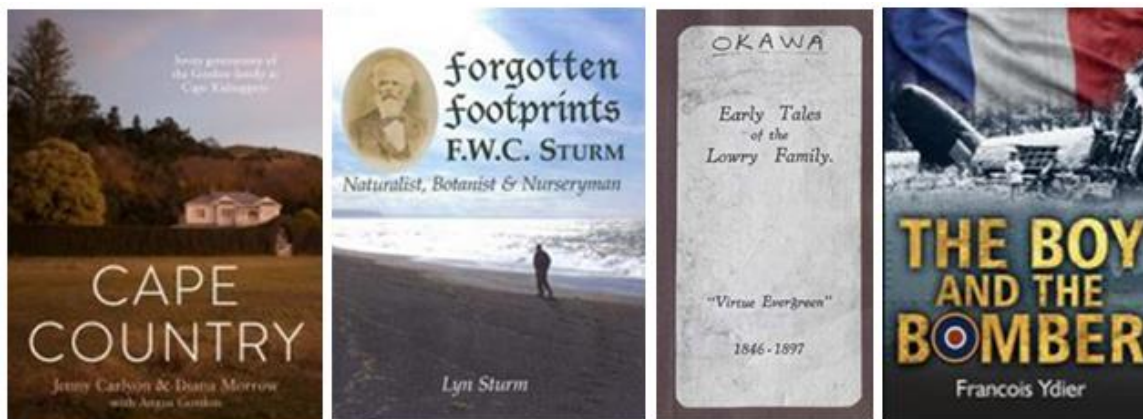
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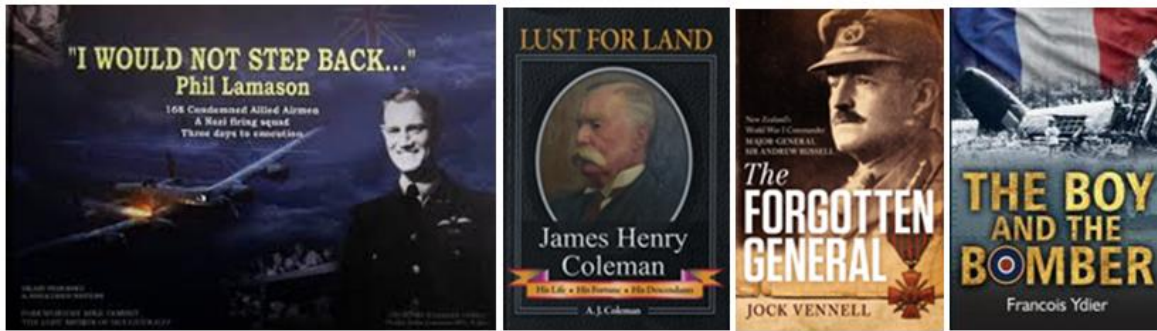
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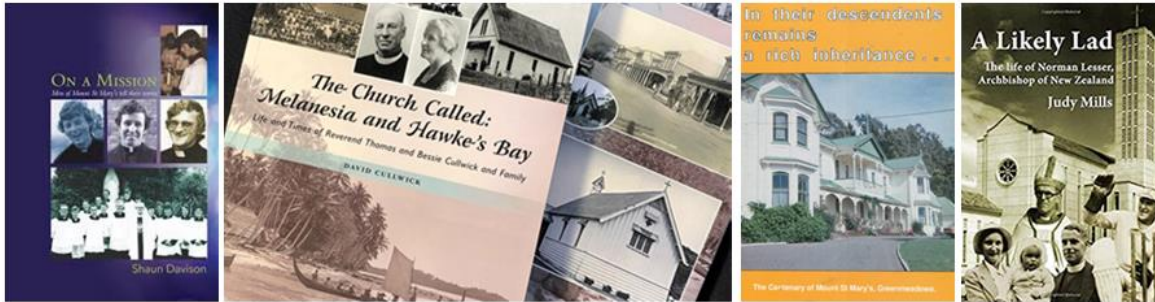
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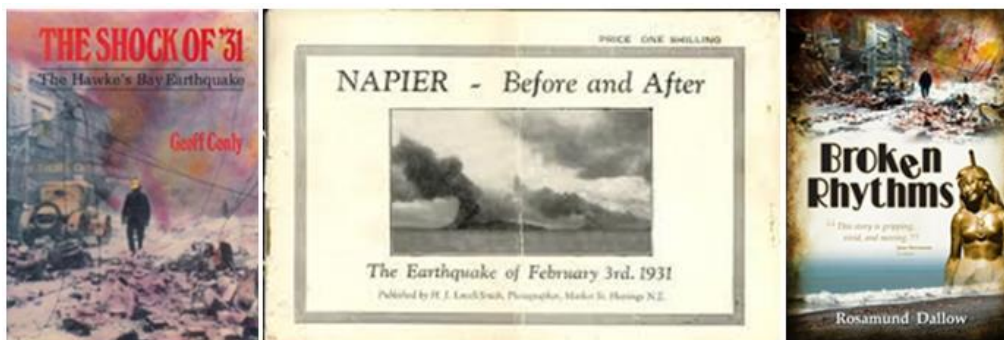
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