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BIOGRAPHICAL RESEARCH**

## **COMPILER'S NOTE**

This bibliography is compiled to assist members of the staff of the National Archives in the genealogical and biographical enquiries with which they have to deal in the course of their work. The bibliography is by no means exhaustive there may be some sources which the compiler has overlooked, and, there may be new materials which may come to light later on or published in future and which are not included in this volume. The bibliography therefore needs to be updated from time to time to include these new materials.

The present volume deliberately omits published autobiographies and biographies which are easily accessible by consulting the Reference Library catalogue. On the other hand it includes published and unpublished biographies which are not easily discernible from the catalogue.

The bibliography is divided into six Sections: General, Civil Servants, Indian Immigration, Polynesian Immigration, the Armed Forces and Autobiographies and Biographies. Under GENERAL may be found sources of general information on Fiji residents from the earliest dates to the present. Under the other Sections are to be found sources of information relating to persons covered by those Sections.

It is hoped that this bibliography will be useful to staff and will assist them in the efficient conduct of research enquiries. It is also hoped that patrons of the National Archives will find it useful for their own researchers.

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## **GENERAL**

1. **TURPIN'S ALMANIC AND DIRECTORY- 1873 and 1874** (2 vols).
2. **FIJI ROYAL GAZETTE, Oct, 1874** – to date. Includes appointments of Justices of the Peace, Assessors of the Supreme Court, Members of various Boards and Committees and Honors awarded.
3. **C.S.O CENSUS OF WHITE RESIDENTS IN FIJI 1874, AND 1875.** Return of European Settlers by Districts. (Official Papers at end of CSO series).
4. **Registrar-General. REGISTER OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES, 1875 – 1876.** Microfilm copy.
5. **FIJI DIRECTORY, 1879**
6. **FIJI HANDBOOK 1910, 1922, 1928, 1929, (4 vols).** Include directory of European resident.
7. **CYCLOPEDIA OF FIJI, 1907** - Includes biographical details of a selected number of European residents in Fiji. An index to biographies is available for consultation. There are also a cyclopedia Tonga and cyclopedia of Samoa.
8. **ADVENTUROUS SPIRITS**, by John Young, 1984 (Based on his doctorate thesis). Gives the history of Australia Colonists in Fiji from about 1860 – 1900.
9. **THE PART – EUROPEAN OF FIJI** by D.L. Kelly. (Thesis) 1966.
10. **PACIFIC ISLANDS MONTHLY.** 1930 to date. A useful reference source on personalities and events in the Pacific Islands since 1930. The existence of a Cumulative Index (up to 1955) enhances its usefulness. The Cumulative Index headings include: Biographical entries, Companies, Contributors, Ships, Territories (in alphabetical order, followed by news items), Miscellaneous Islands (islands which do not come within any of the Pacific Island Territories), Pacific Islands General (entries dealing with Pacific Islands generally) and Index to Place Names (those islands, districts, towns, villages and other places dealt with under each Territory). For those issues not yet covered by the Cumulative Index, there is an index in front of each issue.

11. **PACIFIC ISLANDS YEARBOOK AND WHOS WHO, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> editions. 1963, 1968.** Gives biographies of prominent Pacific Islanders and Pacific Island residents in 1963 and 1968.
12. **WHOS WHO IN FIJI, 1990.** Edited by Sam Berwick.
13. Methodist Mission. **REGISTER OF BAPTISM AND OF MARRIAGE. 1835 – 1925.** An index to this register has been compiled and is available for consultation.
14. Anglican Church. **REGISTER OF BAPTISM, 1879 – 1922.** An index to names is at the end of the Register.
15. Anglican Church. **REGISTER OF MARRIAGES, HOLY TRINITY SUVA. 1905 – 1957.**
16. Supreme Court. **PROBATE FILES. 1875 – 1950.** A separate index to names exists – 1 volume).
17. **THE FIJI TIMES, 4 Sept, 1869,** This newspaper lists shipping arrivals and departures, arriving and departing passengers by ships, births, deaths and marriages, etc. Unfortunately the newspaper is not indexed.
18. **THE FIJIAN WEEKLY NEWS AND PLANTERS JOURNAL, 8 August – 21 Nov 1868.** It gives information similar to that in the FIJI TIMES.
19. **THE FIJI GAZETTE, Oct 1871 – Apr 1874** (Newspaper) Contains information similar to that in the FIJI TIMES.
20. **THE SUVA TIMES, 29 Oct 1881 – 29 Dec 1886.** ( Merged with the FIJI TIMES with effect from 1887) Contains information similar to that in the FIJI TIMES but with a Suva biase.
21. **Land Claims Commission. RECORDS 1875 – 1883.** The evidence of claimants and of witnesses usually gives their dates of arrival in Fiji, their activities since arrival and sometimes genealogical data. An index to claimants is available for consultation so as an index to lands being claimed.
22. **CORRESPONDENCE WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF FIJI 1871 – 1930.** Correspondence by individuals with Government usually tells us something about the activities in which they were involved in Fiji and their whereabouts at the time of writing. To be able to use this Records Series one has to consult the following Lists and Indexes:

- i. **Chief Secretary Office (Cakobau Government). LIST OF INWARDS CORRESPONDENCE 1871 – 1875.**
- ii. **C.S.O REGISTER OF INWARDS CORRESPONDENCE 1875 – 1885. Name Index in front of the REGISTER.**
- iii. **C.S.O SUBJECT INDEX TO GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE**
- iv. **C.S.O NOMINAL INDEX TO GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE 1887 – 1928**

## **CIVIL SERVANTS**

1. **C.S.O SERVICE RECORDS 1874 – 1940.** Gives summary of service records of Civil Servants
2. **FIJI ROYAL GAZETTE, Oct 1874 – to date.** Includes appointments, promotions, postings, leave and retirement of Civil Servants.
3. **FIJI BLUE BOOK, 1876 – 1939.** Includes names of Civil servants under the Section entitled “Civil Establishment”, and of Government pensioners. Also includes Municipal authorities and local Boards and the names of members and names of consults of foreign countries.
4. **FIJI CIVIL LIST, 1909 – to date.** Gives names of Civil Servants by Departments. From 1909 – 1942 the list gives service records of individual officers.
5. **CORRESPONDENCE WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF FIJI. 1971 – 1930** Gives details of Civil Servants appointments promotions, leave, postings and retirements. To be able to use this Records Series one has to consult the following Lists and Indexes:
  - i. **Chief Secretary Office** (Cakobau Government). LIST OF INWARDS CORRESPONDENCE 1871 – 1875.
  - ii. **C.S.O REGISTER OF INWARDS CORRESPONDENCE, 1875 – 1885.** Name Index in front of the REGISTER.
  - iii. **C.S.O SUBJECT INDEX TO GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE 1884 – 1930**
  - iv. **C.S.O NOMINAL INDEX TO GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE 1887 – 1912**

## **INDIAN IMMIGRATION**

1. Immigration Dept. **GENERAL REGISTERS OF INDIAN IMMIGRANTS, 1879 – 1916.** 9 Vols. Includes names of Indians brought to Fiji under the indenture System. The names are entered under the ships on which the labourers came and the ships passengers are entered in the Register in order of the ships dates of arrival in Fiji.
2. Immigration Dept. **EMIGRATION PASSES, 1879 – 1916.** One of these passes was issues in respect of each emigrant leaving India for indentured service in Fiji. Each pass gives personal details of an emigrant including the name of his next kin, his home village, district and province and his occupation in India. These passes are arranged in numerical order. To locate a particular pass, the number must be ascertained first from the GENERAL REGISTER OF INDIAN IMIGRANTS (No. 19 above)
3. Immigration Dept. **PLANTATION REGISTERS OF INDIAN IMMIGRANTS, 1879 – 1919.** 10 vols. This Register lists under the employers names of Indian immigrants employed by them, sex, age and term of service, wages paid, date of discharge and/or repatriation to India. A separate index to employers exists.

## **POLYNESIAN IMMIGRATION**

1. Immigration Dept. **GENERAL REGISTERS OF POLYNESIAN IMMIGRANTS. 1870 – 1911.** 3 Vols. This Register records the name , number, age, sex and country of origin of each indentured Pacific Island laborers introduced into Fiji, his date of arrival, the name of the ship on which he arrived, the cost of his introduction and the name of the employer to whom he was indentured. Entries are endorsed with particulars of the immigrant's health, service, wages, movements between successive employers and repatriation.
2. Immigration Dept. **PLANTATION REGISTER OF POLYNESIAN IMMIGRANTS, 1876 – 1911.** 3 Vols. This Register gives the same information as 3 above, for Polynesian immigrants. A separate index to employers exists.



## **ARMED FORCES PERSONNEL**

1. **C.S.O PAPERS RELATING TO THE FIJI CONTIGENTS AND THE FIJI LABOUR CORPS, 1914 - 1918.** Contains names of those from Fiji who joined the Fiji Contingents and the Labour Corps for active service during World War I. For details of casualties refer to S.S. dispatches and C.S.O Minute papers.
2. **THE HISTORY OF THE FIJI MILITARY FORCES, 1939 - 1945** by R.A Howlett. Lists those servicemen who were killed in Action, those who died of wounds, those missing believed were killed, those who were accidentally killed and those who died of sickness while on Active Service overseas. It also lists those who received Honours and Awards, the names of the officers of the F.M.F and the officers of the Second New Zealand Expeditionary Forces who served in the Fiji Military Forces.

## **AUTOBIOGRAPHIES AND BIOGRAPHIES**

For published autobiographies and biographies consult the Reference Library catalogue.

Some less- known published biographies and some unpublished materials which we hold are listed below:

- 1) **ABSTARCT OF THE GENEALOGY OF THE VUANIREWA** in A.M. Hocart's LAU ISLANDS, FIJI 1929. Gives the Tui Nayau's genealogy from Niumataiwalu down to Ratu Alifereti Finau, Ratu Sir K.K.R. Mara's grandfather.
- 2) **'RATU CAKOBAN'** by Ratu Deve Toganivalu in TRANSACTIONS OF THE FIJIAN SOCIETY, 1912.
- 3) **'DESCENT OF RATU SIR J.L.V. SUKUNA'** in **FIJI: THE THREE - LEGGED STOOL**, edited by Deryck Scarr. Also gives Ratu Cakobau's descent from Ratu Banuve down to Ratu Sir George K. Cakobau.
- 4) **RATU CAKOBAN'S FAMILY TREE**, in **SIR H. MAURICE SCOTTS PAPERS MS 196.**

- 5) **'CAKOBAN AND MAAFU: CONTENDERS FOR PRE-EMINENCE IN FIJI'**, by Deryck Scarr. In **PACIFIC ISLANDS PORTRAITS**, by J.W Davidson and Deryck Scarr, 1970.
- 6) **'Charlie Savage'**, by Pita Emosi Tatawaqa, in **TRANSACTIONS OF THE FIJIAN SOCIETY, 1912.**
- 7) **'CHARLIE SAVAGE'**, in Ratu Deve Toganivalu's **ISLAND KINGDOM: THE HISTORY AND CUSTOMS OF THE BAUANS...** (Unpublished Manuscripts). CSO F.62/247.
- 8) **'SODIER OF FORTUNE'** (about Charlie Savage) in Stan Brown's **MEN FROM UNDER THE SKY, (1973).**
- 9) **CORREPONDEANCE RELATING TO DAVID WHIPPY, 1823 - 1866** (with gaps) MS.166
- 10) **THE FOUNDER OF LEVUKA TOWN'** (about David Whippy). In Stan Brown's **MEN FROM UNDER THE SKY (1973).**
- 11) **A BRIEF ACCOUNT OF THE LIFE OF SIR JOHN DENIS MACDONALD KCB FRS RN**, by E.R Macdonald. MS 383.
- 12) **'NAVAL DIPLOMATS'** (about Commodore James Grantham Goodenough). In Stan Browns **MEN FROM UNDER THE SKY (1973) BORRON'S FAMILY TREE, in JAMES M.K. BORRON PAPERS. MS 191.**
- 13) **'THE HIGHEST HONOUR' (1857 - 63).** (about William Thomas Pritchard) In Stan Brown's **MEN FROM UNDER THE SKY. (1973).**
- 14) **'JOHN BATES THURSTON: GRAND PANJANDRUM OF THE PACIFIC**, by Deryck Scarr. In **MORE PACIFIC ISLANDS PORTRAITS**, edited by Deyck Scarr, 1978.
- 15) **'VOICE OF AUTHORITY' (1873 - 97)** (about J.B. Thurston). In Stan Brown's **MEN FROM UNDER THE SKY. (1973).**
- 16) **'SIR JOHN THURSTON'**. In A.B Brewster's **KING OF THE CANNIBAL ISLES. 1927.**
- 17) **'GEORGE AUSTIN WOODS'**. In A.B Brewster's **KING OF THE CANNIBAL ISLANDS. 1927.**

- 18) **'MAGIFICENT GEORGE' (1872 – 74)** (about G.A. Woods). In Stan Brown's **MEN FROM UNDER THE SKY**. (1973).
- 19) **'CHARLES ST JULIAN: ALTERNATIVE DIPLOMACY IN POLYNESIA'**, by Marion Nothling. In **MORE PACIFIC ISLANDS POTRAITS**, edited by Deryck Scarr, 1978.
- 20) **DAVID WILKINSON – PAPERS RELATING TO THE CAREERS OF FROM 1861 – 1905. MS 247.**
- 21) **DR JOHN HUTCHINSON, THE INVENTOR OF THE SPIROMETER – HIS NORTH COUNTRY BACKGROUND LIFE IN LONDON, AND SCIENTIFIC ACHIEVEMENTS**, by E.A. Spriggs, Bryan Gandevia and P.J. Bishop. In **MEDICAL HISTORY**, Vol.21, No. 4, October, 1977. (Copy of articles in Reference Library).
- 22) **MATROSE FAMILY TREE AND DOSSIER**, by Pearl L. Montrose. 1986. M.S. 400. –
- 23) **AN ACCOUNT OF REV. THOMAS BAKER'S MURDER** (in July 1867). In Emma Small's **REMINISCENCES OF OLD FIJI**. MS. 206.
- 24) **'THE STORY OF THE NAVOSA TRAGEDY: RETOLD AND REVIEWED'** by Rev. A.J. Small. In **TRANSACTIONS OF THE FIJIAN SOCIETY**. 1909.
- 25) **'A DISCIPLINE OF LISTER ON THE WILD WEST COAST**, by R.E. Wright – St. (about Dr Rutherford Ryley) In **N.Z. MEDICAL JOURNAL**. 1977, 85; pp. 7-8. Copy in Reference Library.
- 26) **THE MEMOIR OF THE REV. ARTHUR J. SMALL. MS. 82** (A copy is in the Reference Library).
- 27) **Emma Small. REMISCENCES OF OLD FIJI (AND) AN ACCOUNT OF REV. THOMAS BAKERS'S MURDER** (in July, 1867). MS. 206.
- 28) **DIARY AND NARRATIVE OF EDWIN J. TURPIN. 1870 – 94. MS 1.**
- 29) **THE SERACH FOR EDWIN TURPIN** by A.J Diamond. In **TRANSACTIONS AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIJI SOCIETY**, 1965.
- 30) Dr Bolton Granville Corney's **CURRICULUM VITAE MS. 237.**
- 31) **JAMES TOUTON PROCTOR**, by Christopher Legge. MS. 229.

- 32) **'THE TUKA MOVEMENT OF FIJI'** (The Story of Dugumoi or Navosavakadua, as he was commonly known). In **THE TRUMPHEAT SHALL SOUND** by Peter Worsely. 1957.
- 33) **'APOLOSI R. NAWAI: THE MAN FROM RA'**, by Tim Macnaught. In **MORE PACIFIC ISLAND PORTRAITS**, edited by Deryck Scarr, 1978.
- 34) **DESCENT OF RATU SIR JOSEFA LALABALAVU VANAALIALI SUKUNA, In FIJI: THE THREE LEGGED STOOL**, edited by Deryck Scarr. Also includes a summary of Ratu Sukuna's **SERVICE RECORDS**.

**NOTE**

The results of biographical researches conducted by staff of the National Archives are available for consultation. For access to this information apply to the Reference Librarian.

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