

**CHISHOLM PIONEERS
IN
COLONIAL
NEW ZEALAND**

*Initial studies into their
Background, migration and settlement*



Chisholm

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To the dead we owe only the truth"*

(Francois Voltaire: Oeuvres, 1785 v.1 p.15n)