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# Births, Deaths & Marriages

This is a guide to resources relating to births, deaths and marriages of relevance to family historians and held by Ryde Library & Information Services. All of the items listed can be found in the **Family History Collection** (G) at Ryde branch. The majority of the records themselves are on microfilm or microfiche.

The resources described in this pathfinder are primary records, directly relating to the events of births, deaths and marriages. Sometimes birth, death and marriage details can be established through indirect ways, and secondary sources; including census returns, occupational records, orphan school admission books and biographical dictionaries. These records are described in other pathfinders in the *Family History Collection* series.

One set of primary records not described in this guide is cemetery transcripts. A full list of cemetery transcripts held by Ryde Library & Information Services is available as Pathfinder no.2 in the *Family History Collection* series.

For more information about the Family History collection at Ryde Library please contact the Local Studies Librarian, Glenys Murray on (02) 9952 8353, email [gmurray@ryde.nsw.gov.au](mailto:gmurray@ryde.nsw.gov.au)

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# BIRTHS DEATHS & MARRIAGES

## *HISTORICAL BACKGROUND* □ *NEW SOUTH WALES*

The recording of births, deaths and marriages of European settlers in Australia began in 1787, on board the convict transport ships of the First Fleet bound for New South Wales. These events were noted in a register kept by the Chaplain of the First Fleet.

This practice of recording baptisms, burials and marriages in church registers had been established in England since the sixteenth century. However, the first pieces of legislation in New South Wales to authorize registration of these events, and to regularize the practice, were passed in:

- 1825 for the Church of England
- 1834 for the Roman Catholic Church (then Church of Rome)
- 1834 for the Presbyterian Church (then Church of Scotland)
- 1839 for the Wesleyan Methodist Society
- 1840 for the Congregational or Independent and Baptist denominations

Thus, for many births, deaths and marriages prior to these dates, either no record was made or church authorities retained no record. In addition, many births, deaths and unions took place outside the framework of the church.

## *CIVIL REGISTRATION*

Legislation requiring the compulsory registration of all births, deaths and marriages in New South Wales came into effect on 1 March 1856. Provision was made for more detail to be included in the recording of births; deaths and marriages than had been the practice with church records. In the case of a birth, it was the responsibility of one of the parents to notify a local District Registrar of the details of the event. Details required included date and place of birth sex and name of the child, father's name, occupation and birthplace, mother's name, maiden surname and birthplace date and place of marriage of parents, and previous issue of the marriage.

In the case of a marriage it was the task of the marriage celebrant to provide details of the parties to the marriage and the date and place of the marriage. Information asked about the parties included name, age, birthplace, and occupation and parents' names. For deaths, it was the responsibility of the owner of the house in which the death occurred to notify the Registrar of the details. The information required included name and occupation of the deceased, sex and age, date and place of death, cause of death, father's name and occupation, mother's name and maiden surname, place of birth and length of residence in the Australian colony date and place of burial date and place marriage age at marriage, and children of the marriage.

## OTHER AUSTRALIAN STATES

Compulsory civil registration of births, deaths and marriages began at different dates in other states. In **TASMANIA** civil registration began on 1 December 1838, although European settlement on the island had begun in 1803. Similarly in **WESTERN AUSTRALIA** civil registration began on 1 September 1841, some years after the initial European settlement of 1826. **SOUTH AUSTRALIA** was colonised in 1836 but civil registration did not commence until 1 June 1842.

**VICTORIA**, originally the Port Phillip District of the Colony of New South Wales, became a separate colony in 1851 and enacted compulsory civil registration legislation in July 1853. For the eighteen years of European settlement prior to that date, records of baptisms, the authorised clergy of the various denominations present in the District maintained burials and marriages. Since **QUEENSLAND** did not become a colony separate from New South Wales until 1859, the civil registration records for the years 1856-1859 came under the New South Wales system and thereafter a separate Queensland registration system was adopted.

The information available through the compulsory registration of births, deaths and marriages differs in detail from state to state. Thus, while copies of birth, death and marriage certificates from Queensland and Victoria provide similar information to that available in New South Wales, the information available on a South Australian or West Australian certificate is considerably less detailed.

## WHERE TO BUY CERTIFICATES?

NEW SOUTH WALES: <a href="http://www.bdm.nsw.gov.au">www.bdm.nsw.gov.au</a>	<b>Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages</b> 35 Regent Street Chippendale 2008
VICTORIA: <a href="http://www.justice.vic.gov.au">www.justice.vic.gov.au</a>	<b>Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages</b> PO Box 4332 Melbourne VIC 3001
QUEENSLAND: <a href="http://www.justice.qld.gov.au/bdm">www.justice.qld.gov.au/bdm</a>	<b>Registrar-General's Office</b> PO Box 188 Brisbane North Quay QLD 4002 or, pre-1890: <b>Queensland State Archives</b> PO Box 1397 Sunnybank Hills QLD 4109
SOUTH AUSTRALIA: <a href="http://www.ocba.sa.gov.au/births.htm">www.ocba.sa.gov.au/births.htm</a>	<b>Births, Death &amp; Marriages Registration Division</b> Box 1351 GPO Adelaide SA 5001
WESTERN AUSTRALIA: <a href="http://www.justice.wa.gov.au">www.justice.wa.gov.au</a>	<b>Registrar General's Office</b> PO Box 7720 Cloisters Square Perth WA 6850
TASMANIA: <a href="http://www.justice.tas.gov.au/bdm">www.justice.tas.gov.au/bdm</a>	<b>Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages</b> GPO Box 198 Hobart TAS 7001 or, pre 1900: <b>Archives Office of Tasmania</b> 91 Murray Street Hobart TAS 7000
NEW ZEALAND: <a href="http://www.bdm.govt.nz">www.bdm.govt.nz</a>	<b>Registrar General's Office</b> PO Box 31-115 Lower Hutt NEW ZEALAND

# NEW SOUTH WALES

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## ***Index to New South Wales baptisms & births 1788-1905***

216 microfiche  
G354.9400816 INDE

This index is arranged alphabetically by surname in the following chronological sequences:

Baptisms pre-1856	consolidated index & 2 supplementary indexes
Births 1856-1869	in annual indexes
Births 1870-1879	consolidated index
Births 1880-1889	consolidated index
Births 1900-1905	consolidated index

Index entries provide the name of the parents and the year of birth of the child. While the general arrangement is alphabetical by surname, within each surname the arrangement is alphabetical by the *father's name*.

Entries in the pre-1856 sequence refer to church records prior to civil registration. They provide a reference number in the form of a **volume** and **entry** number. Volumes 1 to 123 refer to microfilm copies of the church records, which are described later in this pathfinder.

Post-1856 entries provide a registration number, which relates to records held by the New South Wales Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages. In the case of entries from the consolidated indexes, the first two digits of the registration number indicate the year of registration. Pre-1856 entries that refer to a volume number higher than 123 also relate to records held by the New South Wales Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages.

## ***Index to New South Wales marriages 1788-1905***

193 microfiche  
G354.9400816 INDE

This index is arranged alphabetically by surname in the following chronological sequences:

Marriages pre-1856	consolidated index & 2 supplementary indexes
Marriages 1856-1895	in annual indexes with mostly separate indexes for grooms and brides
Marriages 1896-1905	in annual indexes, grooms and brides in a single sequence

Entries in this index give the names of both parties to the marriage. Entries in the pre-1856 indexes will give a **volume** and **entry** reference similar to that for baptisms as explained above and post-1856 entries give a registration number.

## ***Index to New South Wales burials & deaths 1788-1905***

91 microfiche

G354.9400816 INDE

This index is arranged alphabetically by surname in the following chronological sequences:

Burials pre-1856	consolidated index & 2 supplementary indexes
Deaths 1856-1869	consolidated index
Deaths 1870-1979	consolidated index
Deaths 1880-1889	consolidated index
Deaths 1890-1899	consolidated index
Deaths 1900-1905	annual indexes

Pre-1856 entries give the year of death, often indicate if the person is an infant, and provide a volume and entry number as explained above. Post-1856 entries give the names of the parents, if this information is given on the death certificate. Where parental details are unknown, the index may give age at death or the locality of the death. The first two digits of the registration number indicate the year of registration.

## ***NEW SOUTH WALES PIONEERS INDEX***

The **New South Wales Pioneers Index** is a re-compilation and extension of existing indexes to birth, death and marriage records produced by the New South Wales Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages and described above. The index is arranged in 2 series, in either CD-ROM format or microfiche:

- Pioneers series 1788-1888
- Federation series 1889-1918

Ryde Library has both series on CD-ROM and also has the Federation series in an alternative microfiche format.

### ***The New South Wales Pioneers Index: Pioneers Series 1788-1888***

CD-ROM - please ask at Enquiries Desk

This CD-ROM provides access to the indexes of the New South Wales registry in three databases, BIRTHS, DEATHS, and MARRIAGES. Each database must be searched separately, and can be searched through any of a number of database fields, or through any combination of fields. These fields include surname, given names, index year, father, mother, spouse surname, spouse given name, place of registration, denomination, and parish.

An accompanying booklet offers guidelines on how to search the database, using function keys and boolean operators. Library staff can assist you in your searches.

***The New South Wales Pioneers Index:  
Federation Series 1889-1918***

CD-ROM - please ask at Enquiries Desk

Similarly to the Pioneers Series CD-ROM, the Federation Series CD-ROM provides access to the indexes of the New South Wales registry in three databases, BIRTHS, DEATHS, and MARRIAGES. Again, each database must be searched separately, and can be searched through any of a number of database fields, or through any combination of fields.

***The New South Wales Pioneers Index:  
Federation Series 1889-1918***

175 microfiche  
G354.9400816 INDE

This microfiche version of the Federation Series comes as a single consolidated index with births, deaths and marriages listed together in one alphabetical sequence according to surname, then given name, then sorted by event in order of births, marriages and then deaths. e.g.

Smith, Anne *B* (birth or baptism)  
Smith, Anne *M* (marriage)  
Smith, Anne *D* (death or burial)

Index entries are then sorted in chronological order by index year (that is, the year in which the event was registered) e.g.:

Smith, Anne *B* 1857  
Smith, Anne *M* 1863  
Smith, Anne *D* 1898

An accompanying booklet gives further details about the information provided in the index, some hints about searching for spelling variations etc., details about how to obtain a copy of a certificate and a short history of the records of the New South Wales Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages.

***The New South Wales Pioneers Index:  
Between the Wars 1918-1943***

CD-ROM – please ask at Enquiries Desk

Similarly to the Federation Series CD-ROM. The Between the Wars Series CD-ROM provides access to the indexes of the New South Wales registry in two databases, **DEATHS** and **MARRIAGES**. Again, each database must be searched separately, and can be searched through any of a number of database fields, or through any combination of fields.

## ***PRE-1856 CHURCH RECORDS***

For most pre-1856 births, deaths and marriages in New South Wales, Ryde Library holds microfilm copies of the church registers:

### ***Registers of baptisms, burials and marriages in New South Wales, 1788-1855***

48 rolls of microfilm  
Numbered AO 5001 - AO 5048

Access to these registers is via **volume** and **entry** numbers gained from the microfiche indexes. The microfilm reels cover volumes 1 to 123. Each reel is labeled, showing the registry volume numbers contained on that reel. Some volumes begin on one reel and continue onto another.

Baptisms, marriages and burials are filmed as separate sequences within each volume and entry numbers refer to each distinct sequence. Thus, to find an entry for a burial, it may be necessary to wind through many pages of baptisms and then marriages before the burial sequence is reached.

**Entry** numbers are often difficult to identify since the records, which have been filmed usually, contain old 'church' numbers and the Registry entry number has been added only intermittently, usually above the first or last entry on a particular page. In some cases the Registry number appears only once in several pages. A GUIDE prepared by the Archives Office of New South Wales should be consulted for a detailed description of the contents of each reel. This is:

Attorney General and Justice, Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages:  
***Microfilm copies of baptisms, burials and marriages, 1787-1856***  
Guide to the State Archives of NSW - Information leaflet no.25  
G354.9400816 INDE

### ***Some important points to note:***

- When civil registration was introduced in New South Wales in 1856 copies of earlier church records were deposited with the Registrar General, the new civil registration authority. These pre-1856 records were mostly transcripts of the original church registers and many of the original records were later also deposited with the Registrar General.

This means that for many baptisms, burials and marriages pre-1856 in New South Wales there will be two records of the event. Often the record provided by the original church register will give details that the transcript does not - for example, the name of the witnesses at a marriage. Usually the higher volume number will refer to the original parish register when pre-1856 events have 2 references.

- An 'X' beside a year in the indexes means that the year given is the year of baptism and may not necessarily be the year of birth.

- It is important to check the supplementary indexes to pre-1856 baptisms, burials and marriages. These indexes will often include references to events not indexed at all in the main sequence as well as second references to events that *are* indexed in the main sequence.
- Some pre-1856 entries for baptisms, burials and marriages have not been included in the microfilmed copies of the registers. These are entries in volumes 124-162. Information from these registers can be obtained by purchasing a certificate from the Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages. Alternatively, you may be able to locate copies of these registers in other collections of New South Wales church records. Possible locations are listed in following pages.
- Some errors and omissions have occurred in filming the registers. Pages 9-15 of the Archives Office guide referred to above explain these errors, omissions, inconsistencies in numbering etc. in detail. If a particular reference proves elusive please refer to this guide.

## CHURCH RECORDS

A number of pre-1856 and post-1856 New South Wales church registers have been microfilmed and copies may be consulted in various repositories. The major collections are those of the:

### **Society of Australian Genealogists**

120 Kent Street Sydney 2000 □ tel 02-9247 3953

[www.sag.org.au](http://www.sag.org.au)

*Daily research fee applies or yearly subscription*

### **Mitchell Library. State Library of New South Wales**

Macquarie Street Sydney 2000 □ tel 02-9230 1414

[www.sl.nsw.gov.au](http://www.sl.nsw.gov.au)

Most churches also maintain centralised archives and usually allow some form of public access to their collections. The Archives of St. Mary's Cathedral, Sydney, for example, is the major repository of Roman Catholic parish registers in New South Wales. Ryde Library has two guides to the records in this collection:

### ***Guide to the records of Rev. John Joseph Therry and related papers held in the Archives of St. Mary's Cathedral, Sydney***

Sydney, Archives Authority of New South Wales, 1988

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### ***Guide to the records of baptisms, deaths and marriages in the Archives of St. Mary's Cathedral, Sydney***

Sydney, Archives Authority of New South Wales, 1988

G282.99441 GUID

Ryde Library holds the following church registers in this collection:

***Parish Register of St. Anne's Anglican Church, Ryde***

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3 rolls microfilm

Marriages August 1826 – 1953

Baptisms May 1826 – 1942

Burials September 1826 - 1913

***MUTCH index to births, death and marriages (NSW)***

5 rolls of microfilm

Numbered CY 377 - CY 381

Thomas Davies Mutch (1885-1958), a former Trustee of the Public Library of New South Wales, compiled a series of indexes which are believed to contain references to most baptisms, marriages and burials recorded in New South Wales parish registers for the years 1787-1828. He also compiled an index to selected birth, death and marriage records for the years 1828-c.1957.

This index includes these compilations, divided into 2 chronological sequences:

1787-1814

1815-c.1957

Mutch also compiled a number of other indexes to early records of New South Wales, including convict indentures, musters and censuses. He often annotated his indexes to baptisms, burials and marriages with information from these records. A detailed description of the scope and arrangement of the Mutch indexes is given at the beginning of reel CY377.

## **VICTORIA**

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***Indexes to Victorian early church records, 1 January 1837 to 30 June 1853***

32 microfiche

G354.9400816 INDE

These indexes are arranged in five sequences, called 'books'. Each 'book' includes a number of sequences to births, deaths and marriages. The first microfiche in each set provides a content list of the records covered by each book.

### ***Index to Victorian births, 1853-1913***

669 microfiche, in 3 folders  
G354.9400816 INDE

For the period 1853 to 1895 the index is arranged in annual alphabetical sequences, running continuously. For the period 1896 to 1913, the index is arranged in annual alphabetical sequences, grouped into sub-sequences running continuously.

The information given in each entry includes name of child, names of parents (including mother's maiden name), an abbreviated reference to place of birth and a registration number. These numbers refer to records held by the Victorian Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages.

### ***Index to Victorian marriages, 1853-1930***

545 microfiche, in 3 folders  
G354.9400816 INDE

This index is arranged in the following sequences:

1853-1865	annual alphabetical sequences, running continuously
1866-1872	twice yearly alphabetical sequences, with separate sequences for males and females, running continuously
1873-1878	twice-yearly alphabetical sequences, running continuously
1879-1895	annual alphabetical sequences, running continuously
1896-1930	annual alphabetical sequences, grouped into sub-sequences running continuously

The information given in each entry includes name of man or woman, name of spouse, registration number and from 1866 onwards an abbreviated reference to the place of birth of the bride or bridegroom. The registration numbers refer to records held by the Victorian Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages.

### ***Index to Victorian deaths, 1853-1980***

728 microfiche, in 6 folders  
G354.9400816 INDE

This index is arranged in the following sequences:

1853-1895	annual alphabetical sequences, running continuously
1896-1940	annual alphabetical sequences, grouped into sub sequences running continuously
1941-1980	annual alphabetical sequences, running continuously

The information given in each entry includes age at death, names of parents (including mother's maiden name where known), an abbreviated reference to place of death and a registration number. These numbers refer to records held by the Victorian Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages.

## **Victorian Pioneers Index 1837-1888**

124 microfiche & 1 guide booklet  
G354.9400816 VICT

The Victorian Pioneers Index is a re-compilation of some of the indexes to Victorian birth, death and marriage described above. It is a consolidated index for the period 1837-1888 with births, deaths and marriages listed together in a single alphabetical sequence according to surname, then given name, then sorted by event in order of births, marriages and then deaths e.g.:

Smith, Anne    *B* (birth or baptism)  
Smith, Anne    *M* (marriage)  
Smith, Anne    *D* (death or burial)

Index entries are then sorted in chronological order by index year (that is, the year in which the event was registered) e.g.:

Smith, Anne    *B*        1857  
Smith, Anne    *M*        1863  
Smith, Anne    *D*        1898

An accompanying booklet gives details explaining the information provided in the index, some hints about searching for spelling variations etc., details about how to obtain a copy of a certificate and a short history of the records of the Victorian Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages. The Victorian Pioneers Index is also available on CD-ROM:

## **The Victorian Pioneers Index 1837-1888**

Revised Edition  
CD-ROM - Please ask at Enquiries Desk

This CD-ROM provides access to the indexes of the Victorian Registry in three databases, BIRTHS, DEATHS, and MARRIAGES. As with the NSW Pioneer series each database must be searched separately, but can be searched through any of a number of database fields, or through any combination of fields.

## **The Victorian Federation Index 1889-1901**

CD-ROM – Please ask at Enquiries Desk

This CD-ROM provides access to the indexes of the Victorian Registry in three databases, Births, Deaths and Marriages. Unlike the previous CD-ROMS all three databases can be searched at once or you can limit your search to a single event.

## **The Victorian Edwardian Index 1902-1913**

CD-ROM – Please ask at Enquiries Desk  
As above.

## **The Victorian Great War Index 1914-1920**

CD-ROM - Please ask at Enquiries Desk  
As above

## **The Victorian Deaths Index 1921-1985**

CD-ROM – Please ask at Enquiries Desk

This CD-ROM provides access to the Deaths Index of the Victorian Registry.

# **QUEENSLAND**

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## ***Indexes to Queensland church records of baptisms, burials and marriages, 1829-1856***

3 microfiche

G354.9400816 INDE

These indexes refer to supplementary records of events to those indexed in the pre-1856 indexes of New South Wales. The registry numbers given in these supplementary indexes refer to records kept by the Queensland State Archives and certificates should be obtained from that office.

## ***Index to Queensland marriages & deaths, 1856-1914; Births 1856-1904***

254 microfiche

G354.9400816 INDE

These indexes are arranged alphabetically by surname in the following sequences:

Country deaths	1856-1872	consolidated index
Country deaths	1873-1894	annual indexes
Brisbane deaths	1856-1873	consolidated index
Brisbane deaths	1874-1894	annual indexes
Queensland deaths	1895-1899	annual indexes
Queensland deaths	1900-1904	consolidated index
Queensland deaths	1905-1909	consolidated index
Queensland index	1910-1914	consolidated index
Country marriages	1856-1872	consolidated index
Country marriages	1873-1883	consolidated index
Country marriages	1884-1893	annual indexes with separate sequences for brides and grooms
Brisbane marriages	1856-1873	consolidated index
Brisbane marriages	1874-1885	consolidated index
Brisbane marriages	1886-1893	consolidated index
Qld marriages	1894-1897	consolidated index
Qld marriages	1898-1899	annual indexes with separate sequences for brides and grooms
Qld marriages	1900-1904	consolidated index
Qld marriages	1905-1909	consolidated index
Qld marriages	1910-1914	consolidated index

Births consolidated indexes for every 5 years

In the **death index**, each entry give parents' names (including mother's maiden name) as well as registration number.

The **marriage index** gives the name of both parties as well as a registration number. When the index covers more than one year, the last two digits of the registration number indicate the year of the marriage. The country marriage index from 1884 to 1893 and the Queensland marriage index from 1898 to 1899 have separate alphabetical sequences for brides and bridegrooms. The **birth index** gives full name and date of birth, parents' names (including mother's maiden name) as well as the registration number.

Reference numbers provided in the indexes pre-1890 refer to records held by the Queensland State Archives and references to events post-1890 refer to records held by the Queensland Registrar-General's Office.

### ***Index to Queensland Births 1915-1919, Deaths 1915-1949 and Marriages 1915-1939***

146 microfiche  
G929.3943 Quee

These indexes are arranged alphabetically by surname in the following sequences:

Qld births	1915-1919 consolidated index
Qld marriages	1915-1919 consolidated index
Qld marriages	1920-1924 consolidated index
Qld marriages	1925-1929 consolidated index
Qld marriages	1930-1934 consolidated index
Qld marriages	1935-1939 consolidated index
Qld deaths	1915-1919 consolidated index
Qld deaths	1920-1924 consolidated index
Qld deaths	1925-1929 consolidated index
Qld deaths	1930-1934 consolidated index
Qld deaths	1935-1939 consolidated index
Qld deaths	1940-1944 consolidated index
Qld deaths	1945-1949 consolidated index

The **birth index** gives full name, date of birth, and parents' names (including mother's maiden name) as well as the registration number.

The **marriage index** gives both parties names, date of marriage as well as the registration number.

The **death index** gives full name, date of death, parents' names as well as registration number.

# SOUTH AUSTRALIA

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## ***Index to South Australian births, 1842-1906***

141 microfiche  
G354.9400816 INDE

This index is arranged alphabetically by surname in a number of chronological sequences: 1842-1867, 1868-1877, 1878-1886, 1887-1896, and 1897-1906. For the period 1842 to 1877, the index gives the name of the child, the date of birth, and a registration reference. From 1878 the index gives only the name and registration reference, with no indication of the year of birth. Entries do not give parents' names.

## ***Index to South Australian marriages 1842-1916 & Deaths 1842-1915***

262 microfiche  
G354.9400816 INDE

The index to **marriages** is arranged alphabetically by surname in a number of chronological sequences: 1842-1867, 1868-1877, 1878-1886, 1887-1896, 1897-1906, and 1907-1916. For the years 1842-1906, the indexes provide name and registration number only, with no indication of the name of the spouse or the exact year of the marriage. For 1907-1916 the year of the marriage can be determined from a table included with the microfiche.

The index to **deaths** is similarly arranged alphabetically by surname in a number of chronological sequences: 1842-1867, 1868-1877, 1878-1886, 1887-1896, 1897-1905, and 1906-1915. For the years 1842-1905, the indexes provide name and registration number only, with no indication of the exact year of the death. For 1906-1915 the year of the death can be determined from a table included with the microfiche.

## ***Index to South Australian Births 1907-1922, Marriages 1917-1937 and Deaths 1916-1970***

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These indexes refer to records held by the South Australian Births, Deaths & Marriages Registration Division. The indexes do not contain all dates of the event, just name and registration number. The year of the event can be determined from a table included with the microfiche. After 1930 the Deaths Index contains the date of death.

# WESTERN AUSTRALIA

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## ***Index to Western Australia births 1841-1905; marriages 1841-1965; and deaths, 1841-1980***

271 microfiche  
G929.3941 WA

These indexes are arranged alphabetically by surname in the following chronological sequences:

Index to births:	1841-1880, 1881-1895, 1896-1901, 1902-1905
Index to marriages:	1841-1896, 1897-1905 Annual indexes 1906-1930, with separate sequences for males and females 1906-1916
Index to marriages:	1931-1965
Index to deaths:	1841-1896, 1897-1905 Annual indexes 1906-1953, with separate sequences for males and females 1906-1916
Index to deaths	1954-1980

Each entry in the **birth index** gives name, sex, registration district, registration number and year of birth. Illegitimate and stillborn children are indicated. Parents' names are not given.

**Marriage index** entries give the registration district and registration only and do not give the name of the spouse.

**Death index** entries give name, registration district and registration number. The last two digits of the registration number indicate the year of death.

Registration numbers refer to records kept by the Registrar General's Office of Western Australia. Prior to 1896 these registrations contain rather limited information. Thus birth registrations do not show the place of birth of the parents, age of the parents, place or date of parents' marriage and any previous issue of the marriage.

Death registrations prior to 1896 do not show place of birth, details of marriages, details of children, parents' names, burial details. Marriages registrations do not show place of birth of the parties, date of birth of the parties or name of mother of the parties.

After 1896 the registrations contain the above information if it was provided at the time of registration.

# TASMANIA

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## ***Registrar General's Department: Pre-1900 births, deaths and marriages records***

92 rolls of microfilm  
Numbered 32/1 to 43/5

These reels include both INDEXES and REGISTERS of Tasmanian births, deaths and marriages and cover church records prior to 1838 and civil registrations after that date. An accompanying GUIDE to the records provides further details, including lists of index volumes.

The indexes are also available on CD-ROM:

## ***The Tasmanian Pioneers Index 1803-1899***

CD-ROM - Please ask at Enquiries Desk

This CD-ROM provides access to the Tasmanian indexes through three databases, BIRTHS, DEATHS, and MARRIAGES. As with the NSW and Victorian Pioneer series each database must be searched separately, but can be searched through any of a number of database fields, or through any combination of fields.

## ***Registry of Births Deaths and Marriages Index to Births 1900-1905, Marriages 1900-1919 and Deaths 1900-1919***

Each entry in the ***Birth*** Index has given name, father and mother's name, date, registration district and registration number.

Each entry in the ***Marriage*** index contains the given name, spouse's surname, and year of marriage and folio number.

Each entry in the ***Death*** index contains name, year of death, registration number and registration district.

# NEW ZEALAND

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## ***Index to New Zealand births, 1840-1900***

367 microfiche  
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This index is arranged alphabetically by surname in the following chronological sequences: 1840-1854, 1855-1858, 1859-1861, and in annual indexes from 1861-1900. Each entry provides only the name of the child and the registration number. A list of registration districts showing the numbers covered by each district is given on the first microfiche for each year.

## ***Index to New Zealand marriages, 1840-1900***

165 microfiche  
G354.9400816 INDE

This index is arranged alphabetically by surname in the following chronological sequences: 1840-1854, 1855-1859, 1860-1862, and in annual indexes from 1863-1900. Entries do not give the name of the spouse.

## ***Index to New Zealand deaths, 1848-1900***

138 microfiche  
G354.9400816 INDE

This index is arranged alphabetically by surname in the following chronological sequences: 1848-1858, 1859-1863, 1864-1866, 1867-1869, and annual indexes from 1870-1900. Each entry gives name and registration number only. Before 1870 there is an occasional reference to the registration district in which the death took place. After 1870 a list of registration districts showing the numbers covered by each district is given on the first microfiche for each year.

The registration numbers provided by these indexes refer to records kept by the Registrar General's Office of New Zealand. Certificates may be ordered direct from the Registrar General's Office in New Zealand or may be obtained through the New Zealand Consulate General in Sydney.

In addition to certified copies of birth, death or marriage certificates, the New Zealand Registrar General's Office also issues *photocopies of pre-1900* registrations for genealogical purposes. These registrations may have more detail, for a genealogical point of view, than a certified registration. These records can be obtained only from the Registrar General direct, and not from the New Zealand Consulate General in Sydney.

# OTHER RECORDS

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## *MARRIAGE LICENCES [New South Wales]*

### ***Abstract of all licences for marriage granted to free persons, 17 March 1813 - 26 December 1827***

1 microfiche, numbered AO 836

G346.016 ARCH

Information given in this abstract includes the number and date of the licence, parties' names, where, when and by whom the marriage was solemnized. In many cases the name of a parent, the name of a previous spouse (in the case of women), occupation, and place of residence is also given. This abstract is arranged by licence number. An *index* is available:

### ***Index to Abstract of all licences for marriage granted to free persons, March 1813 - December 1827***

Guide to the State Archives of NSW - Information leaflet No. 39

G346.016 ARCH

## *CONVICT MARRIAGES [New South Wales]*

### ***Registers of convicts' applications to marry, 20 December 1825 - 26 February 1851***

23 microfiche, numbered AO 780 - AO 802

In **Convict Records** folder, G365.3409944 ARCH

These registers record the names of the parties, their ages, the date of permission or refusal, ship of arrival, sentence, whether free or bond, and name of clergyman. The registers are arranged chronologically in two sequences: those granted permission to marry and those refused.

## ***New South Wales convict marriage banns 1826-1841***

8 microfiche

G354.9400816 CONV

Arranged in 2 parts: a **master index**, alphabetical by surname, giving ship of arrival and year of banns; & **yearly indexes**. Each yearly index includes a further alphabetical index which provides a page number reference to a partial transcription of the banns record. This index refers to records held by the Archives Office of New South Wales and has been extracted from a series entitled "Persons applying for publication of banns", part of the Colonial Secretary's correspondence. While primarily concerned with convict marriages, the indexes also include details of free persons who wished to marry a convict.

## ***CONVICT DEATHS [New South Wales]***

### ***Convict death register, 1828-79***

3 microfiche, numbered AO 749 - AO 751

In **Convict Records** folder, G365.3409944 ARCH

This register relates chiefly to convicts who were still serving their sentences at the time of death. Entries are arranged alphabetically by first letter and then chronologically by date of death. This register records name, ship of arrival, age, date of burial, parish of burial and occasionally other details. Death and burials details may be found in this register which are not recorded in the Registrar General's records of burials pre-1856.

## ***CORONERS' INQUESTS [New South Wales]***

### ***Reports of inquests, 1796 - April 1824, June 1828***

2 rolls of microfilm, numbered AO 2232 - 2233

These records contain reports from Coroner's inquests held throughout the Colony, including a few held in Van Diemen's Land and one at Port Macquarie. The 2 reels of microfilm cover 5 volumes. An index is located at the front of each volume.

### ***Registers of Coroners' inquests and Magisterial inquiries, 1834 - June 1942***

16 rolls of microfilm

Numbered AO 2921 - 2927; 2224 - 2225; 2763 - 2769

The volumes covering the period 1834 to February 1877 include the following details: district in which the inquest or inquiry was held, person before whom held, when and where held, date received, name of deceased and finding of the inquest or inquiry. Later volumes give further details: age of deceased, locality of birth, locality of death, and cash or property owned at time of death.

There are a number of indexes to these records, either included at the front of each register or in separate volumes. A detailed description of the contents of each volume and of the location of the indexes is given on pages 23 - 25 of the Archives Office guide **How to use the Genealogical Research Kit** Information Leaflet no.37 G929.10994 ARCH.

## *PROBATE RECORDS*

### **Supreme Court of New South Wales Probate Index 1800-1985**

174 microfiche  
G346.944052 NEWS

This index is arranged alphabetically by surname in the following chronological sequences: 1800-1901, 1902-1910, 1911-1918, 1919-1928, 1929-1938, 1939-1946, 1947-1952, and annual indexes 1953-1985.

The index gives name, place of residence, date of death and whether the record is a Probate (P) or Administration (A). **Probate** is the process of judicial determination of the validity of a will in a probate court. An **Administration** is the record created when an application is made for the right of administration of the property of a person who has died intestate, that is, without leaving a will.

A will may be a major source of information for family historians since it may contain not only information about the estate of the deceased - land, houses, goods and chattels - but also the names of relatives, including the married names of daughters. Administrations provide much less information.

Names appear in the index when the will is probated and this can occasionally be some years after the death of the person concerned. Copies of wills and administrations can be obtained from:

**New South Wales Supreme Court**  
Probate Division Queens Square Sydney NSW 2000

# MISCELLANEOUS

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plus amended index***

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***Birth, death, & marriage announcements in the  
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DICK, George Turnbull

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***Index to births, deaths & marriages: compiled by the  
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