

AUSTRALIA – GENEALOGY & FAMILY HISTORY - general information handout

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New South Wales (colony 1788), **Victoria** (settlement from 1834), **Queensland** (part of NSW till 1859), **South Australia** (part of NSW till 1836), **Western Australia** (British settlement from 1826), **Tasmania** (part of NSW till 1825), **Territories – Australian Capital Territory** (within NSW since 1911) and **Northern Territory** (formerly part of NSW from 1825, from 1863 part of South Australia). **Also:** Antarctic and Jervis Bay and Island Territories (Nauru, Papua New Guinea, Macquarie Island, Heard Island, Coral Sea Islands, Christmas Island, Cocos/Keeling Island, Norfolk Island, Lord Howe Island.)

Map of Australia. Wikipedia Commons image; modified from a CIA World Factbook image by Mark Ryan. www.commonswikipedia.org

BCGS WALTER DRAYCOTT LIBRARY

Check the BCGS catalogues for books and for journals from genealogical societies in Australia. www.bcgs.ca BCGS Library call # 994 for Australia section. See also the family histories, passenger lists, and guides to research sections – all in 929 various areas.

Key guide – *Tracing Your Family History in Australia: A National Guide to Sources* by Nick Vine Hall (Mount Eliza, Australia: Third Edition, 2002).
Reference R 929.01'994 HAL

ON-LINE

National Library of Australia:

<http://www.nla.gov.au>

Links page for regional Australian libraries and archives, also cemeteries, societies and more:

<http://www.nla.gov.au/family-history/genealogy-selected-websites>

Maps: <http://www.nla.gov.au/what-we-collect/maps>

National Archives of Australia: <http://www.naa.gov.au/collection/family-history>

RecordSearch: <http://www.naa.gov.au/collection/using/search/index.aspx>

Free research guides (e.g. Immigration 1901-39; Boer War; child migration):

<http://www.naa.gov.au/collection/publications/guides/index.aspx>

Family History Podcasts: <http://www.naa.gov.au/collection/publications/papers-and-podcasts/family-history/index.aspx>

Geoscience Australia: <http://www.ga.gov.au/index.html>

Gazetteer of Australia - Place Name Search: <http://www.ga.gov.au/place-name>

Maps of Australia: <http://www.ga.gov.au/products-services/maps/maps-of-australia.html>

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FamilySearch (Deaths and Burials, 1816-1980; Births and Baptisms 1792-1981; Cemetery Inscriptions, Sydney Branch Genealogical Library, 1800-1960; Marriages, 1810-1980; Miscellaneous 1776-1980; N.S.W., Index to Bounty Immigrants, 1828-1842; New South Wales, Index Newspaper Cuttings, 1841-1987; Queensland Cemetery Records, 1802-1990; Tasmania, Miscellaneous Records, 1829-1961): www.familysearch.org

See also the Family Search Wiki pages for Australia and the Learning Center courses – transportation, BMD civil registration, New South Wales BMD index and church records. Australia Genealogy Research on Facebook. You must be registered on Facebook to see/participate: <https://www.facebook.com/AustraliaGenealogy>

Ancestry.com, Ancestry.com.au Currently 123 databases relating to Australia (some free):
<http://www.ancestry.com.au>

FindMyPast Australasian. FindMyPast.com.uk: <http://www.findmypast.com.au> Watch for the new international FindMyPast: <http://www.findmypast.com>

CoraWeb (Cora Num): <http://www.coraweb.com.au/>
Information and links for births, marriages and deaths (some pay sites):
<http://www.coraweb.com.au/bdmau.htm#national>
Information and links for census and electoral roll information (some pay sites):
<http://www.coraweb.com.au/census.htm>
Information and links for wills and probate records:
<http://www.coraweb.com.au>
Family history and historical societies and groups:
<http://www.coraweb.com.au/society.htm>
Naturalization, Australia and New Zealand:
<http://www.coraweb.com.au/naturalisation.htm>

Australian Family Tree Connections magazine, homeless photos, queries, surname indexes, getting started guide: <http://www.aftc.com.au>
Society of Australian Genealogists -SAG (databases temporarily unavailable):
<http://www.sag.org.au>
Occupations: http://www.sag.org.au/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=35
Free SAG newsletter: <http://www.sag.org.au/helping-you/past-sag-e-newsletters.html>

Australian Cemetery Index: <http://austcemindex.com>

Helen Doxford Harris, Victorian indexes (missing persons, police records, employment files). Pay lookups/copies: <http://helendoxfordharris.com.au/>

The Convict Stockade. Scott Brown and History Australia:
<http://www.historyaustralia.org.au/twconvic/tiki-index.php>

Australian Women's History. Lenore Frost (some links may be out of date):
<http://www.members.optushome.com.au/lenorefrost/women.html>

Religious Orders of Australia and New Zealand (Nuns): <http://religiousorders.gravesecrets.net>

The National Archives of the UK: <http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk>
and guides, e.g. for transportation of criminals:
<http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/records/research-guides/transportation-australia.htm>

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FamNet. Family history website, family trees. (Robert Barnes, Tony Cairns and Sue Greene)
Also indexes and databases-mainly for New Zealand. Free and paid (premium subscriptions):
<http://www.nzgdb.co.nz>

RootsWeb. Mailing lists and message boards (general and regional lists, obits, cemeteries,
convicts, goldfields, goldseekers, etc.): <http://lists.rootsweb.ancestry.com>

Cyndis List, Australia: <http://www.cyndislist.com/australia>

REGIONAL - selected

33 Free Websites for South Australian Genealogy, Lone Tester HQ:
<http://www.lonetester.com/2011/11/33-free-websites-for-south-australian-genealogy/>

Judy Webster's Genealogy Advice – tips and indexes especially for **Queensland**:
<http://www.judywebster.com.au>

Linc Tasmania: <http://www.linc.tas.gov.au/research/guides/familyhistory>
Colonial Tasmanian Family Links Database: <http://www.linc.tas.tas.gov.au/menu.aspx?search=8>

Western Australia, Perth Dead Persons Society, indexes:
<http://members.iinet.net.au/~perthdps/default.html>

ON-LINE LEARNING

Society of Australian Genealogists, Certificate in Genealogical Research programme, also
webinars. You must be a member of SAG: <http://www.sag.org.au>

National Institute for Genealogical Studies now offers an Australian Records Certificate -
Australia: Births, Deaths & Marriages, Australia: Convict Records, Australia: Immigration
Records- Free Settlers, Australia: Other Sources for Births, Deaths & Marriages, Research:
Australian and New Zealand Ancestors (Instructor is Kelly Farmer.) Watch for new Heritage
Books on Australia: <http://www.genealogicalstudies.com>