

Getting started: NSW assisted passenger lists

This guide contains some information to help you start your search for **NSW assisted passenger lists**. It includes descriptions of key resources held by the State Library. Staff are available to assist you in the Family History Service during opening hours.

Passengers generally fall into one of two categories:

- **assisted**: passengers who had their passage subsidised or paid for through one of several immigration schemes such as the Bounty Scheme
- **unassisted**: also known as free settlers, were those passengers who paid their own way to Australia. These records also include intercolonial travel.

Resources that are good starting points

Index to assisted (Bounty) immigrants to New South Wales 1828-1842 (known as the Bounty index)

Microfilm – reels 416870 – 416877 of the Archives Resources Kit

to find

- names of assisted immigrants to NSW between 1828 and 1842 arranged in alphabetical order
- the ship they arrived on and its date of arrival

to use this resource

- find the microfilm reels on the shelves in the Family History Service

Assisted (Bounty) immigrants to NSW 1828-1842

Microfilm – reels 1286-1349 of the Archives Resources Kit

to find

- for 1828-1832: the passenger's name, age, gender, country of origin, occupation and whether they were a cabin or steerage passenger
- for 1832-1842: the passenger's name, age, health, religion, native place, occupation and the ship's agent.

to use this resource

- find the microfilm reels on the shelves in the Family History Service

Indexes to assisted immigrants to NSW 1844-1896

Series of reference books and Internet site www.records.nsw.gov.au

to find

- name and age of passenger, name of ship and year of arrival
- microfilm reel numbers for the following two resources: the Agent's and Board's immigrant lists

to use this resource

- find the indexes on the Passenger List shelves in the Family History Service
- book Internet access at the Family History Service desk

Assisted immigrants to NSW 1838-1896 and Moreton Bay 1848-1859 (also called Agent's immigrant lists)

Microfilm – reels 2134-2143 of the Archives Resources Kit

to find

- name, age, gender, occupation, marital status, native place and literacy
- Note: arranged in chronological order by date of arrival of the ship

to use this resource

- find the microfilm reels on the shelves in the Family History Service

Persons on bounty ships to Sydney, Newcastle and Moreton Bay 1848-1891 (also called Board's immigrant lists)

Microfilm – reels 2458-2498 of the Archives Resources Kit

to find

- name, age, marital status, occupation native place, religion and education of the immigrant
- also includes names of relations in the colony, names and addresses of parents and any complaints about treatment on board ship
- Note: within each year arranged in alphabetical order by the name of the ship

to use this resource

- find the microfilm reels on the shelves in the Family History Service

Index to NSW immigration deposit journals 1853-1900

Microfiche

to find

- a record of monies deposited with the Colony by those wishing to sponsor the immigration of a particular person(s) such as family or friends or a future employee
- details given include names of the immigrant and depositor, deposit number and date and age of the immigrant

to use this resource

- find the microfiche folders on the Passenger List shelves in the Family History Service

Immigration deposit journals 1853-1900

Microfilm – reels 2668A-2676 of the Archives Resources Kit

to find

- immigrant and sponsorship details such as name, age, occupation, address and nationality

to use this resource

- find the microfilm reels on the shelves in the Family History Service

For information about unassisted passengers (persons who paid for their own passage to Australia), see *Getting started: NSW unassisted passengers*

For information about ship arrivals and departures, see *Getting Started: Ships movements*