

Getting started: Electoral rolls

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This guide contains some questions to start your search for information contained in **electoral rolls**. It also includes descriptions of key resources held by the State Library. Staff are available to assist you in the Family History Service during opening hours.

Do you need to find some information about a private individual?

- where they live now
- where they lived in the past
- where ancestors lived

NSW Electoral Rolls 1990 to 2008 Microfiche indexes

to find

- addresses of people enrolled to vote in NSW

point to note

- For the most current Electoral Roll visit the Sydney Office of the Australian Electoral Commission, Level 3, Roden Cutler House, 24 Campbell Street, Sydney, 2000

to use these resources

- find in the microfiche cabinets in the Family History Service. The fiche is arranged alphabetically by voter family name.

NSW Electoral Rolls 1903-1989 Microfiche indexes

to find

- addresses of people enrolled to vote in NSW
- occupations of people enrolled to vote in NSW (discontinued after 1984)
- most years held
- AncestryLibrary.com has indexed some of the earlier years. Ask at Family History Service Desk.

to use these resources

- find in the microfiche cabinets in the Family History Service. These rolls are arranged by electoral district. You will need to know the suburb/town. Staff will be able to help you locate the correct electoral district.

NSW Electoral Rolls 1842-1900 Microfiche and microfilm indexes

to find

- addresses and occupations of people enrolled to vote in NSW

points to note

- there are some gaps in this collection, especially in the earlier years. Ask staff in the Family History Service for details of years held.

to use these resources

- 1842-1864 – find them in the microfiche folders on the shelves in the Family History Service
- 1859-1900 – find the microfilm on the shelves in the Family History Service
- ask at the Mitchell Library Information Desk for miscellaneous years and districts
- AncestryLibrary.com has indexed some years. Ask at Family History Service Desk.

Other states' electoral rolls 1990 to 2008

Microfiche indexes

to find

- addresses of people enrolled to vote in all other states and territories of Australia

to use these resources

- find in the microfiche cabinets in the Family History Service. These fiche are arranged alphabetically by voter family name.

Other states' electoral rolls 1903 – 1989

Microfiche indexes and reference books

to find

- addresses of people enrolled to vote in all other states and territories of Australia
- includes occupation until 1984

note

- only some years held and for some years only part of the roll is held

to use these resources

- most of the rolls are located in the microfiche cabinets in the Family History Service. Some rolls are held in Mitchell Library. For more information ask at the Family History Service Desk.
- the rolls are arranged by electoral district. You will need to know the suburb/town. Staff will be able to help you locate the correct electoral district.

Other states' electoral rolls pre 1900

Microfiche indexes

to find

- addresses of people enrolled to vote in Victoria, Queensland and South Australia only

note

- only some years held

to use these resources

- find in the microfiche cabinets in the Family History Service

New Zealand Electoral Rolls

Microfiche indexes

to find

- addresses of people enrolled to vote in New Zealand 1853-1972

note

- only some years held

to use these resources

- some years are held in the Mitchell Library and others in the Family History Service. Ask staff in the Family History Service for further details.

Electoral atlases and card indexes

Reference books and library catalogues

to find

- the correct State or Commonwealth electoral district
- when electoral boundaries changed
- electoral maps

to use these resources

- for state districts check *List of streets, roads and localities* for the state required. Check the *Commonwealth of Australia 1901-1988 electoral redistributions* for federal districts. Ask at the Family History Service Desk for these publications.
- a card index of electoral districts for 1859-1899 and 1903-1969 is also available in the Family History Service