

# Getting started: Births, deaths and marriages

Use this guide to help get started with researching your ancestors' **births**, **deaths** and **marriages**. Staff in the family history area can help you with your research and using the Library's collections. Can't come to the Library? Ask a Librarian at [www.sl.nsw.gov.au/research-and-collections/ask-librarian](http://www.sl.nsw.gov.au/research-and-collections/ask-librarian).

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## AUSTRALIA

### INDEXES TO BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES FOR ALL STATES OF AUSTRALIA

Available on CD-ROM, microfiche and online at [www.australia.gov.au/information-and-services/family-and-community/births-deaths-and-marriages-registries](http://www.australia.gov.au/information-and-services/family-and-community/births-deaths-and-marriages-registries)

#### WHAT WILL YOU FIND

Details about a person's birth, death or marriage.

#### WHERE TO FIND THE RESOURCE

- Use the **online** version from anywhere or visit the Library to use the **CD-ROM** or **microfiche**
- Ask at the family history desk for the **CD-ROM**
- Find the **microfiche** on the shelves in the family history area.

#### NOTE

- The index contains brief information
- Information varies from state to state
- Order certificates from the state's Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages - use the registration year and number in the index
- Not all states are available online or on the CD-ROM
- See the next page for the indexes available.

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## ENGLAND AND WALES

### GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE INDEX (ST CATHERINE'S HOUSE) ENGLAND AND WALES

Available on microfiche

#### WHAT WILL YOU FIND

Births, deaths and marriages in England and Wales from 1837 to 1998.

#### WHERE TO FIND THE RESOURCE

Find the index in the microfiche cabinets. The cabinets are in the family history area.

#### NOTE

- This is only an index – you can apply for a copy of the certificate from England
- Also on [ancestrylibrary.proquest.com](http://ancestrylibrary.proquest.com) – search for *England & Wales Births, Deaths and Marriages* on Ancestry. Includes births and deaths up to 2015 and marriages up to November 2015.

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## WORLDWIDE

### INTERNATIONAL GENEALOGICAL INDEX

Available on CD-ROM, microfiche and online at [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org)

#### WHAT WILL YOU FIND

All countries' birth/christening and marriage records from the early 1500s to the late 1800s.

#### WHERE TO FIND THE RESOURCE

- Use the **online** version from anywhere or visit the Library to use the **CD-ROM** or **microfiche**
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#### NOTE

The index does not include death records.

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## BIRTH, DEATH, MARRIAGE AND PROBATE INDEXES

### NEW SOUTH WALES

- Pioneers series\* 1788 to 1888
- Federation series\* 1889 to 1918
- Between the Wars\* 1919 to 1945
- Births 1788 to 1918
- Deaths 1788 to 1945
- Marriages 1788 to 1945
- Probate index 1800 to 1985

NSW indexes available at [www.bdm.nsw.gov.au](http://www.bdm.nsw.gov.au):

- Births 1788 to 100 years from present date
- Deaths 1788 to 30 years from present date
- Marriages 1788 to 50 years from present date

### TASMANIA

- Baptisms 1803 to 1933
- Births 1838 to 1905
- Burials 1803 to 1899
- Deaths 1838 to 1919
- Marriages 1803 to 1919
- Pioneers index\* 1803 to 1899
- Federation index\*:
  - Births 1900 to 1918
  - Deaths 1900 to 1930
  - Marriages 1900 to 1930

### QUEENSLAND

- Baptisms 1829 to 1856
- Births 1850 to 1919
- Burials 1829 to 1856
- Deaths 1850 to 1964
- Marriages 1839 to 1939
- Consolidated index 1829 to 1889
- Early Pioneers\* 1824 to 1859
- Pioneers\* 1829 to 1889
- Federation\* 1890 to 1914

### WESTERN AUSTRALIA

- Baptisms 1829 to 1891
- Births 1841 to 1905
- Deaths 1841 to 1980
- Marriages 1841 to 1965
- Marriages\* 1915 to 1933
- Pioneers index\* 1841 to 1905

### SOUTH AUSTRALIA

- Births 1842 to 1922
- Births\* (alphabetical) 1842 to 1928
- Deaths\* 1842 to 1972
- Marriages\* 1842 to 1937

### VICTORIA

- Pioneers index\* 1837 to 1888
- Federation index\* 1889 to 1901
- Edwardian index\* 1902 to 1913
- Great War index\* 1914 to 1920
- Early church records 1837 to 1853
- Births 1853 to 1913
- Deaths (1921 to 1985)\* 1854 to 1985
- Marriages 1853 to 1930
- Probate index 1841 to 1992

### NORTHERN TERRITORY

- Births 1870 to 1918
- Deaths\* 1824 to 2004
- Marriages\* 1870 to 1913
- Probate index 1885 to 1941  
1954 to 1962

### AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

- Deaths 1930 to 1968  
Prior to 1930 use NSW records

### NEW ZEALAND

- Births 1840 to 1990
- Deaths 1840 to 1990
- Marriages 1840 to 1990
- Marriages\* 1836 to 1956
- Maori BDMs 1911 to 1961
- Probate index 1885 to 1941

\* Available on CD-ROM. Ask at the family history desk.