

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.

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

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.

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 – search for *England & Wales Births, Deaths and Marriages* on Ancestry. Includes births and deaths up to 2015 and marriages up to November 2015.

WORLDWIDE

INTERNATIONAL GENEALOGICAL INDEX

Available on CD-ROM, microfiche and online at www.familysearch.org

WHAT WILL YOU FIND

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

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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:

- 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.