

Genealogy sites on the Internet

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This is a list of reliable, useful and generally free family history sites on the Internet.

GENEALOGICAL SOCIETIES

Narre Warren and District Family History Group www.nwfhg.org.au

This group is based at the Cranbourne Library.

Family History Connections www.familyhistoryconnections.org.au (used to be called Australian Institute of Genealogical Studies) Located in Blackburn.

Genealogical Society of Victoria www.gsv.org.au Located in Queen Street, Melbourne.

Mornington Peninsula Family History Society www.mpfhs.org Located in Frankston.

West Gippsland Genealogical Society www.westgippslandgenealogy.com
Located in Warragul.

WORLD WIDE DATABASES

Family Search - The Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints (Mormons) maintain the Family Search data base which has the largest collection of free family history, family trees and genealogy records in the world. Best source for 'non-Anglo' ancestors www.familysearch.org

Ancestry Family History database and Find My Past database

These can be accessed, free, at any Casey Cardinia Libraries branch. Go to our website - <https://www.cclc.vic.gov.au/online-resources/>

BIRTHS, DEATHS and MARRIAGES WEBSITES

Ancestry Family History database (see above) also has Australian Births, Deaths and Marriages.

Victorian Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages <https://www.bdm.vic.gov.au/research-and-family-history/search-your-family-history>

New South Wales Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages
<https://www.nsw.gov.au/births-deaths-marriages>

Queensland Department of Justice and Attorney General
<https://www.qld.gov.au/law/births-deaths-marriages-and-divorces/family-history-research>

Genealogy South Australia <https://www.genealogysa.org.au/>

Tasmania Births, Deaths and Marriages <http://www.justice.tas.gov.au/bdm>

Western Australia Department of Attorney General.
<https://www.wa.gov.au/organisation/department-of-justice/the-registry-of-births-deaths-and-marriages>

Northern Territory <https://nt.gov.au/law/bdm/search-births-deaths-and-marriages-records>

Australian Capital Territory
https://www.library.act.gov.au/find/history/frequentlyaskedquestions/personal_stories/family_history

GOVERNMENT SITES – AUSTRALIAN

Public Records Office of Victoria – www.prov.vic.gov.au. The State Government Archive, includes shipping records, wills, inquests, divorce records and much more.

National Archives of Australia www.naa.gov.au

Services offered to Family Historians can be found at <http://www.naa.gov.au/collection/family-history/>
You can also access records of some migrants who arrived after 1901.

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State Library of Victoria www.slv.vic.gov.au

Information about the SLV genealogy resources can be found at <https://www.slv.vic.gov.au/search-discover/family-history-tools-resources>

National Library of Australia www.nla.gov.au

Information about their genealogical resources can be found at <https://www.nla.gov.au/research-guides/family-history> To search the entire collection and other databases go to Trove <http://trove.nla.gov.au>

Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies

www.aiatsis.gov.au/research/finding-your-family

For information on tracing your Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander ancestors.

Archives Office of Tasmania <http://www.linc.tas.gov.au/archive-heritage>

Searchable indexes of early records including digitised copies of Convict records, Divorces and Naturalisations, Arrivals and departures.

State Records Authority of New South Wales www.records.nsw.gov.au

Searchable Indexes of early records including Census, Convicts, Immigration and Land Records.

Archives South Australia www.archives.sa.gov.au

Passenger list and other Family history records

Queensland State Archives <https://www.qld.gov.au/recreation/arts/heritage/archives>

State Records Office of Western Australia <https://www.sro.wa.gov.au/>

[GOVERNMENT SITES – OVERSEAS](#)

New Zealand Historical Births Deaths and Marriages

Free On-line Indexes to Births, Deaths and Marriages, covering Births from 1848 to 100 years ago, Deaths from 1848 to 50 years ago and Marriages from 1843 to 80 years ago.

www.bdmhistoricalrecords.dia.govt.nz/Home

National Archives of the United Kingdom

The English strand of the U.K Archive network can be found at www.nationalarchives.gov.uk

The Scottish Archives can be found at www.scan.org.uk

Scotlands People www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk - Official government source of genealogical data for Scotland. Fee to view images/transcriptions.

Yorkshire Births, Deaths & Marriages Register Office www.yorkshirebmd.org.uk The site has indexes for Yorkshire 1837-1950.

National Archives of Ireland www.nationalarchives.ie

Irish Genealogy <https://www.irishgenealogy.ie/en/>

Access to Irish Family History records

The proceedings of the Old Bailey London 1674 to 1834 www.oldbaileyonline.org Records of trials held at London's Central Criminal court.

General Register Offices

Obtain births, deaths and marriage certificates for

England and Wales <https://www.gov.uk/general-register-office>

Scotland www.gro-scotland.gov.uk

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Northern Ireland <https://www.gov.uk/general-register-office-for-northern-ireland>

Republic of Ireland <https://www.gov.ie/en/organisation-information/55ccbe-general-register-office-gro-research-facility/>

MILITARY & WAR RECORDS

National Archives of Australia www.naa.gov.au

World War One Service records have been digitised and the National Archives have commenced digitising World War Two records.

Australian War Memorial www.awm.gov.au

AWM has the World War One nominal rolls, embarkation rolls, Roll of Honour and other records of soldiers that served in all conflicts.

Commonwealth War Graves Commission www.cwgc.org

Lists the grave sites of Commonwealth soldiers.

Nominal Rolls <https://nominal-rolls.dva.gov.au/>

lists of people who served in the Second World War, Korean War and Vietnam War

Discovering ANZACs <http://discoveringanzacs.naa.gov.au>

Find out where the Anzacs came from. Australian and New Zealand WW1 service personnel by locality of birth or enlistment.

Australian Anzacs in the Great War: the AIF project

www.aif.adfa.edu.au/index.html A great site to search WWI soldiers by either name or place.

Battle to Farm: WW1 Soldier Settlement farms in Victoria <http://soldiersettlement PROV.vic.gov.au/>
Victorian Government Records about Soldier Settlers.

New Zealand History on-line - Military links

www.nzhistory.net.nz/war-and-society

Information on New Zealand's war history and service personnel.

New Zealand WW100 www.ww100.govt.nz

Information about New Zealand soldiers and the New Zealand war effort

Imperial War Museum www.iwm.org.uk Has a Family History section.

Casey-Cardinia Commemorates: Our War Years

<http://caseycardinia1914-1918.blogspot.com.au/>

Links to other websites and information on local soldiers.

Casey Cardinia Remembers www.caseycardiinaremembers.org.au A record of (nearly) every monument or memorial within the City of Casey and the Shire of Cardinia.

Monument Australia <http://monumentaaustralia.org.au/>

A record of monuments (including War Memorials) throughout Australia.

Victorian War Heritage Inventory <http://vhd.heritage.vic.gov.au/vhd/veterans>

Database contains information and images of sites relating to Victoria's war history including war memorials, avenues of honour, memorial buildings, and places of commemoration.

SHIPPING

Public Records Office of Victoria

Victorian Shipping Records are available on the Public Records of Victoria site at

<https://prov.vic.gov.au/explore-collection/explore-topic/passenger-records-and-immigration>

Scottish Emigration Database <https://www.abdn.ac.uk/emigration/>

Database of over 21,000 passengers who embarked in Scotland between 1890 and 1960 for foreign shores.

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The Ships list <http://www.theshipslist.com/ships/passengerlists/index.htm> This site has passenger lists for Australia, Canada, U.S.A and South Africa, ship pictures and descriptions, shipwreck information.

Ancestry and Find My Past also have shipping records.

CEMETERIES

Australian Cemeteries on line. www.australiancemeteries.com.au

Information on cemetery locations and contact details. Many Registers are on-line.

BillionGraves <https://billiongraves.com/> BillionGraves is the world's largest resource for searchable GPS cemetery data

Find a Grave <https://www.findagrave.com/> Find the graves of ancestors, create virtual memorials or add photos, virtual flowers and a note to a loved one's memorial.

Southern Metropolitan Cemeteries Trust <https://smct.org.au/> Includes records of the Springvale Botanical cemetery which had the first crematorium in Victoria in 1906.

Greater Metropolitan Cemeteries Trust <http://www.gmct.com.au/> Includes records of the Fawkner cemetery, whose crematorium opened in 1927.

SITES WITH LINKS TO GENEALOGY RESOURCES

Australian Federation of Family History Organisations

www.affho.org - Find links to many Australian family history societies.

Websites for Genealogists www.coraweb.com.au an Australian gateway to other sites.

New Zealand History on-line Genealogy links

www.nzhistory.net.nz/handsonhistory/genealogy-links

Cyndi's list of Genealogy sites on the Internet www.cyndislist.com

Has links to over 300,000 genealogy websites - well worth a look.

Genuki: U.K & Ireland Genealogy www.genuki.org.uk Many useful links.

Curious Fox www.curiousfox.com

The village by village contact site for anyone researching family history, genealogy and local history in the UK and Ireland.

Eddie's Extracts <https://eddieextracts.com/>

Extracts of Births, Deaths and Marriages, Newspaper articles, Books etc mainly connected to Northern Ireland.

Steve Morse <https://stevemorse.org/>

Thousands of links to American, Canadian and European family history records.

OTHER

Trove - Newspapers

Digitised Australian newspapers from 1803 to the 1950s can also be accessed at <http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper> Good source of family and local history with births, death, marriage announcements and local stories.

Papers Past <http://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/>

Digitised New Zealand newspapers from 1839 to 1948.

Victorian Government Gazette <http://gazette.slv.vic.gov.au>

On-line Archive of all the Gazettes from 1836 to 1997. The Gazette covers all official notifications of Government and Legal activities and was the main way that the Government communicated with the Public. You may find your ancestor listed if they had ever been appointed to a Government post, granted land, registered a patent, become a Cemetery Trustee etc.

Ryerson Index www.ryersonindex.org A contemporary index of deaths in Australia taken from newspapers and indexed by volunteers.

OTHER continued

Families in British India Society Resources for tracing English and Anglo Indian families connected to the sub-continent. www.fibis.org

Society of Genealogists www.sag.org.au Site has searchable databases such as the N.S.W Ships musters 1816-1825.

Vanish www.vanish.org.au

Search, information and support service for adopted, donor conception and children who were wards of the State or in foster homes.

Find and Connect www.findandconnect.gov.au

Information about Australian orphanages, children's homes and other institutions.

Royal Historical Society of Victoria www.historyvictoria.org.au

Information on Victorian history. To find contacts for Local History Societies, click on Search Societies, top right.

The Gazette www.thegazette.co.uk Since 1665, all official British government notices have been published in this Gazette. Has information on bankruptcies, naturalisations, patents, military honours, promotions and appointments and public service appointments etc.

Statue of Liberty Ellis Island Foundation <https://heritage.statueofliberty.org/passenger>

Search records of the 65 million migrants who came to America through Ellis Island. Free searching.