Family History Resources

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PART A

Introduction and overview of this workshop

In order to free participants from note taking as much as possible and to allow full participation this workbook supplements the slides used during the presentation.

During the workshop, participants will:

- become aware of the main types of information available on the web
- gain a basic understanding of family history research
- be able to search the web and advise clients in relation to family history at a basic level
- gain more confidence in placing Web material into a context of other relevant resources
- become aware of the State Library’s resources and services for family historians.

We will use the State Library NetLinks site for family history:


as a starting point to explore Queensland, Australian and international sites.

The exercises will enable us not only to compare our experiences but also to share our expertise in family history.
Material on the internet

Guidance in getting started in family history

Extracts of Data
- extracts from indexes to births, deaths and marriages
- extracts from parish registers
- some census information
- indexes to shipping and some convict records and some shipping and convict lists
- some gazetteers and specialist dictionaries
- some free databases
- surname research

Libraries, Archives, Societies
- Increasingly they provide indexes to their materials on the Net.
- Catalogues can usually be fully accessed.
- Names of repositories, their addresses and charges for services are available online.
- Their information allows family historians to plan interstate or overseas research trips more productively.

Worldwide Communication
One of the great strengths of the Internet is as a tool for global communication. It is possible to make contact with people with common interests in order to share information via newsgroups, discussion lists and e-mail.

Complete, costly databases are usually not free on the Web.

Family history research cannot be done reliably using the web alone. Print, microform and other electronic resources are also needed.

The resource book
Its uses include:
- A work book of core sites for a training session covering
  - Information genealogists want
  - How to trace your family tree
  - Birth, death and marriage information
  - Shipping sites
  - The major repositories
  - Significant sites
- A resource for specific sites and activities on particular topics eg. indigenous family history, convicts and the military
- A desk tool including other sites only some will use e.g. ethics and genealogy
- A link to non-web material through an Appendix of information guides linking web sites to other sources as much information is still not on the Web
How to trace your family tree

Definition of Family History

The term applies specifically to biographical research into one’s forebears with the object of compiling a narrative history of the family. A family history should place the members of the family in their historical, geographical, social and occupational contexts and describe their activities and the lives they lived. Fitzhugh, Terrick (1998) Dictionary of Genealogy (5th ed) London: A & C Black.

The first stage in doing a family history is to do a family tree. The information resulting from this search will prompt the further exploration of the records necessary to tell the family story. The initial steps are clearly structured.

1. Use a pedigree chart to structure the search record of your direct line.
   - This can be purchased from the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter-day Saints (LDS), your local family history society or downloaded free from the Net at a number of places such as the Ancestors site: http://byubroadcasting.org/ancestors/charts/
   - or the LDS site: http://www.familysearch.org/Eng/Home/Welcome/frameset_information.asp
   - Record information in the detail and spelling provided. Birth, death and marriage certificates provide lots of helpful detail. This is particularly true for the East Coast of the Australian mainland as the result of the introduction of the Archer system in civil registration (Victoria July 1853; NSW, including Qld, March 1856). Each certificate in the search sequence can provide information to help you find the next one.
   - Information provided by certificates in each State as well as costs and places to get the certificates may be obtained from the Adelaide Proformat site. http://www.jaunay.com/bdm.html
   - Crosscheck names, ages, birthplaces provided for individuals in one certificate with another.

2. Trace backwards and record from yourself starting with your full birth certificate.
   - This in turn provides you with information about your parents:
     - your father's full name and place of birth and occupation at the time
     - your mother's maiden name, age and place of birth
     - when and where your parents' married.

3. Record the information from your parents' marriage certificate.
   - Your own birth certificate will provide you with the marriage place and date. You will need these details to obtain a copy of the marriage certificate. Information includes:
     - parents' full names, ages and birthplaces
     - grandfathers' names and occupations
     - grandmothers' maiden names.

4. Record the information from your parents' birth certificates.
   - Your father's birth certificate includes:
     - his father's full name, age, birthplace and occupation at the time
     - his mother's maiden name, age and birthplace
     - when and where your grandparents' married.
5. **Continue with this procedure until you find the first arrival in Australia.**
   - The death certificate for this person may provide invaluable information:
     - father's name and occupation
     - mother's maiden name
     - deceased person's birthplace
     - number of years in the colony and in which Australian colonies.

6. **Exhaust all Australian sources before attempting overseas research.**
   - You need the next set of parents' names and their town or parish of origin to commence an overseas search.
   - If these are not supplied on the death certificate they may be supplied on the shipping records.
   - Shipping records are found in Australia not overseas.
   - These records are organised on a state basis and are usually indexed according to whether passengers received financial support or not in coming to Australia.

7. **Maintain records of your sources.**
   - Use a research log. This is useful for crosschecking information and picking up errors.
   - Samples may be purchased from societies, found in handbooks, or downloaded free from Internet sites such as from the Ancestors site: [http://byubroadcasting.org/ancestors/charts/](http://byubroadcasting.org/ancestors/charts/)

8. **Prepare family group Info Guides/descendant charts to record relationships other than the direct line.**
   - Again there are plenty of sources from societies, in handbooks and so on.

9. **Find out more about the lives of your family.**
   - From countries of origin to Australia there is an increasing amount of material being collated and indexed on ordinary people.
   - This information is available in a variety of formats.
   - The Internet makes the sources more accessible.

Refer to Gray, Nancy (2002) *Compiling your family history* (21st ed)
Sydney: ABC Enterprises and the Society of Australian Genealogists.

**Activity 1: Getting started on the family tree**
Using the pedigree chart, start with yourself and fill in as much as you can.
What questions about your family do you find yourself asking?

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Information & assistance family historians require

1. Advice
   - how to do a family history
   - best sources of information
   - how to keep and organize records
   - how to present information in the form of a family history

2. Sources of Information
   Australian and overseas contact details, services and charges for:
   - libraries
   - archives
   - societies
   - genealogical events

3. Contact with fellow genealogists
   - to pool information
   - to help overcome problems

4. Specific sorts of information
   Family historians want to locate people and their names in:
   - time
   - place
   - occupations
   - relationships
   - way of life

5. Useful records
   Country, regional, local community
   - church records
   - civil birth, death and marriage records
   - cemeteries and monumental inscriptions
   - directories, electoral rolls, gazetteers and censuses
   - convict records
   - military records
   - surnames
   - local histories
   - newspapers
   - government records: gazettes, land, wills and probate
   - materials held by a local society or record office in Australia or overseas
   - overseas records
   - maps

Shipping information
   - shipping lists
   - ship – illustration, description
   - voyage – shipboard life, route, arrival
**Guidance**

**Research Tips for Queensland**

NetLinks: Queensland>Judy Webster’s Genealogy Advice....


Useful information on Queensland resources particularly for:

- civil registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages in Queensland
- shipping records
- Queensland State Archives records - probate files and finding a cheap death certificate, mental asylum records, old age pensions
- family history events.

**BBC – History –Family History**

NetLinks: British Isles

[http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/familyhistory/index.shtml](http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/familyhistory/index.shtml)

A video link at this site, *How to get started* provides guidance for those searching British records. It covers census returns, birth, death and marriage records, tracing relatives, oral history, immigration, wills and probate.

**Cyndi’s List: How to**

NetLinks: General>Cyndi’s List> How To

[http://www.cyndislist.com/howto.htm](http://www.cyndislist.com/howto.htm)

At the home page choose the alphabetical index, select ‘H’ and then ‘How To’

This covers an extensive range of sites including:

- free genealogy classes
- how to create a web page
- LDS centres and their library
- general guides, hints and tips
- mailing lists
- methods and techniques
- citations
- specific topics: passenger lists, census records
- research tools.

**Relationship Chart**

NetLinks: General>Cyndi’s List> Cousins and Kinship


At the home page choose the alphabetical index, select ‘C’ and then ‘Cousins and Kinship’

- cross-generational relationships at a glance.

**Cyndi’s List: How To ~Tutorials & Guides**

NetLinks: General>Cyndi’s List>How To>Tutorials & Guides

[http://www.cyndislist.com/howtotut.htm](http://www.cyndislist.com/howtotut.htm)

At the home page choose the alphabetical index, select ‘H’ then ‘How To ~ Tutorials and Guides’

A number of the major sites present a series of tutorials. The best are easy to assimilate. Guides accessed here include those of:

- Ancestry.com
- Genealogy.com
- Rootsweb.com
Researching Your Family Tree: An Introduction to Genealogy
NetLinks: General
http://www.learnwebskills.com/family/intro.html
This free interactive tutorial is American but useful covering the following:
• the use of pedigree and family group Info Guides
• online databases and Google searching
• collecting basic birth, death, marriage and occupational documentation
• communicating with other researchers with the same surname or geographical interest.

Cyndi’s List: Organising Your Research
Netlinks: General> Cyndi’s List> Organizing Your Research
http://www.cyndislist.com/organize.htm#General
Choose the alphabetical index, select ‘O’ and then ‘Organizing Your Research’
A comprehensive site including:
• organizing paper files
• research logs
• online tutorials
• charts, guides, books and genealogy software.

Numbering Systems in Genealogy
NetLinks: General>Cyndi’s List>Organizing Your Research
http://www.saintclair.org/numbers/
Choose the alphabetical index, select ‘O’ and then ‘Organizing Your Research’
Numbering systems are important in indicating the numerous members of multi-generational families. Richard A Pence, an editor of various printed and computer-based genealogical publications outlines a variety of numbering systems with his views on:
• ancestor numbering systems
• descendant numbering systems
• numbering systems in commonly used software.

Cyndi’s List: How to Write Successful Genealogy Queries
NetLinks: General>Cyndi’s List> Queries & Message Boards> How To
http://www.cyndislist.com/queries.htm#HowTo
At the home page choose the alphabetical index, select ‘Q’ then ‘Queries & Message Boards’ And then ‘How To’
• simple, clear advice for the family historian on the best way to request information
• emphasises specificity and clear setting out.

Twenty Ways to Avoid Genealogical Grief
NetLinks: General>Cyndi’s List>How To>General Genealogical Guides>Hints & Tips
http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~goudied/avoid_genealogical_grief.htm
At the home page choose the alphabetical index, select ‘H’ and then ‘How To’
Practical advice is provided on:
• verifying sources
• keeping reliable records with sources recorded
• organising records
• ways of seeking information including the internet
• pitfalls including mail-order promotions.
Deciphering Old Handwriting
At the home page choose the alphabetical index, select ‘H’ and then ‘Handwriting & Script’
It tackles one obstacle for the genealogist and covers:
• the different “s”, old style abbreviations, marks, numbers
• good examples.

Conservation & Preservation of Family History Material
It includes:
• storage, conservation and preservation
• old paper documentation, photographs, research notes and memorabilia.

Old Disease Names and Their Modern Definitions
NetLinks: General>Cyndi’s List> Medical & Medicine>Diseases & Medical Terms http://www.cyndislist.com/medical.htm#Diseases
At the home page choose the alphabetical index, select ‘M’ and then ‘Medical and Medicine’
There are a number of sites here with some useful explanations for reading: death certificates, surgeon-superintendents’ reports, but sources not referenced.

Charts for Reference in Genealogy Research
NetLinks: General>Cyndi’s List>Dictionaries & Glossaries> Genealogy Dictionaries & Glossaries http://members.tripod.com/~Silvie/charts.html
At the home page choose the alphabetical index, select ‘D’ and then ‘Dictionaries and Glossaries’
This covers a mixture of terms:
• a glossary
• occupations
• war
• disease
• sources not referenced.
Check other dictionaries and glossaries at this site.

Chapman Country & County Codes
This site provides Chapman codes for a variety of countries and their counties. These are:
• three letter abbreviations
• used in genealogical research when seeking or providing information eg Genealogical Research Directory, Rootsweb, members research in family history magazines.

Genealogy Home Page
NetLinks: General
http://www.genhomepage.com/
Although this is an American site it provides such a comprehensive range of genealogical coverage which is also well organised. It is a good starting point.

Altavista Translation: Babelfish Corporation
NetLinks: General
http://babelfish.altavista.com/translate.dyn
This site provides for translating foreign words on birth, shipping and other documents.

Perpetual Calendars
NetLinks: General>Cyndi’s List>Cyndi’s List Perpetual Calendars
http://www.cyndislist.com/calendar.htm#Perpetual
Useful when you need to find out what day of the week Easter, Christmas and other cyclical events occurred.

Activity 2: Guidance
Check a few of these sites you think might be helpful. Explain what they have to offer those doing family history.

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Tips

Having difficulty finding a URL (address)?
• Are you confusing the figure one (1) with the letter el (l)?
• Truncate the address back to the stem (after the first single /) and search from there.
• Replicate the address exactly. Addresses are case sensitive.

Are you too impatient to read the help screens of the search engines?
Print them out and keep them in display Info Guides in a folder for easy reference.

Flexible searching options

• important in overcoming spelling variations, transcription errors and change of name.

• **Truncation**: cut the word back to its stem and allow for any variant spelling after that eg Chad(b(o)urn/e enter as Chad*
Results may be any variation of Chad(b(o)urn/e (Chadburn, Chadburne, Chadbourn, Chadbourne) or even Chadwick.

• **Wildcards**: allow for variant spelling at the beginning, middle or end of a word. The symbol varies eg * ? % according to the site. NB: There are usually simple search tips
explaining which ones to use around the search box eg *leary will give Olearv, Cleary and Leary.
Births, deaths and marriages

**Australia**

The State Library holds all indexes to the available Australian records. There are limits on the dates to which indexes are available for privacy reasons. For an overview of date ranges in each State check the State Library information guide on births, deaths and marriages available online at [http://www.slq.qld.gov.au/about/pub/info_guides/collections/fh](http://www.slq.qld.gov.au/about/pub/info_guides/collections/fh) Alternatively see Info Guide 3.2 in the Appendix.

Indexes may be accessed through Public Libraries Service or through the Family History Unit. Most registry sites will provide online forms, identification requirements, cost details and frequently information related to researching family history.

Please note that the State Library does not hold the certificates nor can these be viewed online or without payment from the registries of Births, Deaths and Marriages. In some cases such as the parish registers of NSW to 1856 (including Queensland at that point) and the records for Tasmania to 1900 the Library holds the original registers on microfilm.

**Adelaide Proformat**

NetLinks: Australia>Free Help>Aus Info>BDM Records  

Graham Jaunay lists under a number of categories what can be found on the certificates of each State. This can be worth consulting to check if the certificate will provide the information sought and so is worth buying.

**Queensland**

Births, Deaths and Marriages  
NetLinks: Queensland  

The Queensland Registry's site answers a number of questions about the service, provides contact details and email access as well as links to the services of other registries. The Registry has put indexes 1829-1914 online. Functionality is limited by the lack of wild card searching or the use of truncation. This may change in the future. The exact date of an event is not provided.

**Victoria**

The Victorian Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages  
NetLinks: Victoria  

To check the Victorian indexes to births, deaths and marriages it is necessary to pay a fee.

**South Australia**

South Australian Genealogy and Heraldry Society Inc  
NetLinks: South Australia  

The databases search Society records, including a Cemetery Index (1836-2004), SA Government Gazettes (1845-2000) and Deaths listed in Newspapers (1996-July 2003).
New South Wales

New South Wales Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages
NetLinks: NSW

This site is very rich one for the family historian. Apart from the usual information, it also has indexes to the New South Wales records. The indexes to births extend only to 1906, not 1918 as in the case of those commercially available. It is nevertheless a valuable point of access. The registry plans to release an additional year of indexes to deaths and marriages every year. Records indexed up to 1856 are church records. The State Library holds copies of the original registers in most cases up to that date. This includes registers for Queensland which was part of NSW at that date. Other interesting, useful features include information about:

- overseas resources
- divorce papers
- estate papers
- missing persons
- wills and probate
- lots of genealogy links.

Tasmania

Justice Tasmania: Births, Deaths and Marriages
NetLinks: Tasmania

The forms, fees and conditions are easily accessed here. Information is also provided on deed poll requirements, adoptions, and certificates to show one’s single status. Note the site described below for historical searches.

Colonial Tasmanian Family Links Database
NetLinks: Tasmania

The information about individuals is based on records of births, deaths, marriages and related events, held in the Archives Office of Tasmania. Family historians have developed the linkages among individuals with other members of their families living in Tasmania in the 19th Century. These may not always be accurate even if very useful. Check against the Registry indexes to verify.

Western Australia

J-Net Gateway to Justice, Western Australia
NetLinks: Western Australia

Information on the Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages for WA can be found on this website. It also contains a free, searchable index to births 1841-1931 and deaths 1841-1942 and marriages 1841 to 1916.

British

FreeBMD
NetLinks: British Isles
http://www.freebmd.org.uk/

This ongoing indexing project aims to transcribe indexes to English and Welsh civil records onto the internet. These civil records commence in 1837, provide minimal information, lacking the detail available for the east coast of Australia. The internet records are most
useful for the 19th Century, even though incomplete, and particularly useful for matching marriage partners. The State Library holds the complete indexes up to 2001 mostly on fiche.

Worldwide

LDS Site: Family Search
NetLinks: General
http://www.familysearch.org/

This international site, principally concerned with indexes of church records, is very incomplete but an easy way to search the International Genealogical Index, Ancestral File, census records and web sites across the world.

Activity 3: Births, deaths and marriages

1. Find the marriage of Louisa Stokes in 1851 on the Darling Downs using the Qld registry site.
Find the marriage of Louisa Stokes in 1851 on the Darling Downs using the NSW site.
What are the differences in the details of the records?

2. Find the children born to Louisa Stokes and John Chadb(o)urn/e 1851-1857 using the NSW site.
Find the children born to Louisa Stokes and John Chadb(o)urn/e 1851-1857 using the Qld site.
How do the records differ?

3. Find the death date of William Chadb(o)urn/e in NSW in the 1850s. Note truncation and wildcard options. How did you find it?

4. Find the children of Louisa Chadb(o)urn/e nee Stokes and John Robert Howe in Qld in the 1860s and 1870s. Note the lack of truncation and wildcard options. How did you allow for that?

5. Use the link on the Queensland births, deaths and marriages homepage > Interstate and overseas enquiries (on the left of the page) as an entry point to the Australian and New Zealand registries
NetLinks: Queensland

List the services and costs of one of the registries. How does it enable the researcher to use the service easily?

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6. What is one of the most significant features about the Victorian Registry site?

7. What can you find about your family in the country of origin at the FamilySearch site?

8. Using FreeBMD, find the first name of Mr Jennings whom Alice Susan Stanley married in Bath in 1874-75. (Enter his surname in the first search box). Approximately when did they marry?
Cemeteries

Cemeteries in Australia are usually run by the local council. In some cases they may be run by a church or by a private firm. A number of crematoria are privately owned. Councils are keen to reduce their genealogical function and so have started putting their databases on the web. Keen genealogists have also done a lot of voluntary transcribing. Cemetery sites can have major advantages for the genealogist:
- It is possible to search beyond the limits of the death indexes.
- Relationships among members of the family may be established through the records of the common burial ground.

Web sites for Genealogists: Cemeteries
NetLinks: Australia
Cora Num provides a comprehensive range of cemetery listings organised under headings for national and international sites and then the Australian States individually.

Brisbane City Council Grave Location Search
NetLinks: Queensland
This site will allow the researcher to check names of those buried in 12 Brisbane City Council cemeteries by surname and at least an initial. It can provide names of others buried in the same grave and provide a map showing the location of the grave. Even stillborn children who have been buried in the cemeteries may be identified by the surname and the term, 'stillborn'.

Activity 4: Cemeteries

1. Check one of the cemetery sites. Outline the information provided and any advantages or drawbacks of the site. How could a researcher follow up on what they found or did not find?

2. Check for Daniel McNaught at the Brisbane City Council site. Where is he buried? Who else is buried with him?
Newspapers: death and funeral notices


The Ryerson Index to Contemporary Death Notices and Obituaries in Australian Newspapers


Current Queensland newspapers such as the *Courier Mail*, the *Townsville Bulletin* and Ipswich’s *Queensland Times* as well as the *Sydney Morning Herald* and *Sydney Telegraph* are among the major titles indexed for death, funeral and obituary notices. To find a full listing of newspapers indexed and dates covered, click on ‘Newspapers included in the Index’ on the homepage. The full title of the paper, the date range covered in the index, and the frequency of the newspaper’s publication are listed. Cora Num’s *Websites for Genealogists* also contains more detail on the newspapers indexed.

Activity 5: Newspaper death and funeral notices

1. Search for notices for any of the following and state the name of the newspaper where the notice may be found, the type of notice (funeral, death, obituary or legal) and the date. Note the options for flexible searching.
   - Frank Sleeman
   - Joh Bjelke-Petersen
   - Eric Abraham
   - Michael Hutchence

2. Check the *Ryerson Index* for notices relating to Violet Margaret Packer who died in May 2004. What were the notices?

3. The death of Ivy Jean Packer from Melbourne was reported in the *Courier Mail*. What is noticeable about the entry?
Adoption and reunions

Those seeking birth parents or adopted children often rely on adoption support groups, electoral rolls and old telephone books to conduct their search. The State Library holds electoral rolls and some old telephone books on fiche and in hard copy. Queensland State Archives and the National Archives hold electoral rolls annotated with date of death or change of name or address for selected periods. The indexes to births, deaths and marriages may in some cases also assist. See the guides on Births, deaths and marriages, Adoption, Orphans and Electoral rolls, at http://www.slq.qld.gov.au/about/pub/info_guides/collections/fh. Alternatively see samples of these Info Guides in the Appendix: Info Guides 3.2, 3.4 and 3.7

Queensland Department of Child safety: Adoption
NetLinks: Queensland
In Queensland, the Department of Families is responsible for providing statutory services to eligible adults affected by adoption seeking information. The site outlines non-identifying and identifying information it can provide to those in this situation.

Jigsaw Queensland Inc
NetLinks: Queensland
http://jigsawqld.server101.com/index.htm
Jigsaw Queensland provides information and emotional support to those affected by adoption. The site outlines their support services and provides addresses for other national groups.

Inter-Country Adoptee Support Network, Queensland Branch
NetLinks: Queensland
http://www.geocities.com/qld_icasn/
This is a Queensland contact point for those adopted into a country or culture other than their original one. There are Australia wide links and support groups.

Mackillop Family Services
NetLinks: Australia
Their heritage and family services assist in reuniting families and accessing information from government departments. Check their links.

Salvation Army
NetLinks: Australia
There are links to the Salvation Army in Eastern and Southern Australia as well as International Headquarters. Through their Family Tracing Service they assist with adoptions
in NSW and Queensland. They also assist in reuniting broken families.

**Australian Lost School Friends**  
**NetLinks: Australia**  

You can search this site by name, school, or university. There are more than 13,000 schools listed. You can email those you wish to contact without your address being publicly available. Registration is free. List your primary and secondary school and possibly TAFE or university. You may wish to add a note about your life post study.

**PalSeeker**  
**NetLinks: Australia**  

Register at this site then search for former contacts using someone’s name and the name of the school or workplace where you were last in contact with them. You can create a profile of someone for whom you are searching if they are not listed. You will be contacted if they register. There is a facility for blocking your details.

**Activity 6: Adoption and reunions**

1. What assistance may be provided to birth parents and adoptees from 1-2 sites listed above?

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2. Check the reunion websites and evaluate the qualities which could make these useful.

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Shipping and immigration

People could come to Australia in the 19th Century as immigrants assisted by free or subsidized passages; others were unassisted or were members of the military. These are some sites which can help to find their arrival.

The State Library holds indexes to most available Australian shipping lists and most of the 19th Century lists indexed. Check the information guide *Immigration and shipping: getting started* and *Immigration and shipping: more than lists* at [http://www.slq.qld.gov.au/about/pub/info_guides/collections/fh](http://www.slq.qld.gov.au/about/pub/info_guides/collections/fh) Alternatively see samples of these Info Guides in the Appendix: Info Guides 3.10 and 3.11

How to arrive at a possible date and place of arrival
- A death certificate might indicate time and Colony/State
- The last major event in the country of origin (eg birth, death, marriage, census)
- first major event in the family after arrival (eg birth, death, marriage, naturalization, electoral roll or post office directory entry)

Queensland State Archives: Indexes - Immigration 1848-1912

NetLinks: Queensland

- Many earlier indexing errors have been picked up.
- The index is incomplete; inappropriate for the pre-1859 period: See State Records of NSW online immigration indexes.
- Limited by the omission of wildcard searching.

State Records of NSW: Immigration Indexes

NetLinks: NSW

Select online indexes at State Records then click on *Immigration and shipping*

Here are indexes 19th Century immigrant shipping lists for NSW including Port Phillip and Moreton Bay before Separation from NSW. The indexes provide the microform reel numbers needed to view the lists themselves. State Library holds not only the indexes but also those lists. The indexes provide 2 AO (SR) reel numbers referring to the lists. The higher numbered reel, organized alphabetically by ship name, provides a more informative list:
- age, religion, ability to read and write and place of origin
- names of parents and where residing
- relatives in the colony
- Index to Assisted Immigration arriving in Moreton Bay (Brisbane), 1848-59
- Index to Assisted Immigration arriving in Sydney and Newcastle, 1844-59
- Index to Assisted Immigration arriving in Sydney, 1860-79
- Index to Assisted Immigration arriving in Sydney, 1880-96
- Index to Assisted Immigration arriving in Port Phillip, 1839-51
- Index to Miscellaneous Immigrants 1828-43
- Index to unassisted immigrants 1842-1855
- Index to unassisted arrivals 1842-1855
- Vessels arrived in Sydney 1837-1925

There are also links to:
- Website of Mariners and Ships in Australian Waters (incomplete but contains international and coastal inwards shipping lists usually naming the passengers and crew).
- The Society of Australian Genealogists site Ship’s musters 1816-1825
Unassisted Immigration to Victoria: Index of Inward Passenger Lists for British and Foreign Ports 1852-1923
NetLinks: Victoria
The PRO Victoria provides an index to lists of unassisted passengers travelling from New Zealand, British and foreign ports. The index gives passengers’ names, their ages, the names of ships, arrival dates and microfiche references to the passenger lists. The State Library holds these lists to 1923 with the exception of those for New Zealand arrivals which extend to 1899 only. Passengers may have disembarked in Sydney, Adelaide or even Brisbane, not necessarily Melbourne.

Assisted British Immigration: Index to Registers of Assisted British Immigrants 1839-1871
NetLinks: Victoria
The Public Records Office Victoria provides an index to assisted passengers travelling from British ports. The index provides the passengers’ names, their ages, the names of ships, arrival dates and microfiche references. The State Library holds these indexed lists.

Outward Passengers to Interstate, UK, NZ and Foreign Ports 1852-1876
NetLinks: Victoria
This is the first part of an index to outward bound passengers which will eventually cover lists to 1923. The State Library does not yet hold the lists for this new release.

Family History South Australia: South Australian Passenger Lists
NetLinks: South Australia>Family history South Australia>Passenger lists of arrivals in South Australia up to 1849
http://www.shipping.familyhistorysa.info/passengerlists.html
This database of sourced information covers arrivals to 1849 and those not named elsewhere.

“Queen of the Colonies”
NetLinks: Queensland
http://www.garrisonau.com/webcontent15.htm
It covers a lot of the kinds of information available with referenced sources such as:
• Newspaper and shipboard reports
• government immigration conditions
• Colonial-Secretary’s correspondence

Immigrant Ships Transcribers Guild
NetLinks: General> What Passenger Lists Are Online?
http://www.immigrantships.net/
Volunteers have transcribed shipping lists to read online. The coverage is incomplete and has an American bias. Australian lists include WW2 European immigrants to Australia to 1966.

What Passenger Lists Are Online?
Internet Sources for Transcribed Passenger Records & Indexes
NetLinks: General
http://home.att.net/~wee-monster/onlinelists.html
While there is a strong American emphasis in this database, there are shipping lists for Australia and New Zealand. There is a useful explanation of the Hamburg and Bremen shipping lists. Links to pay sites such as Link to Your Roots are included. It is worthwhile
noting that the State Library holds the Hamburg lists of those who came to Australia compiled by the Kopittkes. Check the catalogue or the information guide *Immigration and shipping: getting started* at [http://www.slq.qld.gov.au/about/pub/info_guides/collections/fh](http://www.slq.qld.gov.au/about/pub/info_guides/collections/fh) for current holdings. See also Info Guide 3.10 in the Appendix. The Mormon Family History Centres also hold the lists.

**Dead Persons Society, Perth, Western Australia**

NetLinks: Western Australia

The Perth Society is host to a number of shipping lists. These cover:
- the name of the ship; date and place of arrival, and departure.
- The source of the lists. The lists have not been transcribed directly from original sources and there are errors.

Sites include:
- NSW (1837-1899)
- Qld (1840-1915)
- SA (1836-1860)
- Vic (1837-1899)
- WA (1829-1889)
- NZ (1839-1905)
- Convict Transports (1788-1868)

**On-line Sourcing of Australasian Passenger List**

NetLinks: Australia>Adelaide Proformat>Name Lists>Shipping
[http://www.list.jaunay.com/ausnzpassengers/](http://www.list.jaunay.com/ausnzpassengers/)

This page assists in finding passenger lists for migrant ships to Australia/New Zealand.
- List 1 covers passenger data available. Subscribers check a list for a request and respondents forward an e-mail response. They may provide a photocopy at nominal cost.
- List 2 allows subscribers to request information for a particular passenger list not in List 1 if they know the name of the ship. Respondents may hold the passenger list or be prepared to check it at a library and e-mail the result or send a photocopy at a nominal cost.

**Australian National Maritime Museum: Pathfinder Subject Guides**

NetLinks: Australia>Australian Maritime Museum

This site provides lists of useful resources for researching ships and journeys to Australia. It also includes lists of ships’ pictures held at the Australian and British Maritime Museums.

**The Tide of Emigration to the United States and to the British colonies**

NetLinks: British Isles >GENUKI >England>Emigration and Immigration

It has extracts from an article in the *Illustrated London News* 6 July 1850 of a contemporary account of emigration procedures from the port of Liverpool. It is useful for understanding the conditions in which people travelled to Australia in the 19th Century and covers: emigration statistics, choosing a ship, medical inspection, embarkation, provisions, entertainment, departure, stowaways, roll-call, illustrations, policies.

**Genseek’s Mariner & Crew Records**

NetLinks: General

Jenny Fawcett has compiled a wealth of information at this site including:
- a mariner’s index with references to mariners and seamen worldwide mentioned in colonial Australian newspapers pre-1900
- an index of ships’ captains mentioned in the first volume of *Log of Logs* (Ian Nicholson)
- a variety of crew and passenger records
National Archives of Australia
NetLinks: Australia
Using RecordSearch it is possible to find details on those who arrived in the 20th century. The Brisbane office has digitized immigration case files to 1976.

Convictions: Australian Shipping 1788-1968
NetLinks: Australia
http://www.blaxland.com/ozships/
This site documents arrivals and departures enabling the user to search by vessel name or date. Occasionally there are crew or passenger lists, diaries and shipwreck details.

Activity 7: Australian immigration and shipping sites

Many internet indexes make searches for Australian immigration easier. Check the assisted passenger lists from State Records of NSW and the unassisted passenger lists from the Public Records Office of Victoria to answer the following questions. The questions are designed to make you aware of some of the issues associated with searching immigration indexes.

Simple surname searches work well for less common surnames, but remember that Australians were and are very mobile. Where they settled might not be near the original port of entry. Those on unassisted passenger lists for Victoria may have disembarked in Adelaide, Sydney or even Brisbane. The time of arrival could also vary from what the researcher might anticipate.

1. Mrs Caroline Wordsworth, a widow and her two sons, Charles and William arrived in Australia in 1880, the year she married William Murray in Townsville.

   On which colony’s shipping list do they appear? ____________________________

   What was the name of the ship? ______________________________________

When researching common surnames it is helpful to use a search that combines the surname with the least common given or first name in the family. Once you have located the name of the ship, use a further search combining the surname and the ship’s name to verify the arrival of other members of the family.

2. Patrick Mooney with his wife, Margaret and children James, Mary, Anastasia and Ellen arrived in Moreton Bay in 1850 buying land at what is now Enoggera.

   Where did they arrive and on which ship? ________________________________

Variations in the spelling of names can give misleading or inaccurate results. Be aware that:

• The Irish used the letter, ‘O’ in front of a surname randomly at times.
• With given names there are numerous informal variations Henry/Harry, Ellen/Helen/Nellie, Elizabeth/Betty, Catherine/Katie and common abbreviations Geo/George, Jno/John, Jas/James, Chas/Charles, Wm/William
• Some names were commonly spelt differently: Ann not Anne; Denis not Dennis.
- Ship names were often spelt variously especially well after the ship’s arrival: John Fielden/John Fielding; Genghis Khan/Ganges Khan; Wahroonga/Waroonga

The **wildcard** is a useful way of picking up spelling variations in names. State Records of NSW uses the percentage sign % for this function while the Public Record Office Victoria uses the asterisk *. In the part/s of the word where you know variations could occur put the wildcard instead of the letters: Smith/Smythe/Smithson – Sm%th% (State Records of NSW indexes); McCarthy/Carty/Carthy - *Cart*y (Public Record Office Victoria indexes).

Use the **wildcard** (NSW %; Vic *) to allow for variant spellings and answer one of the following.

3. List people named (O)Leary coming into Port Phillip in 1841 on the *Enmore*.

OR

4. List migrants named Shirlow/Sherlow/Sharlow coming straight to Moreton Bay pre1859

OR

5. List migrants named Bloxam/Bloxhome coming straight to Moreton Bay pre-1859.

Bearing in mind what you learned from the exercises above, answer the following.

6. According to your client, Denis Mo/aloney and his wife Ellen came into Victoria in the 1860s on a ship called the *King of the Algiers*. Find:

   - the correct name of the ship ___________________________________________
   - the spelling of the names of this couple on the list.

7. A client wishes to find out when her family arrived in Queensland on the *Orsova* in 1920. Check the *Convictions* website to find out.

8. You have been asked for ‘extra’ information about ships which came to Moreton Bay. Check for either the *John Fielden* of 1853 or the *Maryborough* of 1865 on the *Immigrant Ships Transcribers Guild* site. What information is provided?
9. Find which member of the Morelli family came to Australia aboard the *Osterley* in 1928 using *RecordSearch* at the National Archives of Australia web site.

10. The website *Find My Past* listed Minnie Curd coming to Brisbane in 1908. It is a pay site and you wish to search without charge. Search the State indexes online. On which list is she? On which ship did she come?

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PART B

Convicts

The State Library holds a lot of material on convicts, mostly on microform (fiche and film). Some is from the Public Records Office (now the National Archives) in England collected under the Australian Joint Copying Project (AJCP). Material includes gaol records, trial information from the Old Bailey and transportation registers. For further information check the information guides Convict information: getting started and Convict information: finding out even more http://www.slq.qld.gov.au/about/pub/info_guides/collections/fh Alternatively see Info Guides 3.12 and 3.13 in the Appendix.

The Proceedings of the Old Bailey, London 1674 to 1834
NetLinks: British Isles
http://www.oldbaileyonline.org/

This is a fully searchable database of the Old Bailey proceedings covering 1674-1834 with articles and a bibliography. It is possible to find some detail on those transported to the Australian colonies who were tried in London. Records of those tried outside London may be found in County Record Offices which in some cases have been filmed in the Miscellaneous Series of the AJCP on microform. It can be searched by:

- keyword
- name
- place
- crime, verdict and punishment
- date
- statistics
- associated records.

First Fleet Online
Netlinks: Australia
http://cedir.uow.edu.au/programs/FirstFleet/

First Fleet Online has an online database of all those who arrived in Australia in 1788 and provides background information on individuals. School students could use this site.

Convicts to Australia: a Guide to Researching Your Convict Ancestors
NetLinks: Western Australia>Dead Persons Society, Perth, Western Australia
http://members.iinet.net.au/~perthdps/convicts/index.html

This detailed site includes online lists of:

- all convict ships
- WA convicts
- WA pensioner guards
- NSW convict women

There are also research guides and a mailing list related to convict research.
Fremantle Prison
Netlinks: Western Australia
http://www.fremantleprison.com/
Fremantle Prison has created an online, searchable database of nearly 10,000 convicts who were transported to the Swan River Colony from 1850 to 1868. The site also provides a history of the convict era in Western Australia and virtual tours of the prison.

Claim-a-Convict
NetLinks: Australia
http://users.bigpond.net.au/convicts/
This site provides details on:
- 21,000 convicts (including the Irish) and exiles 1788-1813 (incomplete)
- 96 convict ships.

National Archives of Ireland: Transportation Records Database
NetLinks: British Isles
http://www.nationalarchives.ie/topics/transportation/search01.html
This database, a gift to Australia for the Bicentenary in 1988
- covers Irish convicts convicted from 1836
- includes sentence, offence, where convicted, accomplices and sometimes the ship
- State Library holds copies of the records indexed on microfilm.

State Records of NSW; Indexes related to Convicts
NetLinks: NSW> State Records of NSW> A_Z Index >Convicts
Note that historical background is provided for each index. The State Library of Queensland holds many of the records indexed.
This convict site contains the following indexes:
- The Colonial Secretary’s Correspondence which in this period covers a lot of material related to convicts. It is possible to search by name or subject.
- Index to certificates of freedom 1823-1869
- Index to convict bank accounts 1837-1870
- Index to convict exiles 1846-1850
- Index to pardons 1791-1825; 1837-1841

Irish Convicts to New South Wales 1791-1834
NetLinks: NSW
This database of Irish convicts who were transported to New South Wales 1791-1831 provides details gathered from a large number of primary sources on each convict.

Archives Office of Tasmania: Indexes related to Tasmanian Convicts
NetLinks: Tasmania>Archives Office of Tasmania
This site provides access to two indexes with historical information:
- Index to Tasmanian convicts. Covers the years 1804 to 1853.
- Index to Convict Applications for Permissions to Marry 1829-1857. Tasmanian registers indicate if the person marrying was a convict. Brief guide No. 20 provides an explanation of the format of convict records and the abbreviations used.
The Great North Road Convict Trail
NetLinks: NSW
http://www.convicttrail.org/
Those who committed secondary offences in the colony worked on the road gangs responsible for building this road. At this site it is possible to search the names of those who worked on the road and find out more about the background of the convicts and this historical route.

Convict Records: Register of Convicts c1838-1852
NetLinks: Victoria
PROVguide 57 Convict records provides background to these records and the presence of convicts in Victoria.

South Australian Transported Convicts
NetLinks: Australia>Adelaide Proformat>Free Help>SA Info>Law & Order
http://www.jaunay.com/convicts.html
Graham Jaunay supplies information on the historical background to convicts in South Australia as well as a search facility by name.

Convicts Australia: Convict History and Genealogy Links
NetLinks: Australia
Jenny Fawcett provides indexes to convicts, particularly in the 1820s, who absconded or were apprehended. She includes indexes on women convicts, State Records of NSW convict lists, South Australian, Victorian, Tasmanian, Western Australian and Norfolk Island convicts. There are also links to overseas sites featuring the York Assizes, convict lists from Nenagh, Tipperary and coverage of insurrections which gave rise to convicts coming to Australia.

Lincolnshire Convicts Transported to Australia, Gibraltar and Bermuda
http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/section.asp?catId=6722
The Lincolnshire County Council provides a database of nearly 2 000 convicts sentenced to transportation. Information may include age, crime, sentence, ship destination and other remarks. Background to the courts an explanation of abbreviations used, a bibliography and links to other convict websites are provided.

Inverary Jail : Former Prisoners
NetLinks: British Isles
http://www.inverarayjail.co.uk/Former_prisoners/index.asp
This database of former Inverary Jail prisoners includes some who were transported to Australia. Information on prisoners includes age, address, occupation, trial date and crime.

Dumfries & Galloway Council Information Service: Historical Indexes
NetLinks: British Isles
http://www.dumgal.gov.uk/historicalindexes/jail.aspx
The Jail and Bail Bond Books of Dumfries 1775-1810 are among these indexes.
Activity 8: Convicts

It is not unusual to find a number of convicts with the same name. Convicts may be distinguished from each other by the name of the convict ship on which they were transported which was typically part of their description. Occasionally the ship name may have a number after it. This number indicates if this was the first, second or third journey of the same ship.

1. Fred Beetson (also known as Fred Beston) advertised for employment in the Moreton Bay Courier in November 1850 declaring his impeccable references and seeking a position as a cook or a waiter. The following month he was before the magistrate’s court having angrily thrown food belonging to his employer into a pigsty. He was described as an ‘exile’.

What can you find out about his background and where?

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2. What can you find out about Joseph Mansfield who came out on the Dunvegan Castle in 1830? Name the source/s.

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3. List information on Charles Connor who came on the Martha to NSW in 1818. Where did you find it?

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4. William Lovelock married in Tasmania in 1852. What can you find out about him? Name the site/s.

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5. Joseph Millard came to Western Australia in 1852. List his details and name your source.

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Military

Australia’s Red Coat Settlers
http://freepages.history.rootsweb.com/~garter1/
This site acts as a collecting point for information on the officers, men and families of British Regiments who settled in colonial Australia and New Zealand. The entry point to the surname index is not immediately discernible. It involves some scrolling to the end of the list of links to – “To begin click here”. The State Library holds the paylists and musters for the regiments that served in Australia on microfilm. Usually it is necessary to know the regiment in which the soldier served to start looking, so this site could be a way of finding this out. There are links to:
- Australia’s naval history and settlers by Ken Larbalestier
- Ted Harris’s digger history including clear images of 19th Century military uniforms.

SAG’s Index to Soldiers and Marines 1787-1830
NetLinks: Australia > Society of Australian Genealogists > Databases
This is a very select index. The names have been sourced from one Quarter of a Regimental Paylist and Muster and Admiralty Muster. The SAG index includes: name, rank, regiment, pay list/muster roll, PRO Reel/source and notes. The State Library holds the sources indexed.

Dead Persons Society, Perth, Western Australia: Military Records
NetLinks: Western Australia
http://members.iinet.net.au/~perthdps/military/index.html
The site provides:
- information on Boer War soldiers, State by State
- dates of when each battalion in the Boer War departed Australia and returned
- a number of Australian and Commonwealth military links
- material on military pensioner guards at the Perth Dead Persons Society convict link.

Australian War Memorial
NetLinks: Australia
The War Memorial site is extremely rich, constantly expanding its data on those who served in the Boer War, WW1, WW2 and other conflicts. There are multiple ways to search for those who distinguished themselves in war using biographical databases as a starting point.

Graves and Memorials of Australians in the Boer War: 1899-1902
This ongoing project has a searchable database that includes graves, memorials and photographs.

Australians in the Boer War: Oz-Boer Database Project
NetLinks: Australia
www.pcug.org.au/~croez/ozb/ozb_1st.htm
This is a free online search facility designed to assist in identifying web pages and written material on Australian soldiers involved in this conflict.
Database: Search for Queenslanders on the Veldt
This is an index to photographs of Queenslanders who went to the Boer War published in the newspaper The Queenslander. The indexed images may be viewed and copied from the microform of The Queenslander in the reading room, level 3 of the State Library. A printed or email copy can be sent to those in regional areas.

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission
NetLinks: Australia/British Isles/Other Countries
http://www.cwgc.org/
The Debt of Honour Register contains information on 1.7 million dead Commonwealth servicemen from the 2 World Wars covering:
• personal and service details
• places of commemoration.

The Australian Involvement in Vietnam
NetLinks: Australia
http://www.hotkey.net.au/~marshalle/
This is one of the few sites with information on individual Australians in the Vietnam War. It includes an honour roll with associated photographs. This site does have a very personal slant but there are useful links.

Activity 9: Military
1. Archibald Sinnamon was killed in action during First World War. By using the Australian War Memorial’s biographical databases find the following information:
   • his rank and service number
   • names of parents
   • the school he attended
   • date & ship of embarkation
   • his religious faith
   • A digitized copy of a letter regarding Archibald’s death can be found on this site. To which relative was this letter sent?

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2. Find the death and full name of Private J.S. Kirkpatrick in the First World War Roll of Honour on the Australian War Memorial website. Check the National Archives of Australia’s RecordSearch for digital documents on this soldier. Check the first 8 pages of the 87 page dossier to answer the following questions.
   • What was Kirkpatrick’s occupation?________________________________________
   • What is his height, weight and eye colour?_________________________________
   • What is J.S. Kirkpatrick better known to the Australian public as?_____________

At the Australian War Memorial website and check the Collections Database in relation to J S Kirkpatrick. List a few of the items you find.
3. Using any of these databases profile someone of military background stating the source.

Surnames
Surname interest may involve a desire to know the following:
- the origin or meaning of the name
- the spread of the name, possible name variants and potential family connections
- family crests and mottoes (These are often tied to a commercial site.)
- immediate ancestral connections without more exacting searching.

FreeSurnameSearch.com: Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific
http://www.freesurnamesearch.com/search/ausnzp/
This is part of an American commercial site with a worldwide audience in mind. It aims to induce the user to become a paid subscriber. Part of its free genealogy inducement is an extensive list of free sites organised State by State. There is no search engine which allows all the sites to be tried simultaneously. However the list might be a useful prompt to use some sites of which one might not otherwise be aware. It’s not a starting point.

Surname Springboard
NetLinks: General
http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/2154/spring.htm
This page aims to compile a comprehensive listing of surname Gedcom sites through indexed links to the Web.

Surname Soundex Index
NetLinks: General
http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/2154/ssoundex.htm
This site deals with a common genealogical problem: variable spelling of a name. Soundex is a system designed to index names phonetically. It will group names by sound rather than spelling. This page:
- aims to compile in one area all known Gedcom links on the Web
- is an index by Soundex to the Surname Springboard site
- makes it easier to find surnames at the Springboard.

Roots Surname List
NetLinks: General
http://www.rootsweb.com/
There are lots of useful links on this site including surname research:
- Roots Surname List: index of surnames and researchers
• Roots Location List: index of locations and researchers
• Soundex Converter: provides a Soundex surname for a surname.

About: Glossary of Last Name Meanings and Origins
http://genealogy.about.com/library/surnames/bl_meaning.htm
The site provides information on a range of surnames including German and Spanish ones. It covers variants and other changes with hints for searching. The initial database is small but it links to other useful material. There are too many advertisements however.

All Surnames Genealogy
http://all-surnames.com/
Check some more possibilities for surname research.

Guild of One Name Studies
http://www.one-name.org/
A one-name study is a project researching all occurrences of a surname, as opposed to a particular pedigree (ancestors of one person). This site provides advice and resource sharing for those interested.

Spatial-Literacy.org: Surname Profiler
http://www.spatial-literacy.org/UCLnames/
This project based at the University College London allows researchers to search the origin and location of their family names, to see the pattern of distribution in 1881 and 1998 throughout the British Isles and throughout the major English speaking countries. Various statistics about the geographical spread of the surname are provided.

Activity 10: Surnames

Using your surname or any other one, see what you can find from any of the surname sites that sheds light on the background to the name or provides any family history research assistance. Explain any reservations you have about the information provided.

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Australian databases

Australian War Memorial
NetLinks: Australia
http://www.awm.gov.au
This is an extremely rich, expanding, award-winning site with useful links. It covers:
• biographical databases related to the Boer War, WW1 and WW2
• official records including a link to those in the National Archives
• 2 800 films, 600 sound recordings, 200 000 photographs and over 7 500 private records
There are multiple ways of searching this database. Linkages of scanned citations to the
database and an encyclopedia of information mean you should check this site regularly.

Australian Dictionary of Biography
NetLinks: Australia
http://www.adb.online.anu.edu.au/adbonline.htm
This rich site for Australian biographical information on the famous/infamous, enables a
search for detail on a person across a number of entries where this is available.
Bibliographic references, links to primary source material and an eventual link to the Film and
Sound Archive are additional, valuable features.

Australian Medical Pioneers Index
Netlinks: Australia
http://www.medicalpioneers.com
This site contains a searchable database of pioneer Australian doctors from 1700s to 1875.
It includes doctors who were sent out as convicts, ships’ surgeons and other medical
specialists. The site also provides background information on early colonial medical life. The
Australian Medical Pioneer Index is constantly growing as new information is added.

Australian Jewish Genealogical Society
NetLinks: Australia
This site is excellent for researching Jewish connections with links to international sites.

Picture Australia
NetLinks: Australia
http://www.pictureaustralia.org
Identify pictorial images relevant to family history on the web sites of participating cultural
bodies around Australia. This increasingly rich site includes:
• ships’ pictures
• illustrations which reflect life at various periods around Australia.
Please note: Picture Queensland is also accessed through this site.

Geoscience Australia (National Mapping Division): Place Name Search
NetLinks: Australia
• This is a searchable database of cities, towns, localities, parishes, homesteads,
  watercourses and other geographical features.
• A click-on name facility will connect to a position on a map marked by a blue cross.
• Details of latitude and longitude are provided.
• Links to State and Commonwealth bodies responsible for maintaining place name
  information may, where available, provide additional information about name origin.
• This is a way to find out about places researchers are trying to find or place near another
  location.
Activity 11: Australian databases

1. Australian War Memorial

   This is an award winning site with a number of databases of interest to Australians. Find and check 2-3 of these. List them and jot down their key features. Check beyond WW1 information.

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   What suggestions would you make about following up what your client can find here?
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2. Other Australian Databases referring to people

   Check one of the other databases previously listed. Search for an individual or a family in whom you are interested. Alternatively find someone or a family who is interesting.

   List the information you found out about them.

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   How would you suggest a researcher could follow up on that information?
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3. Australian Databases referring to places

   Check the Geoscience Australia place name search website for information on any place in which you are interested. What information is provided? What are the strengths and weaknesses of the website?

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Queensland sites

Most clients will start their research in Queensland looking for repositories, family history advice, groups and events as well as websites which will assist them. These may be extremely useful in finding information about otherwise little known individuals and families. Here are some of the entry points.

NetLinks: Queensland
This is the State Library’s list of selected sites for Queenslanders researching family history.

NetLinks: Queensland>Judy Webster’s Genealogy Advice….
Useful information on:
• civil registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages in Queensland
• shipping records
• electoral rolls
• Queensland State Archives records - probate files and finding a cheap death certificate, mental asylum records, old age pensions
• family history events
• a range of indexes including her book of specialist indexes.

Picture Queensland
NetLinks: Queensland
This is a mix of historical and contemporary images of different parts of Queensland covering various aspects of life. Family historians’ interests will include:
• images of regional, rural and urban Queensland
• pictures of ships
• portraits of Queenslanders
Please note: These images may also be viewed through Picture Australia

Royal Queensland Historical Society
NetLinks: Queensland
The Society provides an historical timeline and a contents listing of the journal including:
• obituaries and other biographical articles
• accounts of early immigrant ships and coastal shipping
• accounts of the establishment of settlements throughout Queensland.

Index of Miners involved in Queensland Mining Accidents (1882 to 1900)
In the period 1882 to 1900, Queensland mining accidents were listed annually in the Queensland Legislative Assembly Votes & Proceedings. This index:
• collects the names of those miners involved
• provides details of the accident.
The accidents may be followed up in contemporary newspapers local to the area. The State Library holds many of these newspapers.
See the family history Info Guide 3.28 in the Appendix.
Employees of Queensland Railways Department, June 1890 - June 1901


In the period June 1890 to June 1901, the appointments and removals of Queensland Railway employees were listed annually in the *Queensland Legislative Assembly Votes & Proceedings*. This index provides an alphabetical listing of employees.

The information included in the ‘remarks’ column of the original records is **not** included in this index. It can be located on the microfilm records (MFL 328.943). See Info Guide 3.25 in the Appendix.

Employees of the Southern and Western Railway, Traffic Branch, Queensland, 1866 - 1876


In the period October 1866 to June 1876, the appointments and removals of employees of the Traffic Branch of Queensland Southern and Western Railway were published in the 1876 (vol. 3) edition of the *Queensland Legislative Assembly Votes & Proceedings*. These indexes provide two alphabetical listings of those employees:

- one for appointments
- one for removals.

The appointments listing is presented over four pages devoted to appointments, with another two pages listing the removals.

On the original records the removals are all listed on page 679. The page numbers for the appointments are recorded on this index.

Index to Persons called before Queensland Government Committees (1860-1901)


This index covers select committees, royal commissions and boards of enquiry published in the *Queensland Legislative Assembly Votes and Proceedings*. Information provided is:

- the name of the witness and their occupation
- the name of the enquiry
- the year, volume and page of the *Votes and Proceedings*.

Approximately four and a half thousand people provided information. The advantage of this list is that it indexes people from a variety of backgrounds including civil servants, miners, farmers, graziers, labourers, railway employees, publicans, builders, seamen, clergymen and police. See Info Guide 3.18 in the Appendix.

Index to Persons before Queensland Government Committees (1902-1920)


This is a continuation of the previous index.

Manuscripts Queensland


*Manuscripts Queensland* provides online access to finding aids of the original material collections held in the John Oxley Library and the Johnstone Gallery Archive, a collection held by the James Hardie Library of Australian Fine Arts. These original materials include letters, diaries, journals, photographs, works of art, architectural plans, maps and recorded oral histories. Increasingly, digital images and transcriptions of items from collections will be available with their descriptive finding aid.
Activity 12: Queensland databases


1. Royal Historical Society of Queensland
   NetLinks: Queensland
   http://queenslandhistory.org.au/

   Go to the website. Select publications and then listing ‘Word 95’. Browse the listing of journal articles listed.
   Name any items you could use or recommend to others. How could they be useful?

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2. Judy Webster's genealogy info-page
   NetLinks: Queensland

   Check tips for ‘Qld research’ and ‘Qld newsflash’. List any indexes, services, tips or events you consider could be useful for genealogists. Why do you think so?

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3. Queensland databases on miners, railway employees, those called before committees and those on Picture Queensland

   Where and what can you find on any of the following: Amos Gambie miner 1900, James Charles Beal late 19th Century, J L Sherrin and the Freeleagus family?

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Significant internet sites

GENUKI - UK and Ireland Genealogy
NetLinks: British Isles
http://www.genuki.org.uk

Coordinator: Phil Stringer with a volunteer network

It concentrates on:
- primary source material (original records)
- detailed finding aids and guides.

It provides:
- links to key British genealogical societies
- plenty of hints for getting started outside the UK.

Structure
- table of contents and revision date on the initial screens
- arranged logically by country, region, county and town
- lists of subject headings and groups of records at each geographic level
- click on listing for background information or to link to information prepared by county record office or local family history society
- sometimes indexes can be searched but not the records themselves.

There are fewer sites for Scotland and Ireland but it is the best starting point for UK and Ireland.

Cyndi’s List of Genealogy Sites
NetLinks: General
http://www.cyndislist.com/

Developer: Cyndi Howell, an enthusiastic amateur.

It is wide ranging with more than 254 700 sites and 180 categories of information frequently updated with revisions and additional sites as indicated on the first page

Contents:
- organization of resources by country useful
- surname research helpful
- databases, maps, gazetteers, military resources and software

Cyndi’s Genealogy Home Page Construction Kit is clear and detailed.

It is organized alphabetically and by topic. A search function provides an easy starting point to a broad range of material.
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints

Church members carry out ceremonies to assist the salvation of ancestors. They wish to identify deceased family resulting in the largest family history library in the world at Salt Lake City and the *International Genealogical Index*. Their millions of microform records are made available through their worldwide libraries everywhere for a small donation. They cover births, christenings and marriages but usually not deaths.

The records provided by the libraries of this church are invaluable: extensive, accessible, cheap.

**Family History Information: How Do I Begin?**

**NetLinks: General>Family Search**

http://www.familysearch.org/Eng/Home/Welcome/frameset_information.asp

- It is a well-organised site, particularly helpful for beginners.
- Information on getting started is simple and clear.
- It includes forms for recording data – pedigree charts and research logs.

**LDS Site: Family Search**

**NetLinks: General**

http://www.familysearch.org/

An easy way to search the IGI, Ancestral File and other records.

**LDS Family History Centres**

**NetLinks: Australia>Family History Compendium**


- Addresses, phone numbers of Australian LDS libraries are organized state by state.
- The phone book supplies more.

**Web Sites for Genealogists**

**NetLinks: Australia**


Developer: Cora Num, professional genealogist.

**Structure:**

It is a simply structured, alphabetically organized listing of groups of sites.

**Contents:**

This is a good starting point for those researching Australian connections and links to the countries of origin. Highlights include coverage of:

- Convicts
- Maps, gazetteers and place names
- Naturalization
- Newspapers
- Occupations
- Pictorial databases
- Shipping, crews and shipwrecks
- Online journals.
Activity 13: Significant internet sites

Using these sites find the following and list Internet addresses for:

• birth, death and marriage information (vital statistics) for one of the American States.

• handwriting guide for German Gothic.

• information on British military records.

• an Internet mailing list for Colonial India

• some starting points for Scandinavian research.

• contact details for the British Newspaper Library.

➢ Has this Library filmed old copies of your local newspaper? If so what is the date range?

• anything genealogical you have had difficulty finding.

• information on the index to civil registration for England and Wales

• what is available on the Free BMD site (linked to GENUKI).

• where Abijou Good’s diary of his journey to Rockhampton in the Beejapore 1863 is held.

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Censuses and musters

Personal detail from censuses is frequently sought to track ancestors. Many people do not really understand that it is the Australian government policy to destroy the original material with personal information. The most informative Australian census material remaining is the 1828 census. There is also limited information from the 1841 census, the index to which is online at the State Records of NSW. The State Library holds the records indexed at this site. For further information check the information guide Census and muster records at http://www.slq.qld.gov.au/about/pub/info_guides/collections/fh Alternatively see Info Guide 3.19 in the Appendix.

Censuses in Australian Colonies
NetLinks: Australia>Adelaide Proformat
http://www.jaunay.com/auscensus.html
Graham Jaunay provides:
• a list of early censuses and musters indicating where and when these were carried out, the type of return and which survived. The State Library holds a number of these.
• a list of relevant addresses for those held elsewhere

State Records of NSW
NetLinks: NSW
A searchable index to the 1841 Census is online. Select ‘Index’ to find ‘Censuses.’ Queensland was part of NSW at this stage.
• The State Library holds the census indexed on microfilm.
• The guide provides a lot of helpful information about the records in various parts of the colony and abbreviations used.

Archives Office of Tasmania: Index to Census Records 1837-1857
NetLinks: Tasmania>Archives Office of Tasmania>Name Indexes
This is an index to an incomplete collection of Tasmanian censuses from 1837. The Archives will charge for a print of the original but the State Library holds copies of the original on film.

1901 Census for England and Wales Online
NetLinks: British Isles>National Archives
http://www.1901census.nationalarchives.gov.uk/
The 1901 census index is a free database. The index provides a limited amount of information such as age, where born and occupation. A digitized image from the original census can also be viewed after payment.

LDS Site: Family Search - Censuses
NetLinks: General
http://www.familysearch.org/
Here you will find searchable indexes to the 1881 British census and the 1880 censuses for both the United States and Canada.

Free-CEN – Search
NetLinks: British Isles
http://freecen.rootsweb.com/cgi/search.pl
This site provides free census searching for selected times and places in the UK.
Directories
Directories, post office, business or telephone, may be useful for tracking the locations, movements and occupations of ancestors. They can be helpful in showing the changes in the area in which the family lived because of the information they provide about the buildings, streets and business. Illustrated advertisements may provide informative pictorial records of a place or goods advertised. There are different sections to directories: an alphabetical listing of names of residents; city/town and street listings; trade, pastoral and official listings. All sections were not always included. The organization of a directory may vary from year to year and not everyone was included. Check the information guide, Directories almanacs and gazetteers http://www.slq.qld.gov.au/about/pub/info_guides/collections/fh. Alternatively see Info Guide 3.14 in the Appendix.

Digital Library of Historical Directories
NetLinks: British Isles
http://www.historicaldirectories.org
Leicester University’s site of historical directories has the following features:
- helpful information on how to use the directories for family and local history
- a search facility enabling searches by surname, county and time period
- links to relevant sites and a list of articles and books to consult.

International Phone Directory
NetLinks: General
http://www.infobel.com/world/default.asp
Infobel is the Belgian equivalent of Telstra. It provides access to countries throughout the world. For Australia, Telstra’s site is accessed. From Britain it is possible to get:
- full address, phone number and location.

British Telecom
NetLinks: British Isles
http://www.bt.com
- Conditions for responsible use apply.
- There is a limit to the number of searches for unregistered users.

Telstra Whitepages
NetLinks: Australia
- This site allows you quick, easy access to all Australian phonebooks.
- Each State may be checked in two searches.
Electoral rolls


**Australian Electoral Commission**  
**Australia: NetLinks**  
The Commission provides information on:  
- Australian electoral history  
- Milestones for women  
- Milestones for Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders  
- Background to the right to vote and qualifications necessary to vote.

**Free Databases for Genealogical Searching**  
**NetLinks: General**  
[http://www.rootsweb.com/~wls1bfhs/svdsources.html](http://www.rootsweb.com/~wls1bfhs/svdsources.html)  
Stephen van Dulken has gathered some free electoral rolls and poll tax lists for parts of England and for New Zealand among a number of other free databases.

**Oral history**

**Oral History Techniques**  
**NetLinks: History>Oral History**  
[http://www.indiana.edu/~cshm/techniques.html](http://www.indiana.edu/~cshm/techniques.html)  
Research Specialist/Oral Historian Barbara Truesdell of Indiana University provides:  
- plenty of practical advice on organizing and conducting interviews  
- a bibliography.

**Suggested Topics and Questions for Oral Histories**  
**NetLinks: History>Oral History**  
This site is part of genealogy.com’s ‘how-to’ guide. It provides broad topics and some suggested questions. It is worthwhile remembering that questions need to be shaped for the person and area involved.

**Organizing Oral History Information**  
[http://www.genealogy.com/70_afteroral.html](http://www.genealogy.com/70_afteroral.html)  
This site provides guidance on transcribing information, comparing sources and resolving contradictions in information provided.
Indigenous family history

This is just a small sample of indigenous sites. Search further at NetLinks: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies http://netlinks.slq.qld.gov.au/at.htm

Footprints before me: following the history of family and community
NetLinks: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies>Clans & Communities>Family History
The State Library of Queensland maintains this site to assist indigenous family history research. It includes practical family history advice and links to a variety of information sources relevant to Queenslanders. The information however needs updating.

Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Policy (DATSIP)
NetLinks: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies>Government
Community and Personal Histories for Indigenous Queenslanders is a group facilitating access to records from the Queensland State Archives. Contact details are provided.

Australian Institute of Australian and Torres Strait Islander Studies
NetLinks: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies>Government
This Commonwealth body has some excellent links for those pursuing indigenous family links Australia wide. It also has online guides to assist in the search, a link to the Bringing them home index, explanatory material and access to their catalogue.

Norman B Tindale
NetLinks: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies>Clans & Communities>Family History
Norman Tindale, an anthropologist, collected some genealogies of indigenous groups and their boundaries. This site may provide information about the culture and place indigenous researchers are looking for about their groups. There is a link to tribal boundaries at the top of the home page. The map with these boundaries shows the groups around which Tindale’s collection was organized.
Archives, libraries and other sources

Government archives hold the records of their state’s or nation’s government departments. Records are maintained in the order in which they were kept. Most government archives will have some information Info Guides online outlining what they hold and how the records are ordered. Some have a searchable database and a range of records indexed on the internet.

Libraries hold more diverse materials. State Libraries will collect archives of individuals, companies and groups as well as some government publications. They hold primary source material, manuscripts, photographs and other items related to their State’s history as well as relevant material from other repositories in microform. The diverse book collection and electronic databases are also very important.

Family historians need to use a number of repositories for research. A helpful guide is Nick Vine Hall’s *Tracing Your Family History in Australia: A National Guide to Sources* (3rd ed). There is a separate volume providing an expanded bibliography. It is on open access in the family history reference section. Copies may also be borrowed from Public Libraries Service.

*The National Guide* provides a national overview, and then lists for each State or Territory (New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, South Australia, Western Australia, Australian Capital Territory, Northern Territory, and the Island Territories). It names sources within each. It gives tips on where to begin, a listing of published family histories, indexes of arrivals in Australia 1788-1956, abbreviations and acronyms, record location codes, and more.

**Australia**

National Archives of Australia
NetLinks: Australia
National Archives collects material related to the functions of the Commonwealth Government. They hold records relating to 20th century migration and naturalization, WW1 and WW2 records but there are also some 19th century records. This is a rich site with the facility for extensive record and photograph searching. Their range of fact Info Guides is useful for family historians locating material at Archives and other sources. The Info Guides give an overview of the areas in which the Archives collect. The Archives provides a digital copy of records in some cases.

National Library of Australia: Australian Family History and Genealogy on the Internet
NetLinks: Australia
The links available make this an easy entry point to all the major family history repositories in Australia.

Collections Australia Network (CAN)
NetLinks: Australia
http://www.collectionsaustralia.net
Links to an extensive number of Australian collecting institutions of interest to family historians but the site is still developing.

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Queensland

Queensland State Archives
NetLinks: Queensland
http://www.archives.qld.gov.au
This is an important site for Queensland local and family history.
It includes information on:
- resources to check in preparation for research
- records covering immigration, war, cemetery, land, divorce, probate, companies, courts, murders, deed poll changes of name, asylums, insolvency, mining, railways, occupational licences, housing, shipwrecks, government and police gazettes.
- publications
- services to the public
- an expanding range of indexes including those relating to the Boer War, criminal depositions, inquests, justices of the peace, mineral leases, public servants, divorces, teachers and wills.

Note: QSA does not do research for the public. It is necessary to do it in person or to get a researcher.

New South Wales

State Records of NSW
NetLinks: NSW
This site has great relevance to Queensland because:
- the region was part of NSW before Separation in 1859
- there is great mobility between the two States
- there is an expanding range of indexes of premium interest to Queenslanders.

Using the online indexes: click on ‘State archives’, then ‘Indexes online’ and scroll to check some of the following:
- 1841 census
- Aboriginal Colonial Court Cases 1788-1838
- Colonial Secretary Index 1788-1825
- Indexes to assisted passenger arrivals for NSW in the 19th Century, to Port Phillip 1839-1851 and to Moreton Bay (Brisbane) 1848-1859
- Bench of Magistrates cases 1788-1820
- Convicts (includes tickets-of leave, pardons, certificates of freedom and convict exiles)
- Deceased Estate Files 1880-1923
- Divorce 1873-1917
- Police service registers 1852-1913
- Insolvency records
- Land records
- Naturalization 1834-1903
- Quarter sessions 1824-1837 (civil and criminal cases)
- Randwick Asylum for destitute children
- Schools and related records 1876-1979.

In many cases the State Library holds the material indexed.

State Library of NSW
NetLinks: NSW
A useful collection of links include Australian, British, Irish and other International resources.
Newcastle Region Library: Family History
Netlinks: NSW
It is useful to be aware of this address because of interest in this area. This site:
- has a searchable online cemetery index
- has a searchable index to the *Newcastle Morning Herald* 1869-1943 (which is available on microfilm at the State Library of Queensland)
- has a searchable bank of photographs
- outlines local indexes
- links to place name addresses
- provides local links.

The Genealogy Resource Page of the Hunter Valley
NetLinks: NSW
http://www.huntervalleygenealogy.com/
It provides a guide to Hunter Valley resources outlining: what they are, where they are, how to access them. It includes:
- an index of all known Hunter Valley cemeteries
- headstone inscriptions
- court records
- a list of family history societies and libraries
- local history information
- a map of the Hunter
- a list of all known newspapers printed in the Hunter
- a list of books, directories and fiches relating to the Hunter.

**Victoria**

Genealogy Centre at the State Library of Victoria
NetLinks: Victoria
Information is provided about: their projects and guides (extensive and helpful). There are also useful links.

Public Record Office Victoria
NetLinks: Victoria
Click on Access the collection to reach Digitised records and databases. The site includes:
- guides to records and publications
- indexes to assisted British immigration 1839-1871, unassisted immigration to Victoria 1852-1923 (State Library holds the records indexed up to 1899) and outward passengers to Interstate, UK, NZ and Foreign Ports 1852-1861
- indexes to education, divorce and convict records
- indexes to early Port Phillip records including district electoral rolls (1849), pastoral runs and publicans
- online records relating to convicts, divorce, education, mental asylums and prisons.
Tasmania

Archives Office of Tasmania
NetLinks: Tasmania
As well as information about holdings and publications it provides indexes to:
- wills and letters of administration 1824-1915
- naturalisation applications
- some Tasmania census records 1837-1857 (on microfilm at the State Library of Queensland)
- convict applications to marry
- Tasmanian divorces.

South Australia

Family History and Genealogy in South Australia
NetLinks: South Australia
http://www.familyhistorysa.info/
This portal site has a significant and diverse range of links.

State Library of South Australia: Family History Service and Collection
FactInfo Guides and resources on South Australian family history are the highlights.

State Records of South Australia
NetLinks: South Australia
It provides information about their records and publications together with some examples.

Western Australia

State Library of Western Australia: Family History Gateway
NetLinks: Western Australia
This easily navigated site provides information organized by Australian State and by Country.

Western Australian Government Records
NetLinks: Western Australia
Government records are linked to the Library and Information Service of Western Australia site. LISWA has responsibility for them. Records given particular emphasis are:
- Aboriginal affairs
- Courts
- Education and school

Lutheran Church of Australia: Lutheran Archives
Netlinks: Australia
Unlike other denominations with diocesan repositories, Lutherans have centralized their Australian records in Adelaide. This site is relevant because many of our early settlers were
German or Scandinavian. The Church has compiled a *Church Records Computer Database Index* to assist researchers. This site provides information on conditions, costs of access and contact details.

**Activity 14: Archives libraries and other sources**

**Queensland State Archives**  
**NetLinks: Queensland**  

State Archives holds the major government records. What indexes or Brief Guides (linked under ‘Publications’) would you find helpful to assist clients? Explain.

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Check one other library/repository and note its useful features.

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Other countries

There are limits to what is available in other countries and also what is purchasable in Australia in a printed format. Only a small selection is listed here but the researcher will find more through the extensive Cyndi’s List http://www.cyndislist.com/ and the WorldGenWeb Project http://www.worldgenweb.org/ which has easy entry points for smaller countries.

Mailing lists for those with a common interest can be a useful way of pursuing difficult research or at least a way of finding out if the records still exist. Try the Chris Gaunt and John Fuller site http://www.rootsweb.com/~jfuller/gen_mail.html

War torn countries simply may not have the records family historians seek any more.

The Association of European Migration Institutions
http://www.aemi.dk/home.php
Clicking on addresses leads to a number of links including:
• Danish, Finnish, Italian, Norwegian, Icelandic, German and Scottish immigration
• a genealogy links portal
• an archives portal
• selected sites by a digital librarian

Many of the links are to America. Those immigrant families who came to Australia by that route may be tracked.

European Archival Network
http://www.european-archival.net/map/
An easy access point to a range of important European archives, 5 500 throughout the world.

New Zealand

The State Library holds not only birth, death and marriage indexes to 1990 but also cemetery records, some electoral rolls, post office directories and the New Zealand Herald until 1998.

There are a few shipping lists covering the journey from Britain to Australia and from Victoria to New Zealand 1852-1870 but none from New Zealand to Australia. Check our South Bank Collections catalogue at http://www.slq.qld.gov.au/find/cat for our more extensive holdings

Births, Deaths and Marriages - Whanautanga, Matenga, Marenatanga
NetLinks: New Zealand
http://www.bdm.govt.nz/
Information provided includes:
• forms, costs, conditions of access
• Maori language version
• a list of those who may have access to the information and the purposes for which it is available to them.

The State Library holds all the New Zealand birth, death and marriage indexes released including the Maori indexes available. They extend to 1990.

Varcoe’s New Zealand Marriages Index
NetLinks: New Zealand
http://marvin.otago.ac.nz/marriages/marriages.php
The indexes to New Zealand marriages available on fiche are filed separately for brides and bridegrooms. A registration number is provided in each case. Without Varcoe’s index it is necessary to go through the entire list in the relevant year of either grooms or brides for the partner searching for a matching registration number. Varcoe’s index points to the correct page entry where the partner of a groom or bride can be found. It is a useful enhancement to the indexes on fiche at the Library as it speeds up the search for the marriage partner.
Archives New Zealand  
NetLinks: New Zealand  
http://www.archives.govt.nz  
The site has some helpful reference guides on births, deaths and marriages, naturalization, coroners’ inquests, probates, war, migration and education.

Auckland City Libraries  
NetLinks: New Zealand  
http://www.aucklandcitylibraries.com  
Useful family history databases include:  
- Auckland area passenger arrivals 1838-1883  
- police and cemetery records  
- heritage images.

Christchurch City Libraries: genealogy/family history  
NetLinks: New Zealand  
http://library.christchurch.org.nz/FamilyHistory/  
There are some information guides of interest on the following topics:  
- adoption  
- newspapers  
- immigrant ships  
- cemeteries.

Dictionary of New Zealand Biography  
NetLinks: New Zealand  
http://www.dnzb.govt.nz/dnzb  
Over 3 000 biographies of notable, deceased New Zealanders are covered.

New Zealand Genealogy Links  
NetLinks: New Zealand  
Jenny Fawcett hosts this site with links to:  
- passenger arrivals and immigration records through Auckland City Library and Helen’s Page  
- probate records, cemetery records and monumental inscriptions  
- birth notices from New Zealand papers.  
- NZ remittance men  
- Government Honours Index  
A number of other links looked promising but did not work when tried.

Passenger Lists of Emigrant Ships to New Zealand  
NetLinks: New Zealand  
http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~ourstuff/OurPassengerLists.htm  
Passenger lists are sorted by: the name of the ship and by port of arrival  
Extracts from documents indicate conditions on emigrant ships and the regulations observed.  
See also the Chinese Overseas: Chinese in New Zealand
British Isles

**England**

A2A: Access to Archives – The English Strand of the UK Archives Network

NetLinks: British Isles

http://www.a2a.org.uk/

At this site it is possible to search catalogues dating from the 8th Century until today. It covers archives held locally in England and Wales.

The National Archives (formerly the Public Records Office)

NetLinks: British Isles

http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/

The National Archive of England, Wales and UK has wonderful material relevant to the UK and Australia. Information leaflets online provide guidance to records available and how to use them. The 1901 census can be searched here. A basic searching of the index is free but there is a charge to view detailed records.

Victoria County History: England’s Past for Everyone

NetLinks: British Isles

http://www.victoriacountyhistory.ac.uk/

The Victoria County history series is the most authoritative source on English local history. It began in 1899 and is still a work in progress. When it is complete it will record the history of every city, town and village in England. This site provides background to the histories, current research being undertaken and the status of progress on the history of each county. A map provides an additional easy overview.

The State Library holds most of the volumes available.

GENUKI - UK and Ireland Genealogy

NetLinks: British Isles

http://www.genuki.org.uk

This is an excellent starting point for British and particularly English research.

- It is comprehensive, well-structured and up-to-date.
- The structure is organized in a geographical hierarchy and by topic.
- It concentrates on finding aids and primary sources.

See also Significant Sites: GENUKI

John Weedy's page of links to other websites that have Illustrated London News content

NetLinks: British Isles

http://www.iln.org.uk/iln_years/noframeiln.htm

The Illustrated London News provided invaluable information and illustrations during the 19th and 20th Centuries about events in England and Australia. Material of particular interest for family history includes illustrations and news about:

- emigrant ships and the emigrant experience
- the Irish famine

Use the search facility to find items. The State Library has the Illustrated London News on film up to 1920. There is also an index to maritime subjects in the Illustrated London News by Vaughan Evans (FAMHIS 387.50994 1990).
Society of Genealogists  
NetLinks: British Isles  
http://www.sog.org.uk/  
This major British society has some useful information leaflets online.

_Ireland_

Ireland: Views of the Famine  
NetLinks: British Isles  
http://adminstaff.vassar.edu/sttaylor/FAMINE/ILN/llustrations.html  
This site:
- includes dated illustrations from various parts of Ireland covering aspects of the Famine: housing, begging, ejectment, food riots, relief, workhouses, funerals and emigration
- is linked to the news articles from which they came
- is an effective way of viewing the conditions from which Irish immigrants came.

National Archives of Ireland: Transportation Registers  
NetLinks: British Isles  
http://www.nationalarchives.ie/topics/transportation/search01.html  
This is a searchable but incomplete database that:
- covers Irish convicts convicted from 1836  
- includes sentence, offence, where convicted, accomplices and sometimes the ship.  
State Library holds copies of the records indexed on microfilm.

Public Record Office of Northern Ireland: Emigration to Australia  
NetLinks: British Isles  
http://www.proni.gov.uk  
This archives holds the main records for Northern Ireland. This small site:
- lists some records the archives hold  
- provides background to Irish convicts and free settlers in Australia.

Irish Ancestors: Genealogical Guide to Ireland  
http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~irishancestors  
This useful overview of sources for all Ireland covers:
- repositories  
- major records.

Ireland.com  
NetLinks: British Isles  
http://www.ireland.com/ancestor/  
- John Grenham, a foremost Irish genealogist, has basically a commercial site.  
- His initial surname search may provide a useful starting point.

Genealogy Ireland~Eire~History  
NetLinks: British Isles  
http://members.tripod.com/~Caryl_Williams/Eire-7.html  
It provides a number of databases and links throughout Ireland.
Scotland

General Register Office for Scotland
NetLinks: British Isles
http://www.gro-scotland.gov.uk/
- Here it is possible to check historical birth death and marriage indexes to 1899.
- Indexes to censuses are increasingly being added.
- Those for 1881 and 1891 censuses are currently available.
- There is a free surname check to determine if it is worthwhile using fee-based index searches.
- Links to other General Registration Offices in the British Isles are provided.

National Library of Scotland
NetLinks: British Isles
http://www.nls.uk/
Some features of this site include:
- an alphabetical listing of subjects. Under ‘Genealogy’ there are collections of resources named under types of materials and the various geographical destinations of Scottish immigrants.
- online catalogues and Scottish links
- a digital library with zoomable maps of Scotland 1560-1928.

GenGateway: Scottish genealogy
NetLinks: British Isles
http://www.gengateway.com/scottish_genealogy.htm
This is being redeveloped but it is usually a comprehensive site organized alphabetically covering:
- clans and tartans
- parish and census sources
- geographic and mapping material
- lots of local information
- many links.

Rampant Scotland Directory
NetLinks: British Isles
http://www.rampantscotland.com/genealogy.htm
An excellent collection of links and articles explained and presented well.

Scotland’s People
NetLinks: British Isles
http://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk/search/free/results.aspx
This site provides official genealogical data for Scotland including that from the old parochial registers, the statutory registers, census records and wills and testaments. There is a free surname search as an introduction to fee based services.
Chinese overseas

The Chinese Heritage of Australian Federation
NetLinks: Australia
http://www.chaf.lib.latrobe.edu.au/
This site provides databases, links and other material showing the role of Australia's Chinese communities in the foundation and development of Australia. It highlights the private, community and public life of Australia's Chinese communities before and after Federation in 1901. It contains historical materials and indexes concerning Chinese Australians, translation of Chinese-language historical documents, a world-wide web site, a travelling exhibition, and publications.

Chinese in New Zealand
NetLinks: New Zealand
http://www.stevenyoung.co.nz/chinesevoice/index.htm
Steven Young includes a number of articles published by others to highlight:
- Chinese history in New Zealand including family histories with a growing emphasis on local and oral history
- A perspective on the Chinese in Australasia and the Pacific.

Online Poll Tax Records
NetLinks: New Zealand
This site provides information about poll tax records for Chinese arrivals to Wellington 1888-1930 and the history behind them. There is also information on where to find them.

Denmark

Dansk Demografisk Database
http://ddd.dda.dk/ddd_en.htm
Danish databases included here are:
- censuses
- immigration archives 1868-1908
- a probated index for Thisted, Viborg, Aaborg and Randers.

Denmark Genealogy Links
NetLinks: Denmark
http://www.genealogylinks.net/europe/denmark/
This is an extensive site with information about immigration, censuses, cemeteries and archival sources. This is part of a larger site Genealogylinks.net
Germany

What Passenger Lists Are Online?

Internet Sources for Transcribed Passenger Records & Indexes

NetLinks: General

http://home.att.net/~wee-monster/onlinelists.html

While there is a strong American emphasis in this database, there are shipping lists for Australia and New Zealand. There is a useful explanation of the Hamburg and Bremen shipping lists. Links to pay sites such as Link to Your Roots are included. It is worthwhile noting that the State Library holds the Hamburg lists of those who came to Australia compiled by the Kopittkes. Check the catalogue or the information guide Immigration and shipping: getting started at http://www.slq.qld.gov.au/serv/fh#guides for current holdings. The Mormon Family History Centres also hold the lists.

Genealogy.net – the German genealogy network

NetLinks: Germany

http://www.genealogienetz.de/genealogy.html

This site, based in Germany, is presented in English and German text with information on:

- resources about German speaking areas
- websites of German genealogical societies
- emigration information
- sample letters and various databases
- a gazetteer to find place names in a country which has changed boundaries frequently.

German Genealogy Bridge

Netlinks: Germany

http://www.geocities.com/SiliconValley/Haven/1538/german.html

There is an emphasis on the American connection, Hessen and maps at this site as well as a connection to many other German genealogy sites. The link to German Archives is useful. While the text is in German, the common words are explained in English in a glossary.

Resources for German Genealogy on the Internet

NetLinks: Germany

http://home.att.net/~wee-monster/

Despite an American bias but there are sections which may be of specific interest including:

- German first and last names
- Germans from Russia links
- Genealogy and Poland: A Guide.
Netherlands

Netherlands Genealogy Links
Netlinks: Netherlands
http://www.genealogylinks.net/europe/netherlands/
This is an extensive website including the following links:
• sites for Dutch provinces
• Sites for all of the Netherlands including digital resources and the White pages.
• Dutch Jewish genealogy sites
Despite the American emphasis there are links to genealogical material of wide interest.

Genlias
http://www.genlias.nl/en/page0.jsp
This is the searchable database for the Dutch civil records dating from 1811 provided by national archive services and the regional historical centres

India (Colonial)

India Office: Family History Search
NetLinks: India
http://indiafamily.bl.uk/UI/
Search:
• 300,000 birth, baptism, marriage death and burial records from the India Office records
• a variety of biographical notes
• for mainly the British and Europeans 1649-1949 and for those from other countries connected with the British in India period.

FIBIS: Families in British India Society
NetLinks: India
http://www.fibis.org/
There are extensive records of wills, censuses, directories, military records, cemeteries, personal papers, photographs and other publications. A site search allows a search by person or by an image.

Activity 15: Other countries

Choose one overseas country from the previous sites or any other using Cyndi’s List or GENUKI and list ways a researcher could find basic birth, death and marriage information, occupational records and contacts for more local details.
Discussion lists

Also known as computer conferences, scholarly electronic conferences and computer mailing lists, these are lists of e-mail addresses maintained by computers. By sending your e-mail address to one of these computers you can be added to a list and then receive a copy of any correspondence generated by any member of that list. Discussion lists use the e-mail system. You can send queries to this list which all subscribers can read.

In addition, a number of major sites have discussion lists linked to them.

NOTE WELL: Instructions for each list vary.

Finding lists

Genealogy Resources on the Internet
NetLinks: General

John Fuller and Chris Gaunt have many links from this page. They also index genealogy resources on the Internet available through:
- mailing lists
- USENET newsgroups
- file transfer protocols
- gopher
- world wide web
- telnet
- e-mail

How do you join?

I decided to join a mailing list and clicked on this option on the screen.

I scrolled down the page, selected Emigration/Migration Ships and Trails and clicked on it.
Welcome packages are generally provided when you subscribe. Please keep these on file since they contain important information about posting, unsubscribing, and other aspects of list membership. A number of lists are included for various countries and areas of the world where the list descriptions do not specifically address genealogy. While these lists are not devoted to genealogy, the list owners have indicated that genealogy is an acceptable, though in some cases unusual, topic for the list.

When subscribing, please make sure that the subscribe command is the only text in the body of the message. A list description is acceptable in the subject or in the message itself. In general, you must be a subscriber to post to these mailing lists and posting instructions will be contained in the Welcome message you receive when you subscribe.

PLEASE NOTE: First, do not own any of these lists by sending a subscribe message to me. I will not work. Please see the description of the mailing list you are interested in the applicable subscribe instructions. Second, I am probably not researching the same areas and geographic areas, so please do not write to me to see if there is information on your ancestors. Finally, all of these lists are free.

The mailing lists contained in this section are divided into the following categories... just click on the one that interests you.

- COUNTRIES OTHER THAN USA
- USA
- Ethnic
- Adoption
- African-American
- Immigration/Migration/Colonization
- Mapping/Geographic Resources
- Emigration/Migration/Paths and Trails
- Genealogy on the Internet
- Genealogy of Discussion

Emigration/Migration
Ships & Trails
I then selected The Ships list and clicked on it.

As a result, the details necessary for me to subscribe were there: TheShipsList. A mailing list for anyone interested in the ships our ancestors migrated on. Subjects include emigration/immigration, ports of entry, ports of departure, ship descriptions and history, passenger lists and other related information. To help with your questions, there are many regular members of the list, with a wide range of expertise and resources, who are ready and willing to assist and guide you on your search. To subscribe send "subscribe" to theshipslist-l-request@rootsweb.com (mail mode) or theshipslist-d-request@rootsweb.com (digest mode).

I subscribed by completing the two lines required on my e-mail screen and sending the message. I turned off most automatic options such as signature but left on “copy to self”.

When I was away for a week, I unsubscribed otherwise there would be too much e-mail. Again I only needed to complete two lines. I turned off all the automatic options such as signature. “Copy to self” was left on.
Joining a mailing list: **You must use email to join.**

1. **To subscribe to a mailing list server** you send an email message:
   - completing two lines only
   - addressed to the email address provided in the "Subscription Address" field
   - leaving the subject line blank
   - The text of the message must read:
     
     Subscribe listname Yourfirstname Yourlastname
     
     (Listname means the name of the list.)
   - Do not include any other text and leave the subject line blank. This is being read by a computer program and not a person. The program won't understand and will bounce back your command if it is not written exactly.

2. **Usenet Newsgroups are generally read without subscribing**, through Netscape or a specific newsreading software.

Subscription directions for other types of discussion groups are included with individual entries.

**Notes**
- The list servers are case sensitive.
- Do not put anything in the subject line.
- You should hear back almost immediately - if no message within 5-10 minutes, reread the instructions and try again.
- If you do subscribe, you need to check and clear your mail box regularly, otherwise your user space will swell with unread and undeleted messages.
Welcoming message

- Within a few minutes your Email box will receive a reply from the listserv that you have been added to the list.

- This welcoming message usually includes important information such as how to suspend messages if you are intending to be away (e.g. on leave) and how to leave the list permanently.

We recommend you keep this message for future reference!

Unsubscribing

- To sign off send the following e-mail message to the appropriate listserv:

  unsubscribe listname

- Leave the subject line blank.

- Do not include your name in this message!
Activity 16: Mailing lists

Mailing lists can be a way for people pursuing specific genealogical interests to get help and advice from a pool of those with the same research interests. Major websites may have a mailing list linked. There are also some sites dedicated to collating mailing lists. Using the site, Genealogy Resources on the Internet http://www.rootsweb.com/~jfuller/internet.html identify 3-4 mailing lists you would suggest.

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What advantages might these have compared to undertaking research in one of the repositories?

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Current awareness

- How do you keep up-to-date with the Internet? It changes so rapidly. There are always new sites to discover; new software to evaluate and perhaps purchase; new issues being raised.

- If it is any consolation, no one person can know all there is to know about the internet. We have to sort out what is and is not important.

- There are a number of ways to stay current:

- Read a respected family history journal. Usually web addresses and other interesting resources are apportioned a column at the very least.

- Join a discussion list about family history. Recommendations about worthwhile sites will be made, saving you considerable time.

- Network with your colleagues. If you stumble across a useful resource, inform your colleagues. One of the wonderful aspects of the internet is that communication has been made so easy.

- Read the Internet and Computer sections in the various newspapers. You will often glean some interesting sites.

- Read journals like Internet.au or Australian Netguide http://netguide.com.au/v2/ Occasionally, there will be an issue devoted to developments in family history.

- Investigate a reputable site like Cyndi’s. There will often be a What’s New section.

- Occasionally look at What’s New in Yahoo www.au.yahoo.com
Copyright

Copyright is a complex issue. Copyright laws do apply to internet material. When we locate a great site our first impulse is to retain it in hard copy.

The Internet is so changeable that it can be difficult to judge which author is responsible for which item on the Internet. Often, no author is mentioned. (Be wary of these sites)

There are a number of URLs that are invaluable to you as information professionals who grapple with copyright issues constantly.

Consider:

Ten big myths about copyright explained
http://www.templetons.com/brad/copymyths.html

Australian Copyright Council
http://www.copyright.org.au/

Library staff have a duty to ensure that clients obtain fair and equitable access to information while ensuring authors receive fair dealing. A number of information Info Guides cover material of relevance to family historians disseminating, writing or otherwise using material.

Activity 17: Copyright

A family historian is about to publish a family history. S/he will include copies of original documents from the local studies collection, photographs from a book published in 1880 and information from a variety of books.

Survey the Copyright Council site http://www.copyright.org.au/ and identify the issues your client needs to consider.

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Which information Info Guides from the Copyright Council would you suggest as useful for her/him?

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Citations

As information professionals, we have to be aware of copyright law and the fact that not all our work (particularly with internet training) is necessarily original. In addition many of our clients will be interested in compiling bibliographies. You are probably asked regularly for assistance in citing sources according to a particular style: MLA, AGPS, Harvard, Chicago, APA etc. Internet citation is simply another format.

There are many Web sites that assist. Two quite impressive sites are:

Library and Information Science: Citation Guides for Electronic Documents
http://www.ifla.org/I/training/citation/citing.htm

• Be careful of dates listed on your web page. What does the date really indicate?
• Ensure that you provide enough of the URL (address) so that it can be accessed again. Is the site stable?
• Be very aware of evaluation principles.

Software

Cyndi’s List: Software & Computers
NetLinks: Cyndi’s List
http://www.cyndislist.com/software.htm
• Covers articles, comparisons and reviews
• Provides details on popular programs e.g. Family Tree Maker, Master Genealogist, PAF
• Includes lots of tools and utilities

Louis Kessler’s Genealogy Software Links
NetLinks: Cyndi’s List> Software & Computers>Articles, Comparisons and Reviews
http://www.lkessler.com/gplinks.shtml
• Relevant to Australian users
• Easy to compare products and their features
• Up-to-date

FamilyRecords.gov.uk
NetLinks: British Isles> National Archives>UK Family History Online
http://www.familyrecords.gov.uk/guides.htm
• Easy to follow
• Covers main products
Ethics in genealogy

More family historians are publishing their family history. The internet, genealogy software and scanners have made this much easier. Increasingly this raises not only the issues of copyright and correct citation but also the appropriate use of family stories, rumours and innuendo. There are sites which cover the resulting issues.

Cyndi’s List: Genealogy Standards & Guidelines
NetLinks: Cyndi’s List
http://www.cyndislist.com/standard.htm

Restoring Ethics to Genealogy by Barbara A Brown
http://www.nonawilliams.com/ethics.htm

Genealogical Scams
http://www.alden.org/genealogy/documents/scams.htm

Ethics-in–Genealogy-L Archives
http://archiver.rootsweb.com/th/index/ETHICS-IN-GENEALOGY

Activity 18: Ethics in genealogy

Families become concerned about unpleasant family truths revealed: ex-nuptial births, problems with alcohol or mental health and so on.

Find at least ONE site you would find a useful reference point in advising clients seeking your advice about offensive material others have published or as a list of considerations for those about to publish.

Why did you select that site/s?

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Web publishing

Connecting Queensland is a service of the State Library providing free website hosting for individuals and non-commercial organisations/communities.

Benefits of becoming a Connecting Queensland member:

- No advertisements or annoying ‘pop-ups’ like on other “free” hosting services
- No special software required – just a PC, internet access and a Web browser
- Build and maintain your own website with little or no knowledge of “HTML” or other web languages
- “Website Wizards” to make the job of creating a website as easy as possible
- Public spaces for anyone, and/or secure private spaces for your association members
- Listing in QueenslandWeb (http://qldweb.slq.qld.gov.au), the State Library’s database of Queensland websites
- Listings in Connecting Queensland’s own directory
- Support and training provided free by State Library
- Help manuals and information Info Guides available on the Connecting Queensland site
- Extra services for your website, including ecards, picture galleries, discussion forums, event calendars, link libraries, document download centres and more.

Some sample sites:

http://www.connectqld.org.au/qos
http://www.connectqld.org.au/kenilworthmuseum
http://www.connectqld.org.au/cfhri (Caloundra Family History Research Inc.)
etc.

For more information visit http://www.connectqld.org.au
Pioneer registers

Refer to examples in the red information guide, the last one in the Appendix Pioneer registers.

What a pioneer register is
• A compilation of information on the early individuals and families within a community.
• Information may vary. Often there is a template but where there are pertinent photographs, stories, documents, letters and maps thought should be given to including them.

Why prepare one
• It involves the community in finding its history and identity
• It builds valuable information skills and community cohesiveness in the process of finding, selecting, recording and presenting the information
• It is a tourism asset. Visitors are interested in finding their roots and gaining a sense of the context of their family within that community.

How to prepare one
• Form a group of interested participants and a working group within it.
  ➢ Try to ensure every aspect of the community is represented or can be contacted by those in a working group. The local librarian and family and local history society, important and interested record keepers, should be involved.
  ➢ Ensure the working group is large enough to sustain movement out of the community.
• Discuss your plans with other local communities who have completed a register for their tips.
• Form a plan of what you want to do:
  ➢ the aim
  ➢ how you will gather information and documents
  ➢ Will it focus primarily on the pioneer cemetery, different activities in the early pioneer days and so on?
  ➢ Consider a template for standardizing information collection but liven the formula with highlights of documents, illustrations, stories, photographs etc. which capture the identity and interesting features of your community.
  ➢ What will be the criteria for eligibility in the register? Will there be an earliest date or a cut off date?
  ➢ How will you try to ensure material used is substantiated?
  ➢ What will be the time span this project will take?
• How will you publicize and distribute the template and requests for information?
  ➢ Will the local newspaper assist in providing a column where titbits are published and tested for additional detail and/or truth?
• How will you fund the project?
  ➢ Consider the variety of community benefit funds.
• How will you present the final product: book, CD, DVD, video, website or some combination?
• Who will decide and how will the inclusion of material be determined?
  ➢ Give thought to a style guide and the use of a key for quick explanations of abbreviated detail.
Conclusion

The Internet is dynamic: expanding, changing, transient. The challenge for library staff is to maintain a discerning overview of a range of information, critically evaluate what is available and assist clients with guidance as to the best information sources in all formats.

In order to do this it is necessary to maintain a current awareness of developments on the Internet; be familiar with criteria for good sites and search techniques, and be aware of the choices and quality in the global communication the Internet allows.

Family History at the State Library of Queensland aims to assist you with this through its selection of Internet resources.

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Public Libraries Service
Ph: 07 3214 3214

Appendix: Information Guides

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