

PASSPORT TO PAST LIVES

A journey that begins with the first certificate

NSW RECORDS (Civil Registration from 1 March 1856)

- Pre Civil Registration (Parish Records - baptisms, marriages & burials) from 1788. Many of these can be seen at SAG, as well as the indexes. Generally less information than civil certificates, although may have ship of arrival.
- Indexes on CDs (births to 1918, marriages & deaths to 1945) at SAG.
- www.bdm.nsw.gov.au has indexes (births to 1906, marriages to 1956, deaths to 1976). Sometimes less fields than on CD indexes.
- Official certificates obtained from NSW registry of Births, Deaths & Marriages (www.bdm.nsw.gov.au) \$25 if index reference known, \$33 otherwise.
- NSW Registry of Births, Deaths & Marriages, GPO Box 30, Sydney, NSW 2001
- Transcription agents copy (transcribe) information from official records more cheaply than obtaining official certificate. May do "check & verify" before obtaining full transcription, and agents will put you in touch with other researchers ordering same certificates. These are NOT official documents.
 - Marilyn Rowan www.transcriptions.com.au
 - Joy Murrin www.joyinfamilyhistory.com
 - Turtle Consolidated Services <http://home.iprimus.com.au/turtle/>

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY RECORDS

- Certificates cost \$34 (with or without index number) + \$5 postage.
- Online deaths indexes 1930-1973 from www.rgo.act.gov.au
- The Registrar-General's Office, PO Box 225, Civic Square, ACT 2608

NORTHERN TERRITORY RECORDS

- Certificates cost \$25. Searches also cost \$25. No online ordering.
- Indexes (fiche or CD) births to 1918, marriages & deaths to 1913.
- Births, Deaths & Marriages Office, GPO Box 3021, Darwin NT 0801

QUEENSLAND RECORDS

- CD indexes to 1914 held at SAG & also online at <https://www.bdm.qld.gov.au/IndexSearch/BirIndexQry.m>
- Fiche indexes: births to 1919, marriages to 1939, deaths to 1964.
- Certificates cost \$25.50 with or without index reference.
- Registry of Births, Deaths & Marriages, PO Box 15188, City East, Qld 4002

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN RECORDS

- CD indexes births to 1928, marriages & deaths to 1937. Fiche indexes deaths to 1970
- Certificates cost \$35.25, can be ordered online from www.ocba.sa.gov.au
- Births, Deaths & Marriages Registration Office, GPO Box 1351 Adelaide SA 5001

TASMANIAN RECORDS

- CD indexes births to 1919, deaths & marriages to 1930.
- Fiche indexes births to 1905, marriages & deaths to 1919.
- Certificates cost \$33.88 with or without index reference numbers.
- Tasmanian Archives (online) has Colonial Tasmanian Family Links database www.archives.tas.gov.au/nameindexes
- Registry of Births, Deaths & Marriages, GPO Box 198, Hobart, Tas 7001 or www.justice.tas.gov.au/bdm/family_history

VICTORIAN RECORDS

- Excellent CD indexes available (births to 1924, marriages to 1942, deaths to 1985).
- Online indexes cost to search.
- Order certificates online for \$17.50 if you have index reference number & year. May request certificates to be posted to you or download image immediately.
- May only now order births to 1906.
- Website for indexes or certificates is http://online.justice.vic.gov.au/servlet/bdm_home
- Registry of Births, Deaths & Marriages, GPO Box 4332 Melbourne, Vic 3001

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

- CD indexes to 1905. Fiche indexes marriages to 1965, deaths to 1980.
- Online can search births 1841 to 1913, marriages & deaths 1841 to 1905.
www.justice.wa.gov.au/portal/server.pt
- Certificates \$30 if index reference known, \$40 otherwise (with 5 year search)
- Registry of Births, Deaths & Marriages, PO Box 7720 Cloisters Square, Perth, WA 6850

OTHER USEFUL LINKS

- What you can expect to see on an AUS BDM certificate - <http://www.jaunay.com/bdm.html>
- Australian BDM, prices & addresses - <http://www.coraweb.com.au/bdmaut.htm>
- English & Welsh BMD indexes – <http://freebmd.rootsweb.com> (*free, incomplete but good for searching*)
- English & Welsh BMD indexes by quarter – <http://www.ancestry.co.uk>
- English & Welsh BMD certificates – <http://www.gro.gov.uk>
- Scottish BMD certificates – <http://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk>
- (Free) Ancestral (Pedigree) Chart - <http://c.ancestry.com/pdf/trees/charts/anchart.pdf>
- GenesReunited – <http://www.genesreunited.co.uk> (*free to search, costs to reply or submit*)
- Genforum – <http://genforum.genealogy.com>
- Guild Of One Name Studies (GOONS) – <http://www.one-name.org/register.shtml>
- One World Tree (Ancestry) – <http://www.ancestry.co.uk/search/rectype/trees/owt/>
- Rootsweb World Connect – <http://worldconnect.rootsweb.com>