



Check out the neighbours!

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Consider how PLACE affected your ancestors:

- When they lived there, was it town or rural?
- Was transportation by river or roads (or later by rail)?
- Where / how would they have obtained their food?
- Where was the local school?
- Where was the nearest church?
- Were there any community organisations?
- What were the local industries?
- Why did your ancestor settle **there** and **then**?
- Were there any significant numbers of immigrants from one particular country of origin?
- How recently settled was the locality when your ancestors lived there?
- Who was the original title holder of the land? (Might it have been your ancestor?)
- How close were (& who were) their neighbours?
- List nearby places your ancestor would have known
- Try searching familiar databases by place rather than name & see what you find

Repositories

- Archives ACT – www.archives.act.gov.au
- Australian Bureau of Statistics, Historical Data – <http://bit.ly/ABSHistorical>
- City of Adelaide Archives – www.cityofadelaide.com.au/your-community/culture-history/city-archives/
 - Adelaide Assessment Books 1846-70 – <http://photosau.com.au/adelaiderates/scripts/home.asp>
- City of Perth History Centre – <http://bit.ly/PerthHistoryCentre>
- City of Sydney Archives – www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/learn/history/archives
 - Sydney Assessment Books 1845-1948 – <http://photosau.com.au/CosRates/scripts/home.asp>
- Linc Tasmania (*Tasmanian archives*) – www.linc.tas.gov.au/archive-heritage/Pages/default.aspx
- National Archives of Australia – www.naa.gov.au
- National Library of Australia – www.nla.gov.au
- National Film & Sound Archive – www.nfsa.gov.au
- Noel Butlin Archives Centre (*large companies & unions*) – <http://bit.ly/NoelButlin>
- Northern Territory Archives Service – [https:// bit.ly/NTArchives](https://bit.ly/NTArchives)
- Public Record Office Victoria (*state archives*) – www.prov.vic.gov.au
 - Researching land & property – http://bit.ly/PROV_LandGuide
 - Soldier Settlement in Victoria – <http://soldiersettlement.prov.vic.gov.au>
- Queensland State Records – www.archives.qld.gov.au
- Royal Australian Historical Society – www.rahs.org.au
- State Archives & Records Authority of NSW – www.records.nsw.gov.au
 - Local History Guide – <http://bit.ly/NSWSAR-LocalHistory>
 - Photos – www.records.nsw.gov.au/archives/collections-and-research/guides-and-indexes/photos/guides
 - Soldier Settlement in NSW – <http://soldiersettlement.records.nsw.gov.au>
- State Library of Queensland – www.slq.qld.gov.au
 - Queensland Memory – <http://blogs.slq.qld.gov.au/slq-today/category/queensland-memory/>
- State Library of South Australia – www.slsa.sa.gov.au
 - Manning Index of South Australian History – www.slsa.sa.gov.au/manning/
 - SA Memory – www.samemory.sa.gov.au/site/page.cfm
 - South Australian almanacs & directories online – <http://guides.slsa.sa.gov.au/c.php?g=410329&p=2795763>
- State Library of Victoria – www.slv.vic.gov.au
 - Victorian Government Gazette Online Archive – <http://gazette.slv.vic.gov.au>
- State Library of Western Australia – www.slwa.wa.gov.au
 - Dead Reckoning (*W.A. genealogical resources*) – www.slwa.wa.gov.au/dead_reckoning
 - WA Heritage – <http://www.slwa.wa.gov.au/explore-discover/wa-heritage/>
- State Records South Australia – www.archives.sa.gov.au
- State Records Office of Western Australia – www.sro.wa.gov.au
 - Perth Metro Plans Project – www.sro.wa.gov.au/blogs/perth-metro-plans-project
 - Plans, Townsites, Early Tracings – <http://bit.ly/SROWAplans>
- Trove (*digitised newspapers, pictures, books & more*) – <http://trove.nla.gov.au>
- (UWA) Western Australian colonial census 1848-1901 – <http://bit.ly/UWAcensus>



Maps and place names

- ACTMAPi (ACT Government online interactive maps) – www.actmap.act.gov.au
- Gazetteer of Australia Place Name Search – www.ga.gov.au/placename
- Geographical Names Board (NSW) – www.gnb.nsw.gov.au
- Google Maps – www.google.com.au/maps/
- Historical Atlas of Sydney – <http://atlas.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au>
- Historical Land Records Viewer (NSW) – <http://images.maps.nsw.gov.au/pixel.htm>
- Indigenous Language Map – www.abc.net.au/indigenous/map/
- NSW Railway map by year – www.nswrail.net/maps/nsw-by-year.php
- NSW State Archives & Records Maps & Plans – <http://bit.ly/NSWSAR-MapsPlans>
- Northern Territory Historic Map Index – www.ntlis.nt.gov.au/imfPublic/historicMapImf.jsp
- Old online maps of Queensland – <http://bit.ly/OldQldMaps>
- Queensland Spatial (*including interactive maps*) – bit.ly/QSpatial
- South Australian Integrated Land Information System (SAILIS) – www.sailis.sa.gov.au
- South Australian: Land, maps and place names – <http://www.familyhistorysa.org/sahistory/landselectors.html>
- Tasmanian place names online – www.linc.tas.gov.au/archive-heritage/guides-records/Pages/place-names.aspx
- VICMAP – <http://services.land.vic.gov.au/landchannel/content/productCatalogue>
- Victorian Railway Maps 1860-2000 – www.vrhistory.com/VRMaps/
- Victorian BDM Place Name abbreviations – <http://bdmabbreviations.steveparker.id.au>
- Western Australian Landgate – www0.landgate.wa.gov.au
 - Historic Crown surveys – <http://bit.ly/LandgateSurveys>
 - Interactive maps – <http://bit.ly/LandgateInteractive>

Photographs

- Flickr – www.flickr.com
- Historypin – www.historypin.com
- National Library of Australia Aerial photographs – www.nla.gov.au/research-guides/aerial-photographs
- Pinterest – www.pinterest.com.au
- Trove pictures – <http://trove.nla.gov.au/picture?q=>

Miscellaneous

- Adelaideia – <http://adelaideia.sa.gov.au>
- Ancestry.com.au – www.ancestry.com.au
- Australian cemeteries – www.australiancemeteries.com.au
- Dictionary of Sydney – <http://home.dictionaryofsydney.org>
- eMelbourne (Encyclopedia of Melbourne online) – www.emelbourne.net.au
- findmypast (Australasia) – www.findmypast.com.au
- Guide to Australian Business Records – www.gabr.net.au
- Family History and Historical Societies in Australia – <http://bit.ly/CoraSocieties>
- QueryPic (*searches Trove & graphs results*) – <http://dhistory.org/querypic>
- SA History Hub: Hotels in South Australia – <http://sahistoryhub.com.au/subjects/pubs>
- School of Arts History – <http://amisa.org.au/school-of-arts-history/>
- Tasmanian family history – www.linc.tas.gov.au/family-history/Pages/default.aspx
- Time Gents (Australian pub project) – [https://timegents.com](http://timegents.com)
- Western Australian Government Gazette – www.slp.wa.gov.au/gazette/gazette.nsf
- Western Australia Now and Then – www.wanowandthen.com
 - Mechanics Institute – www.wanowandthen.com/Mechanics-Institute.html

“Further information can be found by looking at our ancestors’ **F**ANs
– **F**riends **A**ssociates **N**eighbours” (Elizabeth Shown Mills)

