



# 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](http://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/](http://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](http://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](http://www.linc.tas.gov.au/archive-heritage/Pages/default.aspx)
- National Archives of Australia – [www.naa.gov.au](http://www.naa.gov.au)
- National Library of Australia – [www.nla.gov.au](http://www.nla.gov.au)
- National Film & Sound Archive – [www.nfsa.gov.au](http://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](http://www.prov.vic.gov.au)
  - Researching land & property – [http://bit.ly/PROV\\_LandGuide](http://bit.ly/PROV_LandGuide)
  - Soldier Settlement in Victoria – <http://soldiersettlement.prov.vic.gov.au>
- Queensland State Records – [www.archives.qld.gov.au](http://www.archives.qld.gov.au)
- Royal Australian Historical Society – [www.rahs.org.au](http://www.rahs.org.au)
- State Archives & Records Authority of NSW – [www.records.nsw.gov.au](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://www.slsa.sa.gov.au)
  - Manning Index of South Australian History – [www.slsa.sa.gov.au/manning/](http://www.slsa.sa.gov.au/manning/)
  - SA Memory – [www.samemory.sa.gov.au/site/page.cfm](http://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](http://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](http://www.slwa.wa.gov.au)
  - Dead Reckoning (*W.A. genealogical resources*) – [www.slwa.wa.gov.au/dead\\_reckoning](http://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](http://www.archives.sa.gov.au)
- State Records Office of Western Australia – [www.sro.wa.gov.au](http://www.sro.wa.gov.au)
  - Perth Metro Plans Project – [www.sro.wa.gov.au/blogs/perth-metro-plans-project](http://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](http://www.actmap.act.gov.au)
- Gazetteer of Australia Place Name Search – [www.ga.gov.au/placename](http://www.ga.gov.au/placename)
- Geographical Names Board (NSW) – [www.gnb.nsw.gov.au](http://www.gnb.nsw.gov.au)
- Google Maps – [www.google.com.au/maps/](http://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/](http://www.abc.net.au/indigenous/map/)
- NSW Railway map by year – [www.nswrail.net/maps/nsw-by-year.php](http://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](http://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](http://bit.ly/QSpatial)
- South Australian Integrated Land Information System (SAILIS) – [www.sailis.sa.gov.au](http://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](http://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/](http://www.vrhistory.com/VRMaps/)
- Victorian BDM Place Name abbreviations – <http://bdmabbreviations.steveparker.id.au>
- Western Australian Landgate – [www0.landgate.wa.gov.au](http://www0.landgate.wa.gov.au)
  - Historic Crown surveys – <http://bit.ly/LandgateSurveys>
  - Interactive maps – <http://bit.ly/LandgateInteractive>

## Photographs

- Flickr – [www.flickr.com](http://www.flickr.com)
- Historypin – [www.historypin.com](http://www.historypin.com)
- National Library of Australia Aerial photographs – [www.nla.gov.au/research-guides/aerial-photographs](http://www.nla.gov.au/research-guides/aerial-photographs)
- Pinterest – [www.pinterest.com.au](http://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](http://www.ancestry.com.au)
- Australian cemeteries – [www.australiancemeteries.com.au](http://www.australiancemeteries.com.au)
- Dictionary of Sydney – <http://home.dictionaryofsydney.org>
- eMelbourne (Encyclopedia of Melbourne online) – [www.emelbourne.net.au](http://www.emelbourne.net.au)
- findmypast (Australasia) – [www.findmypast.com.au](http://www.findmypast.com.au)
- Guide to Australian Business Records – [www.gabr.net.au](http://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](http://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](http://www.slp.wa.gov.au/gazette/gazette.nsf)
- Western Australia Now and Then – [www.wanowandthen.com](http://www.wanowandthen.com)
  - Mechanics Institute – [www.wanowandthen.com/Mechanics-Institute.html](http://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)

