

1st World War Records (attestation papers) now digitised and can be downloaded free. <http://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/discover/military-heritage/first-world-war/personnel-records/Pages/personnel-records.aspx>

www.gov.mb.ca/chc/archives - records of the Hudson's Bay Company collection. Can be searched by name. Again I found this archives difficult to navigate

www.biographi.ca - free site giving details of influential individuals in Canada

www.britishhomechildren.com - website and organisation devoted to children sent from the UK to Canada. There is an alphabetical list of those who were sent who died in the First World War

www.candianroots.org - website devoted to the 22,000 children fathered by Canadian troops in the UK during WW2. It aims to try to connect father and/or their subsequent children with the child born in the UK.

NEW ZEALAND

www.bdmonline.dia.govt.nz - births at least 100 years ago; stillbirths 50 years ago; marriages 80 years ago; deaths 50 years ago or the deceased was over 80 years old. Cost of certificate NZ\$26.50 and either posted or emailed

www.govt.nz/browse/history-culture-and-heritage/search-historical-records/search-for-family-history-records-in-new-zealand/ - Has birth, marriage and deaths plus immigration records and military. When I click on the search facility for military records it brought up a number of other references which may be useful.

SOUTH AFRICA

www.sagemea.pgu/cp/za - says it has a searchable database but I could get no results with two surnames both of which I knew should have been available.

However, you can send them an email and they will find records for you. There is no indication if there is a charge for this service

www.forebears.co.uk/south-africa - there is a long list of what is available but they divert you to familysearch.org. However, at least you only get the South African records

INDIA, PAKISTAN, BANGLADESH, SUMATRA, SINGAPORE, MALACCA, CHINA, ST HELENA, SRI LANKA, ADEN AND THE PERSIAN GULF

A very large number of records for India etc are held at the British Library. I have a book entitled "Baxter's Guide - Biographical Sources in the India Office Records" which lists everything that is available at the British Library. Costs £5.95 and worth purchasing if you have a number of family members who may have lived; worked; been a missionary or in the military. Can be purchased from Amazon

Also available to search at www.indiafamily.bl.uk - records at the British Library

AUSTRALIAN RECORDS

Each state in Australia maintains its own birth, marriage and death records and other records may also be held. It is worth looking at each state's website to see what they hold. There may also be a state library which may hold other records

Nationally held records are dealt with at the end of this handout

Birth Marriage and Death Records

Australian Capital Territory/Canberra

www.act.gov.au Records from 1930, before that records in New South Wales Records. Births available if more than 100 years ago; deaths 30 years and marriages 75 years. Cost for a certificate A\$55 plus A\$10 for postage overseas. I could find no search facility.

South Australia

www.sa.gov.au. This site shows what is available and has a family history section but refers you to www.genealogysa.org.au which can be searched and gives basic information but you have to pay a yearly subscription A\$75.

Western Australia

www.wa.gov.au There is an on-line search facility which gives basic information and certificates can be ordered. Births 1841-1932; deaths 1841-1971 and marriages 1841-1936. Uncertified copies of certificates A\$20

www2.mcb.wa.gov.au/NameSearch/search.php - Perth Cemetery Records which can be search by name and gives date of death and sometimes the family member who was responsible for the burial

Northern Territory

www.nt.gov.au Birth records more than 80 years ago; deaths 30 years and marriages 60 years. Could not find an on-line search service.

New South Wales

www.bdm.nsw.gov.au Births over 100 years ago; Marriage over 50 years; Deaths 30 years ago and early church records 1788-1855 – free to search online database. Certificates cost A\$53 plus A\$9 for overseas postage

Victoria

www.vic.gov.au www.bdm.vic.gov.au Births 1853-191, Marriage 1853-1942, Death 1853-1988 plus parish records 1836-1853. Uncertified certificates A\$25.10 and downloaded.

They also have a Marine Index which records 6200 births, marriages and deaths on board ships bound for a port in Victoria.

Tasmania

www.tas.gov.au www.lincs.tas.gov/family-history/Pages/default.aspx Births, marriages and deaths 1838-1920.

In addition to birth, marriage and death records they have arrivals and departures; aboriginal ancestry; convict life; education; work; where someone lived including census; court records; prison records; hospital records; military records (also see national archives below) and children in care;

These can be found at www.interment.net – which lists cemeteries but you have to have a good idea of where the person died as you cannot search by name.

NEWSPAPERS

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspapers> - a free service which is searchable by name and then state; date range and then category eg family notices. It covers all Australian newspapers but it helps to know the State your family member may have lived in. Family notices are very good for births; marriages and deaths.

As Tasmania was a port of entry for many people, including convicts it is worth looking at these records even if you think an ancestor may have lived elsewhere in Australia.

Queensland

www.qld.gov.au/law/births-deaths-marriages-and-divorces/family-history-research
Births 1829-1917, Marriage 1829-1942, Deaths 1829-1987.

Search results show, Births – Mother's full name, Marriage – both parties full names
Deaths – father and mother's names. Certificates costs A\$30 if not digitised and A\$21.40 if digitised

Queensland State Archives www.archivesearch.qld.gov.au

Australian National Records

CONVICTS

Can be searched at www.convictrecords.com.au and you get where they were committed; for how long; ship departure date; arrival date; arrival place and number of other convicts on board.

Also can be searched at www.recordsnsw.gov.au where some but not all are listed but gives more information eg whether recommended a conditional pardon and a remarks column. As shown above Tasmania also has these records on-line

Hulk Prison Ships – Not always used to hold transportation prisoners but worth a look. FindmyPast has records for 1811 to 1843. Ancestry 1802-1849.

NATIONAL ARCHIVES OF AUSTRALIA – www.naa.gov.au

You can search by name and if the file is digitised there is a logo by the name. You can then look at the full file.

FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETIES

A full list can be found on www.ffhs.org.uk which lists all the Australian societies which will offer a varying service.

MILITARY RECORDS

Can all be found at the National Archives and can be downloaded free mainly for the First World War. However, many Second World War records are being opened and may contain a photo.

There is a roll of honour at the Australian War Memorial www.awm.gov.au which covers all wars, including Australia's involvement in Vietnam and Afghanistan plus other engagements. This may have pictures of the men and women remembered.

This site has <https://www1austburialsuk.weebly.com/> has biographies of most Australian military from the First World War who are buried in the UK

INTERNMENT RECORDS