

FAMILY HISTORY TOP WEBSITES



*The Barossa Council
Public Library*

Family history websites recommended by the Barossa Library



BAROSSA LIBRARY

ANCESTRY - LIBRARY EDITION

Provides access to historic records such as census data, church records, passenger lists, court and military records, and much more. Ancestry Library Edition is freely available at all Barossa Libraries.

FIND MY PAST

A family history and genealogy resource containing millions of family history records, including: census records, cemetery records, criminal records, electoral rolls, directories, almanacs, migration records and much more.

Find My Past is freely available in the Local History room at the Nuriootpa Library, requires a login to begin.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

ADELAIDE CEMETERIES AUTHORITIES

www.aca.sa.gov.au/records

Search burial, cremation and memorial records for Enfield Memorial Park, Cheltenham Cemetery, Smithfield Memorial Park and West Terrace Cemetery.

BOUND FOR SOUTH AUSTRALIA

www.bound-for-south-

australia.collections.slsa.sa.gov.au

Contains available passenger lists for overseas and local ships that arrived in South Australia between 1836-1851. Also, contains many voyage reports, plus a number of ship diaries and journals.

CENTENNIAL PARK CEMETERY

www.centennialpark.org

Records of burials and cremations at one of South Australia's largest cemeteries.

(\$= paid subscription)

SOUTH AUSTRALIA continued

GENEALOGY SA \$

www.genealogysa.org.au

Member-based subscription service. Access to online databases including birth, death & marriage register indexes, newspaper notices, church and school records, hospital admissions, and more. Limited access to non members.

SAILIS - LAND TITLE RECORDS

www.sailis.lssa.com.au

The database gives access to digitised South Australian land title records with downloadable Certificate of Title (CT) images. Searching is free and copies of most original land title documents for the period 1858-1992 may be viewed, copied and down loaded for personal study and research.

THE SHIPS LIST

www.theshipslist.com

Information includes transcribed passenger lists for immigrants arriving in South Australia under the United Kingdom assisted passenger schemes between 1847-1886. Also, German migrants arriving between 1837-1866.

STATE LIBRARY OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

www.slsa.sa.gov.au

The State Library has an extensive onsite family history collection with an emphasis on South Australian and Australian indexes to birth, death, marriage, probate and similar records. It includes a suite of comprehensive guides and resources for the family historian.

One online family history feature is the Savill Index of The Advertiser Funeral Notices. This searchable index contains over 480,000 entries of South Australian funeral notices from 1971 to the present day: www.savill.collections.slsa.sa.gov.au Another valuable online resource is the South Australian Post Office directories and almanacs, dating from 1864-1973:

www.guides.slsa.sa.gov.au/directories

STATE RECORDS OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

www.archives.sa.gov.au

Home to much of South Australia's official documentary heritage, the collection hosted by State Records includes passenger lists, hospital, school records, and more. Includes online records and indexes and digitised content via FamilySearch.



Angaston. Evening by George French Angas, courtesy State Library of South Australia - B 15276/28

AUSTRALIA

AUSTRALIAN DICTIONARY OF BIOGRAPHY

www.adb.anu.edu.au

Searchable database containing informative descriptions of the lives of over 13,000 significant and representative persons from all walks of life, in Australian history. The site provides links to useful sites for family history, including: Obituaries Australia, Indigenous Australia, Women Australia.

AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF ABORIGINAL & TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER STUDIES (AIATSIS)

www.aiatsis.gov.au/family-history

Range of resources to assist with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander family history research.

BIRTHS, DEATHS & MARRIAGES BY STATE:

Search online for non-restricted births, deaths and marriages records.

NEW SOUTH WALES

www.nsw.gov.au/family-and-relationships

QUEENSLAND

www.familyhistory.bdm.qld.gov.au

TASMANIA

www.libraries.tas.gov.au/family-history/Pages/Birth-Death-Marriage.aspx

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

www.wa.gov.au/organisation/department-of-justice/online-index-search-tool

VICTORIA

<https://www.bdm.vic.gov.au/research-and-family-history/search-your-family-history>

AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

www.awm.gov.au

The collection includes individual service and unit records, Australian military event records, plus photographs, artwork and much more.

COMMONWEALTH WAR GRAVES COMMISSION

www.cwgc.org

Assists in the location of graves of Commonwealth service men and women who died in the two world wars.

CORAWEB

www.coraweb.com.au

Genealogy links for tracing family history.



NATIONAL ARCHIVES OF AUSTRALIA

www.naa.gov.au

With more than 40 million items, the National Archives of Australia collection includes military personnel records, immigration & naturalisation, First Australians and much more.

THE RYERSON INDEX

www.ryersonindex.org

The Ryerson Index is a free index to death notices appearing in Australian newspapers.

TROVE

www.trove.nla.gov.au

Search for digital copies of newspapers, Government Gazettes, maps, magazines and newsletters. Or books, pictures, photographs, archived websites, music and interviews. Discover information about famous Australians, including copies of letters, diaries and personal archives.

Explore amazing collections from Australian libraries, archives, museums, galleries and universities.

GERMAN HERITAGE

MEYERS GAZETEER

www.meyersgaz.org

A useful site to locate and learn more about towns and villages of German ancestors.

GERMAN-AUSTRALIAN GENEALOGY & HISTORY ALLIANCE

www.germanheritage.org.au

Network of German-Australian history and genealogy organisations working to ensure research and knowledge about German Australian history is disseminated widely and, where possible, freely.

UK & IRELAND

ANCESTRY \$

www.ancestry.com

Subscription based genealogy site offering comprehensive worldwide collection of resources to trace your family history.

Library edition freely available at South Australian public libraries.

BILLION GRAVES

www.billiongraves.com

The world's largest resource for searchable GPS cemetery data. Relies on user input.

CYNDI'S LIST

www.cyndislist.com

A comprehensive site with links for family history research online.



Lynedoch Valley by George French Angas,
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FAMILY SEARCH

www.familysearch.org

Search for birth certificates, marriage registrations, census records, and other documents. Free to access, requiring registration and login.

FIND A GRAVE

www.findagrave.com

Find the graves of ancestors, create virtual memorials or add photos, virtual flowers and a note to a loved one's memorial. Search or browse cemeteries and grave records for everyday and famous people from around the world.

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GENUKI - UK & IRELAND GENEALOGY

www.genuki.org.uk

Provides a virtual reference library of genealogical information of particular relevance to the UK and Ireland.

IRISH GENEALOGY

www.irishgenealogy.ie

Access to the historic indexes for births from 1864, marriages from 1845, and deaths from 1864. Records are arranged in civil registration districts.

LONDON LIVES - 1690-1800

www.oldbaileyonline.org

A fully searchable edition of 240,000 manuscripts from eight archives and fifteen datasets, giving access to 3.35 million names.

MY HERITAGE \$

www.myheritage.com

Subscription based site for family history resources, tree building and DNA testing.

NATIONAL ARCHIVES - UK

www.nationalarchives.gov.uk

The official archive and publisher for the UK Government, and for England and Wales, containing over 1,000 years of history. Some records available online, usually for a small fee.

UK & IRELAND continued

NATIONAL RECORDS OF IRELAND

www.nationalarchives.ie

Includes 1901 & 1911 census data, penal transportation records to Australia, WWI soldiers' wills, births, deaths and marriages records, plus valuation office records.

NATIONAL RECORDS OF SCOTLAND

www.nrscotland.gov.uk

Contains records and archives from the 12th to the 21st centuries for births, deaths and marriages, census records, parish, military, coat of arms, wills and testaments. Research guides to assist in more in-depth search, with many links to official records.

OLD BAILEY ONLINE - 1674-1913

www.oldbaileyonline.org

A fully searchable online edition containing over 190,000 criminal trials held at London's central criminal court.

OLD MAPS ONLINE

www.oldmapsonline.org

The search engine for historical maps. View where your ancestors lived and discover what their neighbourhood looked like.

ROOTSCHAT

www.rootschat.com

Free online genealogy forum for anyone researching family and local history. The countries include research in United Kingdom, Ireland, Australia, New Zealand, Canada, USA and South Africa.

SCOTLANDS PEOPLE

www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk

The ScotlandsPeople website is the official Scottish Government site for searching government records and archives. Search free of charge within the indexed records collection, and use pay-per-view to view and download digital images of records.

SCOTLANDS PLACES

www.scotlandspplaces.gov.uk

Explore thousands of records about Scotland by searching for a place name, clicking on a map or typing in a postcode. Search results bring together three national collections to easily find maps, photographs and written records about your chosen place.



Framhold - Finger wedding, courtesy Barossa Valley Archives & Historical Trust - BVAHT 59/3874