

Cemetery records

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What information can I find through cemetery records?

Cemetery records allow researchers to trace their ancestors to a particular area and time and may provide links to other members of the family buried in the same cemetery.

Published cemetery records can vary in the amount of information supplied. Cemetery records may contain the following:

- Name of deceased
- Age of the person at the time of death
- Date of death and/or burial
- Transcription of monumental inscription on the grave
- Portion, plot and grave number within the cemetery
- Names of others buried in the same grave

What cemetery records are available at the State Library of Queensland?

The State Library holds a large number of published cemetery indexes for Australia and New Zealand. Consult our One Search online catalogue for our holdings <http://onesearch.slq.qld.gov.au>

Lists of cemetery records available at the State Library on microform, in print, on CD-ROM and on the internet are held at the Family History desk. One list covers Queensland and the other interstate. Ask at the Desk in the Micrographics area on Level 3.

Some of our most popular indexes are listed below.

Australia

AGCI: Australasian genealogical computer index (series 5) Vol 1 [CD-ROM] (QCFS 929.394 2004)

Compiled by the Society of Australian Genealogists, the AGCI CD-ROM is a compilation of names from a large variety of sources that includes cemetery transcriptions (especially for New South Wales). For cemetery lookups and general family history research AGCI is an excellent source of information. An earlier edition (series 4) is available on microfiche.

AGCI: Australasian genealogical computer index Vol 3 [CD-ROM] (QCFS 929.394 2008)

This CD-ROM contains over 2.5 million names indexed from the collections of the Society of Australian Genealogists as well as other family history societies and libraries [in Australia and New Zealand], and includes 605,000 death and burial references. Data on this CD is new and does not replace data already published on AGCI Vols 1 and 2.

Queensland

Dern index Queensland : monumental inscriptions of 250 cemeteries [CD-ROM] (QCFS 929.509943 1999)

This CD-ROM contains over 250 cemeteries from around Queensland (many in rural areas).

Queensland cemetery records series (FAMHIS 929.5)

This published series has a wide coverage of Queensland cemeteries. The State Library catalogue indicates which cemeteries have been included in this series. The books are shelved in the reading room on Level 3.

Queensland Family History Society cemetery index [microfilm] (MFL 016.9293943)

This index is spread over four series of microfilm. Each series is arranged alphabetically by surname and contains a large compilation of various cemeteries from around Queensland. These microfilm series are shelved in the reading room.

New South Wales

Dern index New South Wales [CD-ROM] (QCFS 929.509944 2005)

This CD-ROM contains monumental inscriptions and some burials from 319 New South Wales country cemeteries.

Victoria

AIGS cemetery transcriptions index [CD-ROM] (QCFS 929.5 2002)

This CD-ROM contains monumental inscriptions from over 240 Victorian cemeteries and approximately 15 cemeteries from New South Wales, South Australia and Tasmania.

Tasmania

Tombstone and memorial inscriptions of Tasmania (TAMIOT) [microfiche] (MFC 929.509946 1999)

This microfiche series lists 110,000 names and covers a large number of cemeteries around Tasmania.

South Australia

South Australia cemetery records [microfiche] (MFCB 929.50994231 1986)

This series covers the following cemeteries: Mitcham, Dudley Park, Kadina, West Terrace, Payneham, Hindmarsh, Cheltenham, Brighton, Moonta and Wallaroo. The series is shelved in the Micrographics area on level 3.

Western Australia

Western Australian cemeteries index [microfiche] (MFCB 929.3941 1986)

The index contains a large number of cemeteries in town and country areas. This microfiche series is shelved in the Family History reading room. A guide lists the cemeteries covered in the microfiche (MFA 929.3941 1986). The guide is held at the Desk in the Micrographics area on level 3.

England and Wales (United Kingdom)

National burial index for England and Wales (2nd edition) [CD-ROM] (QCFS 929.30942 2004)

This index contains approximately 13 million burial records from 1538 onwards.

New Zealand

New Zealand cemetery records: a list of holdings [microfiche] / compiled by June Springer (MFC 929.393 1993)

This series covers a large number of cemetery records from around New Zealand. It is important to consult the guide to this series as it lists the names of cemeteries and where to locate the information on the microfiche. The guide (MFA 929.393 1993) is held at the Family History desk on level 3.

New Zealand burial locator [CD-ROM] (QCFS 919.50995 2006)

The index contains 1.3 million names from approximately 890 cemeteries and includes some deaths that occurred overseas. Search by surname or given name

How can I find cemetery records via the Internet?

Many local councils have released their records via the Internet. A compilation of these sites can be found on Cora Num's ***Websites for Genealogists*** at <http://www.coraweb.com.au/cemetaus.htm>

The following is a brief listing of some of the major Queensland cemetery sites:

Brisbane City Council Grave location search

<http://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/community/community-support/funeral-planning-and-grave-search/grave-location-search/index.htm>

Nudgee Cemetery: Brisbane Catholic Cemetery

<http://www.nudgeecemetery.com.au/content.php/deceased-search>

Toowoomba Regional Council. GraveFinder search

http://ww2.toowoombarc.qld.gov.au/index.php?option=com_gravefinder&view=burials&Itemid=2

A record of all people interred in the Toowoomba and Drayton Cemetery since 1866

Bundaberg Regional Council. Bundaberg Cemetery Burial List

<http://bundaberg.qld.gov.au/services/cemeteries>

Check **State Library of Queensland's family history websites** at <http://www.slq.qld.gov.au/info/fh/websites> for additional cemetery websites

Other tips

If you are unsure where your ancestor died, try looking at the electoral rolls just prior to their death. This should provide you with their address making it easier to establish the cemetery in which they may be buried. Newspapers are another useful source. Funeral notices will often state the final resting place of the recently deceased.

Remember not all of our ancestors are interred in public cemeteries. In some cases family members buried their dead on their rural properties. Some churchyards also contain small cemeteries.

Need further information?

State Library of Queensland, Queensland Cultural Centre, Stanley Place, South Bank, Reference Services.

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