

Other Repositories for Research

When undertaking Family History research there are many sources which can be accessed apart from the usual 'go to' collections. When you have exhausted the popular ones, some more you might find useful are listed below.

Australian National Archives

The best source for information on the service records of ex-members is held by the Australian National Archives.

naa.gov.au/explore-collection/defence-and-war-service-records



ARMY, NAVY, AIRFORCE MUSEUMS

The **SA Army Museum** maintains an Archives & Research Centre at Keswick containing personal collections, books, magazines, newspapers, maps, art work, photographs, charts and memorabilia. Personal files contain memorabilia, diaries, documents and a variety of personal effects. They also maintain a Research Centre containing personal collections, books, magazines, newspapers, photographs and memorabilia. amosa.org.au

Royal Australian Navy (RAN)

The following websites are promoted by the RAN. The RAN Heritage and Learning Centres are not open to the general public.

navy.gov.au/ran-heritage-centre

naa.gov.au

navy.gov.au/history/museums/fleet-air-arm-museum

navy.gov.au/history/museums/museum-hmas-cerberus

sea.museum

navyhistory.org.au

South Australian Historical Aviation Museum

The South Australian Aviation Museum is located in Lipson Street, Port Adelaide. It is one of only a small number of museums fully accredited by History SA and is recognised by the South Australian Government as the official State Aviation Museum. saam.org.au

Commonwealth Railways and Australian National Railways

Commonwealth Railways and Australian National Railways do not hold employee records. If you are looking for information on a family member, you should contact the State Archives in your state. However, if you would like information that is not related to a family member, contact the Curator of Collections. nrm.org.au

South Australian Maritime Museum

The SA Maritime Museum preserves, explores and celebrates the human history of our oceans and rivers. The exhibitions gallery, lighthouse and vessels of the Maritime Museum can be found in the heart of Port Adelaide, South Australia's first heritage precinct. This collection has grown over the past 140 years but the museum staff takes a contemporary approach to interpreting the past. maritime.history.sa.gov.au

Migration Museum

The Migration Museum tells stories of South Australians and celebrates cultural diversity. The museum staff research, collect and share the state's history through exhibitions, education programs, and community and digital engagement. migration.history.sa.gov.au

City of Adelaide Archives

The documentary heritage of the City is preserved in the Archives, Civic Collection, and Oral History collections. The Archives house valuable records worthy of permanent preservation and holds about 5,000 shelf metres of records. These exist in a wide variety of physical formats: volumes, files, documents, photographs, maps, plans, microfilms, computer printouts, tapes and CDs. The City Archives provides a reference service to the public. Records more than 30 years old can be made available to the public for research in the Archives Search Room. *The City Archives office is open by appointment only. To book an appointment contact the Archives by phone on [8203 7439](tel:82037439).*

cityofadelaide.com.au/your-community/culture-history/city-archives

Local Government - Local History

The majority of Local Government Councils have collections that focus on the local area, predominately held in the local library. These collections contain primary source documents that reveal the social and cultural history of the local area at a grass roots level. The collections tend to

be in a special part of the library as items are selected for permanent or long-term preservation due to their enduring cultural or historical value. Many of the records are unpublished and almost always unique. Visit libraries.sa.gov.au or lga.sa.gov.au.

Lutheran Archives of Australia

The Lutheran Archives collection is comprised of congregation records from all around Australia. It covers the records of national and district agencies and departments of the church, including New Guinea mission records and some New Zealand material. The Archives holds significant collections of Bibles, Luther's works and other religious books, as well as artefacts and photographs

lca.org.au/departments/ministry-support/lutheran-archives

Planning & Property (The Lands Titles Office)

The Lands Titles Office provides up to date information about land and property in South Australia. The information maintained by the Land Titles Office contains a wealth of information for family historians. By accessing the historical information of the register book people can research the history of a particular piece of land owned by their ancestors. You can even find death details of land owners.

Under the Real Property Act 1886, the Registrar General maintained a register book of records in relation to land under the Torrens System. The Register Book is a public record that includes Certificates of Title and all instruments registered under the Real Property Act. Most of the register book has been computerised with 95% of the title register converted to electronic format. Not all historical information is available by a computerised search. To access historical information, you will need to visit the Records Service Centre on the ground floor of the Lands Titles Office at Level 9, 101 Grenfell Street to access the register which is free although printouts attract a fee.

sailis.lssa.com.au/home/auth/login

sailis.lssa.com.au/products/titleSearch/historicalSearch?form

Parliamentary Papers

There is no online access to South Australian Parliamentary papers as a separate series.

Parliamentary papers include, but are not restricted to, annual reports of government departments and instrumentalities and documents of parliamentary committees, government departments, Royal Commissions, Committees of Inquiry and other documents which have been presented to a Parliament and then ordered by Parliament to be printed.

A complete set of Parliamentary Papers of South Australia is available in the Government Publications Collection at the State Library of SA, the Parliamentary Library and at Genealogy SA. Indexes are found in the first annual volume of each session.

Probate Office

One of the roles of the Supreme Court of South Australia is to make orders in relation to the validity of a Will of a deceased person, appoint an executor or an administrator, and the administration of a deceased estate. The Probate Registry is the registry of the court which deals with applications for grants of probate or administration and other related matters. The registry keeps a register of probates and administrations granted by the court. The Probate Registry manages this work for the court and maintains the records.

The Probate Registry holds the index of all Wills to 1999 in the public area. Those seeking a Will can extract the references from the index (books in reception area) and order and pay at the office or the Will should be available about three days later if ordering by email or post. There are three types of grants: Probate, Letters of Administration with the Will annexed, and Letters of Administration.

The Probate Office is located at 1 Gouger Street Adelaide adjacent to the Supreme Court

www.courts.sa.gov.au/civil-cases/probate

Royal Agricultural & Horticultural Society

An Agricultural Society was first formed in South Australia in 1839 and was based on the principals of the Highland and Agricultural Society of Scotland. Another Society with broader horizons encompassing a greater interest in horticulture was formed in 1842 and over time the two amalgamated. The Society was formed *for the advancement of agricultural and pastoral knowledge, and to promote the development of the natural resources of our noble colony.*

The Royal Agricultural & Horticultural Society of SA Inc. has a range of archival information on site relating to the history of the Society, the Royal Adelaide Show and the Royal Adelaide Wine Show. This material is available for research purposes on an appointment basis. The records held date from 1856 to the present and are a valuable collection of South Australian history. rahs.com.au/history; <https://www.rahs.com.au/foundations>

Other useful links

Australian War Memorial: awm.gov.au

Anglican Archives: adelaideanglicans.com/ministry-support/archives

Catholic Archives: adelaide.catholic.org.au/our-works-and-community/archives-and-records-services

Oral History Australia: oralhistoryaustralia.org.au

State Library of South Australia: slsa.sa.gov.au/collections/family-history

State Records of South Australia: archives.sa.gov.au