

DID A CORNISH-BORN MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY MIGRATE TO SOUTH AUSTRALIA?

GenealogySA is creating a database of Cornish-born South Australians for family history research and will be very pleased if you could tell us about such people in your own family who arrived here.

Preparing and sending your information to us

There are three ways to choose from for preparing and sending your information:

- By
- i) computer in a *gedcom* file
 - ii) computer in the attached survey file (readable in Word 2007 or later)
 - iii) writing on a hard copy of the survey pages and either emailing one or more file/s or posting the hand-written copy to us (*see later*).

As well as the attached survey form (*CBSA-SAGHS.docx*; or *CBSA-SAGHS.pdf* for printing), some completed examples are provided to help you (labelled *CBSA-SAGHS-Example1.docx* to *CBSA-SAGHS-Example3.docx*). These forms clearly show the kinds of information we wish to collect, but please also see the **Important notes** and the **Explanation of examples** below.

1) If you already have your family members in a Family Tree program such as *Legacy*, *Family Tree Maker*, *RootsMagic* or similar, **the best way to send us the information is to extract the people born in Cornwall before 1900**, their spouses and children (including any born in Australia) into a ***gedcom*** file – even if they were in SA for only a short time (e.g. in transit). We are particularly interested to know what ship they came on and when, and as much other detail as you can supply.

2) If you aren't able to provide a *gedcom* file, you can fill in the attached *CBSA-SAGHS.docx* on a computer – it is designed to be done that way. It has a pre-designated field for each piece of data we are seeking, but sometimes you might need to abbreviate your response (e.g. a ship name, or 'Cem' or 'Ch' or 'Hy' for Cemetery, Church, or Henry). Some fields widen as you type – use the tab or arrow keys to move from field to field. **Please consult the Guide** on the next page, the **Notes** and **Examples** as you go. And please rename your file (by inserting your surname) before submitting it.

Your file/s from 1) or 2) should be emailed to: Project Leader at saghs.cornishlead@saghs.org.au

3) If you're completing the form on paper, please print as many copies as you need from *CBSA-SAGHS.pdf* or collect pre-printed copies of the form, examples and Instructions from SAGHS at 201 Unley Rd. (If the families of the Cornish-born people you are submitting had more than ten children, you will need to print or collect an extra copy of page 3 per family.) Please complete as much information as you can, making use of the Guide, Notes and Examples to assist you, writing or printing as clearly as you can. **Don't forget to indicate the link person** at the top left-hand corner of the Spouse and Children pages and to indicate the correct spouse for more than one marriage.

You can drop your completed form/s in to the designated pigeon-hole at SAGHS, return them by mail to *Cornish, PO Box 3114, Unley SA 5061* or scan them and return the scanned file/s by email as above.

Important notes and Guide →

Important notes:

- 1) **A Cornish-born person must have been born by 31/12/1899 to be eligible for this database. Any eligible person is relevant even if they were in SA for under a day on their way to somewhere else (e.g. a gold rush).** (Note that family members of the Cornish-born individuals can be born after 1899.)
- 2) Before 1837, records of births in Cornwall will almost all be of baptisms in Parish churches. This may also be true for records up to the early 1870s, though decreasingly so. If you know that a date is a baptism (or christening) date, please enter or write it in the line for baptism.
- 3) If the main Cornish immigrant to SA in your family had children who were also born in Cornwall and came to SA, these children must be listed on the first survey form you completed, but all pages of the form need to be filled in *for each of the children separately*, to show *their* spouses and children. The children need not have been Cornish-born as long as one of their parents was.
- 4) Remember, if you need more than 10 lines for children, please use an extra copy of page 3.
- 5) Time limit: the project will be on-going and has no firm time limit. However, we hope you can manage to send in your information for this first round of data collection within six months, or earlier if you have it available. If you don't have all the data and can find more by searching, of course we would like to have the additional data.

Guide for completing the survey form 'Cornish-born South Australians (CB)

- 1 The form has three pages. **The front page is for information about the main person in a family who migrated to SA and the sources you have used in collecting this information; likewise for their spouse on page 2. Page 3 is for information about their children.** Note that the spouse and children can be Cornish- or Australian-born. It is very important to fill in the '**Link to**' fields at the top of pages 2 and 3.
- 2 The form should be filled in for **each family** of a Cornish-born immigrant to SA, including for his/her Cornish-born children. If the Cornish-born person married more than once, enough information to identify the person clearly must be provided on page 1, and pages 2 and 3 filled in for each marriage and family – provided that the forms for the multiple families are being submitted together (see next page, 'Explanation of Examples'). If they are not being submitted together, please complete all three pages for the subsequent family or families.
- 3 For a single person without children, only the front page of the form needs to be completed.
- 4 For each piece of information on the front page, please put in the year or 'X' as instructed to show your source(s) – clarified on the next page.
- 5 Use the tab or arrow keys to move from field to field and please avoid using the <return> key. You can use your mouse to go to the next line if you don't want to tab to the end of a line.
- 6 Please enter all dates in the format dd mmm yyyy, e.g. 15 Jul 1877 (dates must have four digits; use 'ca' to show an uncertain date, as in Example 1).
- 7 It is possible that the Cornish-born immigrant for whom you are completing the survey left the UK for another place before coming to SA; there is a separate line to allow for this. If they emigrated twice from the UK to SA, which some people did, the form also allows for that circumstance.
- 8 On page 3, you may be documenting a family where one or more of the children have different surnames from the others. The asterisk alongside Surname, and the Notes line half way down the page, allow for you to explain why these different surnames within the family have occurred.

9 Clarification of sources:

'Official certificate or index' includes SA BDM certificates, similar certificates from other parts of Australia, the UK General Register Office (GRO), etc., also an official cemetery index.

'Census records' will usually be the records that can be found *in official image files* of UK Census pages, but may apply to other countries as well -- for official census data collected by government agencies.

'Parish records CON' will show the Cornish parish in which the baptism was carried out (if you found this information in an *opc* database (see next category), please mark this column as well as the online FH resource column described next).

'FH resource' can be online or printed. It includes books and/or databases such as *The ShipsList*, *Findmypast*, *My Heritage*, *Ancestry*, the *Cornish Family History Society (CFHS)* database or the *Online Parish Clerks (opc)* website that exists for many English counties and regions in the UK.

'Family knowledge' includes a Family Bible, family records in other forms (e.g. handwritten notes), knowledge passed down to you in discussions with elderly relatives, etc.

'Newspaper notice/Trove' refers to actual newspapers as sources or the SAGHS online files based on these, or the extracts from newspapers that are made available through the *Trove* website of the National Library of Australia.

If you mark **'Other'** on page 1 or 2, please explain this along the bottom of the page (see Example files).

Explanation of examples

Three examples are provided:

Example 1 is for the main individual in my family who came to South Australia, who had eight Cornish-born children. His first wife died and he married again in Cornwall before migrating to South Australia. He had eight more children in Australia. His second marriage and children, who were all born in Australia, are featured in Example 2. These forms are being submitted at the same time, so it is sufficient on page 1 in Example 2 to provide only full name, date and place of birth, the two lines for 'Did he/she marry?' and date and place of death. (If not submitted together, all three pages would need to have been completed for his second marriage.) Both examples have the 'Link to' filled in on pages 2 and 3 for the main person on page 1 and the 'Spouse No.' filled in as relevant -- Spouse No. 1 in Example 1 and Spouse No. 2 in Example 2.

To complete the records for this family, separate surveys need to be filled in for each of the **Cornish-born children in Example 1 who came to SA** (six of the eight). To illustrate this, Example 3 presents the data for the sixth child, who was aged 12 when the family arrived here.

For each of the survey forms you submit, please provide your own name and contact details on the bottom of the third page in case we need to get in touch with you with queries we may have. These details will be treated as strictly confidential by SAGHS. However, it's possible that someone interested in your data may ask us how to contact you and we in turn are asking for your permission to provide your details in that circumstance -- so please answer the question about this at the end of the survey. Thank you.

Finally, please send any queries about the forms to the Project Leader
at saghs.cornishlead@saghs.org.au

And thank you again.