

Newspaper Divorces

ABOUT THIS DATASET

NB – we do not have ready access to official Divorce files, If you require further information then please send in a research request.

Sources:

- Adelaide newspapers 1879-1954. Generally only the final decision is recorded. Collated by David W. Gibson.
- Matrimonial Petitions and related documents 1859-1893.

Notes:

- # CRSurname and CRGivenNames refer to the co-respondent, if any.
- # EventDate may be the date of the decision, or the reporting date.
- # Adultery was termed as misconduct prior to 1930.
- # Cruelty invariably equated to physical violence.
- # Desertion needed to be continuous for 5 years before 1938, then 3 years.
- # Frequent imprisonment required 3 years in last 5 years, or sentence over 3 years.
- # Decree Nisi converted into Absolute by application after 6 months (unless judge decreed a shorter time).
- # Cost of a divorce in 1942: £25 -30 for an undefended action, £10 -15 extra for evidence of adultery. Basic Wage - £4 13s pw.
- # After 1 July 1919 the presiding Judge alone could decree a decree nisi. Prior to this the Judge was bound to refer his finding to the Full Court where his initial finding was normally accepted.
- # Procter = investigation for collusion or impropriety in proceedings.

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