

Shipping Departures from South Australia

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1 Introduction

This document describes the dataset known as South Australian Shipping Departures.

2 Shipping Departures

2.1 Summary

This is a new dataset that holds a collection of records on passengers departing Adelaide/South Australia. This will complement the existing dataset called Shipping Arrivals. The records have been transcribed by SAGHS volunteers.

This version of the database contains only Passenger records. Future versions will expand to include additional Passenger records as well as detailed records on the Ships departing from South Australia as well.

2.2 Coverage

Overall record coverage is from November 1836 to 25 December 1940 with varying degrees of coverage as detailed below.

- Sparse coverage: October 1855 to August 1856 and January 1894 to December 1895,
- No coverage: September 1856 to November 1888, all of 1913 except for April, March 1918 to December 1918, January 1923 to September 1923

2.3 Sources

Records are sourced from South Australia State Record collections (GRG41_35 to GRG41_50) and Reg Butler's Inter-Colonial Shipping and Overseas Departures collections.

Except where otherwise indicated these collections were transcribed and composed by Genealogy SA volunteers, with special mention of individual collection efforts by Reg Butler.

2.4 Volume

There are 131,782 records in this version of the database [version 20260412].

3 Versions

The Shipping Departures dataset is a brand new dataset and will be updated when additional records become available. Details of the most recent update is outlined below, and the action taken, where available, is provided for each update.

3.1 Version M-20260412

- Setup of new database
- Added 131,782 passenger records