

Family History

Cemetery records

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?

State Library holds numerous published cemetery indexes for Australia and New Zealand. Consult our One Search online catalogue for our holdings <https://onesearch.slq.qld.gov.au/>. Lists of cemetery records available at State Library on microform, in print, on CD-ROM and on the internet are held at the level 3 desk. One list covers Queensland and the other interstate. Some of our most popular indexes are listed below. Most are held on level 3.

Australia

AGCI: Australasian genealogical computer index (edition 5) Vol 1 and Vol 3 [CD-ROM] (QCFS 929.394 2004 – Vol 1; QCFS 929.394 2008 – Vol 3). Compiled by the Society of Australian Genealogists, these CD-ROMs are a compilation of names from a large variety of sources from the collections of the Society of Australian Genealogists as well as other family history societies and libraries [in Australia and New Zealand]. They include cemetery transcriptions as well as other death and burial references.

Queensland

Dern index Queensland : monumental inscriptions of 250 cemeteries [CD-ROM] (QCFS 929.509943 1999) 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. State Library's catalogue indicates which cemeteries have been included in this series.

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.

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 series [microfiche] MFC 020.509945 1992. Contains monumental inscriptions from over 240 Victorian cemeteries and several 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 several 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 on level 3.

Western Australia

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

The index contains many cemeteries in town and country areas. A guide lists the cemeteries covered in the microfiche (MFA 929.3941 1986). The guide is available on level 3.

New Zealand

New Zealand cemetery records: a list of holdings [microfiche] (MFC 929.393 1993)

This series covers numerous 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 available on level 3.

New Zealand burial locator [CD-ROM] (QCFS 929.50995 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 <https://coraweb.com.au/websites/cemeteries/>

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

- **Brisbane City Council Grave location search**
<https://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/community-and-safety/community-support/cemeteries/grave-location-search>
- **Nudgee Cemetery: Brisbane Catholic Cemetery**
<https://www.nudgeecemetery.com.au/content.php/deceased-search>
- **Bundaberg Regional Council. Bundaberg Regional Cemeteries search**
<https://www.bundaberg.qld.gov.au/residents/cemeteries-1/2>
Bundaberg General Cemetery burial registers 1879-1995 have been digitised by Bundaberg Library and can be searched by year. <https://www.artsbundaberg.com.au/libraries/heritage>

Check State Library's family history useful websites at <https://www.slq.qld.gov.au/collections/family-history/useful-websites-family-historians> for additional cemetery websites.

Two websites useful for locating burials all over the world are:

- **Find a Grave** <https://www.findagrave.com/>
- **BillionGraves** <https://billiongraves.com/>

FindMyPast and **ancestryLibrary edition**, available onsite at State Library, also hold cemetery records.

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. Funeral director records may also provide you with a burial place.

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.

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