This is a guide to immigration and shipping records available at Cairns Libraries.

### Ancestry Library Edition and Findmypast

Search Immigration & Travel databases on Ancestry Library Edition on any Library PC

Australia (Indexes only for VIC & QLD, indexes and images of passenger lists for NSW & TAS)

(The best way to do this is locate the list via Search by Location and then systematically search the most relevant). This list includes government assisted and unassisted immigration lists, and convict transportation registers etc.

Passenger Lists Leaving the UK 1890-1960 on Findmypast UK on any Library PC (includes both indexes and images available)

### Queensland

**Immigrant shipping registers 1848-1912** (FILM)
These are microfilms of the original passenger lists.

**Passenger lists Indexed by:**

- **Index to immigrant to Queensland 1848-1912** (FICHE)
  This index will allow you to locate the reference to the “Immigrant shipping registers” on microfilm i.e. IMM114/p 476
  This index is also online. [http://www.archives.qld.gov.au/Researchers/Indexes/Immigration/Pages/Immigration1848.aspx](http://www.archives.qld.gov.au/Researchers/Indexes/Immigration/Pages/Immigration1848.aspx)

- **Discharged and deserted seamen 1882-1919** (fiche)

- **1862 Immigrants and crew index** GEN 919.43 QUE

- **Immigrants through the Port of Maryborough** GEN 919.432 MAR

- **Immigration, State Archives** GEN 919.43 QUE

- **Index to all immigrants arriving Brisbane and Queensland Ports 1900-1915** 3 vols. GEN 919.43 QUE

- **An index to assisted immigrants arriving Moreton Bay (Brisbane) 1848-1859** GEN 919.43 QUE

- **An index to assisted immigrants arriving Queensland 1860-1869** GEN 919.34 QUE

- **An index to assisted immigrants arriving Queensland 1870-1879** 2 vols. GEN 919.34 QUE

- **Marine Board of Queensland – seaman certificates of competency** (FICHE)

- **Gunyah, Grit & Gantry: a saga of the Erin-go-Bragh and of the era of pioneer settlement and shipping in Queensland** GEN 919.43 SHI

**They came direct, immigrant boat(s) direct to the Port of Wide Bay.** GEN 919.43 THE
This is a series of books on ships that arrived in Wide Bay. It provides passenger list and additional information about the ship and the voyage. The ships are: Alardus 1873, Ariadne 1862, Beejapore 1863, Caesar Godffroy 1862, Chatsworth 1862, City of Brisbane 1862, Clifton 1862, David McIvor 1863, Erin-go-Bragh 1862, Everton 1863, Fiery Star 1863, Flying Cloud 1870, Golden Dream 1863, Golden Empire 1863, Golden Land 1865, Hannah More 1863, Helenslee 1862, Herchel 1872, Gloucester 1873, La Rochelle 1862, Light Brigade 1863, Maryborough 1862, Montmorency 1862, Ocean Chief 1862, Polmaise 1873, Prince Consort 1864, Queen of the Colonies 1863, Reichstag 1871 & 1873, Saldanha 1863, Shakespeare 1871, Star of England 1863, Sultana 1864 & 1866, Young Australia 1863, Wanata 1863, Warren Hastings 1863, Whirlwind 1862.

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New South Wales

Indexes to New South Wales shipping can be found online at:

The following are microfilms of the original passenger lists:

- Assisted bounty immigrants 1828-1842 (FILM)
- Assisted immigrants (Sydney) 1838-1896 & Moreton Bay 1848-59 (FILM)
- Passengers to Sydney 1828-1842
- Unassisted passengers 1826-1900

Gazetteer of Sydney shipping 1788-1840 GEN 919.44 NEW

Guide to shipping and free passenger records GEN 919.44 NEW

Index to assisted immigrants arriving Sydney & Newcastle 1844-59 3 vols. GEN 919.44 NEW

Index to assisted immigrants arriving Sydney 1860-79, 1880-96 2 vols. GEN 919.44 NSW

Shipping arrivals and departures Sydney 1826-40, 1841-44 GEN 919.44 NEW

Shipping Master’s Office index to vessels arrived 1837-1925 (FILM)

Northern Territory

Index to boats mentioned in the NT newspapers 1873-1914 (FICHE)

Port Darwin shipping (FICHE)

Port Darwin passenger list 1873 (FICHE)

Port Darwin shipping index 1901-1921 (FICHE)

Tasmania

Arrivals and Departure Index for Tasmania
Index to assisted immigrants into Tasmania 1841-1889 (FICHE)

Unassisted immigrants & coastal passengers Hobart 1929-1965 (FICHE)

Victoria

Indexes to Victorian passengers can be found online at:

The following are microfilms of the original passenger lists:

Assisted immigrants 1839-1871 (VPRS 7310) (FICHE)

Assisted immigrants to Port Phillip 1839-1851 (FICHE)

Index to passenger lists British Ports 1870-1899 (VPRS 11448) (FICHE)

Inward passengers lists British Ports 1852-1923 (VPRS 7666) (FICHE)

Inward passenger lists Foreign Ports 1852-1923 (VPRS 7667) (FICHE)

Index to passenger lists Foreign Ports 1852-1859, 1880-1923 (VPRS 8669) (FICHE)

Coming south, Victorian archives of immigration 1839-1923 GEN 919.45 VIC

Shipping arrivals and departures Victorian ports 1798-45, 1946-55 2 vols. GEN 919.45 VIC

National


Australian migrant ships 1946-1977 GEN 919.4 AUS

Barefoot and pregnant? Irish famine orphans in Australia 2 vols. GEN 919.4 AUS

The deserters, military and naval deserters as settlers in Australia and New Zealand 1800-1865 GEN 919.4 AUS

Log of logs: a catalogue of logs, journals, shipboard diaries, letters, and all forms of voyage narratives 1788 to 1988 for Australia and New Zealand 3 vols. GEN 919.4 NIC

How to find shipping and immigration records in Australia GEN 919.4 NUM

Emigrants from Hamburg to Australia, 1874/5 GEN 919.4 AUS

National register of shipping arrivals, Australia and New Zealand GEN 919.4 AUS

Ships deserters 1852-1900, including stragglers, strays and absentees from H.M. ships GEN 919.4 AUS

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Other Resources

Newspapers
Search Australian Newspapers on TROVE.
www.nla.gov.au
See Trove LibGuide.
Lists of arriving and departing passengers were often put in the local newspaper.

Cora Num
An Australian gateway site for tracing your family history by Cora Num

See Recommended Sites on our Family History webpage

Tips!
Consider other sources of information:

Naturalisation indexes on National and State Archives web pages
You may know the name of the vessel, but not the details of the voyage (when etc.), check shipping lists and registers.

Diaries and journals kept by ship captains, doctors, and ordinary passengers have survived and are held in libraries and archives throughout Australia; in some cases they have been digitised.

If the voyage was famous for some reason or there was a shipwreck there may be articles or published material available. Also check newspapers.

If the person you are seeking was transported as a convict, remember to check convict resources and indexes.

Free Settler or Felon Convict Ships Index
http://www.jenwilletts.com/Convict%20Ships.htm

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Trace your family history using Cairns Libraries latest FREE databases.

**Ancestry.com Library Edition**
This is the largest family history database available containing over 3 billion names in over 6000 databases. Ancestry includes a number of Australian immigration indexes and some original images for NSW. Use this database from any public access PC from all Cairns Libraries.

**Findmypast**
Access to the entire Australia & New Zealand, United Kingdom, Irish and United States Findmypast collections. Use this database from any public access PC from all Cairns Libraries.

**The British Newspaper Archive**
Contains over 200 newspaper titles from the 18th to 20th century - with 4.7 million digitised pages, and millions more to come. Use this database from any public access PC from all Cairns Libraries.

**Trove**
A discovery service developed by the National Library of Australia, which gives users a single point of access to more than 45 million items, including library, archive and museum collections and Australian digitised newspapers (up until 1956) and images - www.trove.nla.gov.au. See Trove LibGuide.

**PapersPast**
Contains more than one million pages of digitised New Zealand newspapers and periodicals 1839-1932 - http://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/cgi-bin/paperspast.

**London Digital Archive 1785-1985**
Complete digital edition in full text of “The Times (London)”, searchable by keyword. Search this databases at home from the State Library of Queensland, signing up with your Cairns Libraries membership card. Go to https://www.cairns.qld.gov.au/library, and click on Online, then eResources.

**19th Century British Newspapers, 1800-1900**
Full text digital newspaper collection for England, Wales, Scotland and Ireland. Search this database at home from the State Library of Queensland, signing up with your Cairns Libraries membership card. Go to https://www.cairns.qld.gov.au/library, and click on Online, then eResources.

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