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## Genealogical Index of Names

database of personal names from  
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## Cemeteries

A database of deaths and  
burials - mainly Victorian

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## VicFamilies

A database of members'  
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## Scottish gazetteer

Search Scottish parishes, towns,  
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### Australian States



Click on the State  
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Please click on the Australian State you want to research...

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Victorian guided research is now displayed

[Births Deaths and Marriages](#)

Civil registration of births, deaths & marriages began in July 1853.  
Earlier BDMs may be recorded as baptisms, marriages & burials in church records.  
Records of births are available up 100 years ago, marriages up to 60 years ago and deaths to 10 years ago.  
On-line indexes are also available (births only up to 1910) for a small fee.

Use the [full catalogue](#) for more records by using the terms REGISTERS & PLACE OF INTEREST  
e.g. REGISTERS HAWTHORN.

To locate cemetery records & memorial inscriptions use the full catalogue and type CEMET\* & YOUR PLACE OF INTEREST eg. CEMET\* BRIGHTON

[Passenger Lists](#)

An estimate of the date of arrival may be obtained from BDM certificates and other records such as census, hospital records, naturalization or convict papers.  
Assisted immigrants from the UK are indexed from 1839-1871 when the scheme was discontinued until the 20th century.  
Unassisted passengers from British, NZ and Foreign ports are indexed from 1852 to 1923.  
We hold images of passenger lists on microfiche or film.  
Outwards passengers to interstate, UK & Foreign ports are indexed from 1852-1915(outwards to NZ to 1923).  
Newspapers may also provide more information.

Use the [full catalogue](#) for more records by typing PASSENGER VIC\*

Many expeerees and some assigned convicts crossed from Van Diemen's Land and overlanded from Sydney. About 2000 exiles arrived at Port Phillip 1844-1849, all with conditional pardons. These exile arrivals are included in the assisted passengers from the UK.  
For more records use the [full catalogue](#) and type in CONVICTS VIC\*

[Wills](#)

Wills are indexed from 1841-2009.  
Most Probate papers 1841-1925 may be viewed online at the [Public Record Office Victoria](#)  
1926-2009 may be ordered online and viewed in person at the Public Record Office Victoria.  
Death dates from 1970 may also be obtained from the [Supreme Court Probate Registers](#).

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