

Australasian Probate Records

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Deceased estates and related records

Indexes to deceased estate files

Researching deceased estates files before 1923 is a complex process, with researchers often having to check up to five different indexes to locate a file. This index simplifies the process by combining all indexes into one searchable database. There are currently c.130,000 entries dating from 1880 onwards.

Index to Intestate Estate Case Papers

Intestate: A person who dies without leaving a will. This is an ongoing Volunteer project. The index currently covers the years 1821-1909.

Index to early probate records

This index is for supplementary probate records that are not part of the main probate series. It records the name, date, item number and page number.

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Deceased Estate Files, 1880-1923

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Probates

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Probate packets

Probate Packets for 1817-May 1873 (Series 1), 1873-76 (Series 2), 1876-c.1890 (Series 3) and between c. 1928 to 1976 (Series 4-152150 to Series 4-828673) and part of 1989 (100001/1989-103050/1989) are listed in Archives Investigator. They can be located using the Simple Search option in Archives Investigator. For example type in *John Byrne death* and select the 'all words' option. The index to the main probate series is also available on microfiche in the reading room. See also Deceased Estate Files.

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Probate - early records

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Intestate

see also [Probate](#)

Intestate Estate Case Papers

Intestate: A person who dies without leaving a will.

The index currently covers the years 1821-1909. There is a contemporary index to the Intestate Case Papers available on microfilm reels 40-41 in our reading room. See also Deceased Estates

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Provides information about the Supreme Court, Curator of Intestate Estates; NRS 13538, Case papers and selected related records.

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Online index

The Curator of Intestate Estate's Case papers, [NRS 13538](#) are being indexed by our Volunteers.

The index to [Intestate Estate Case papers](#) is available to search online.

Background

1787-1823

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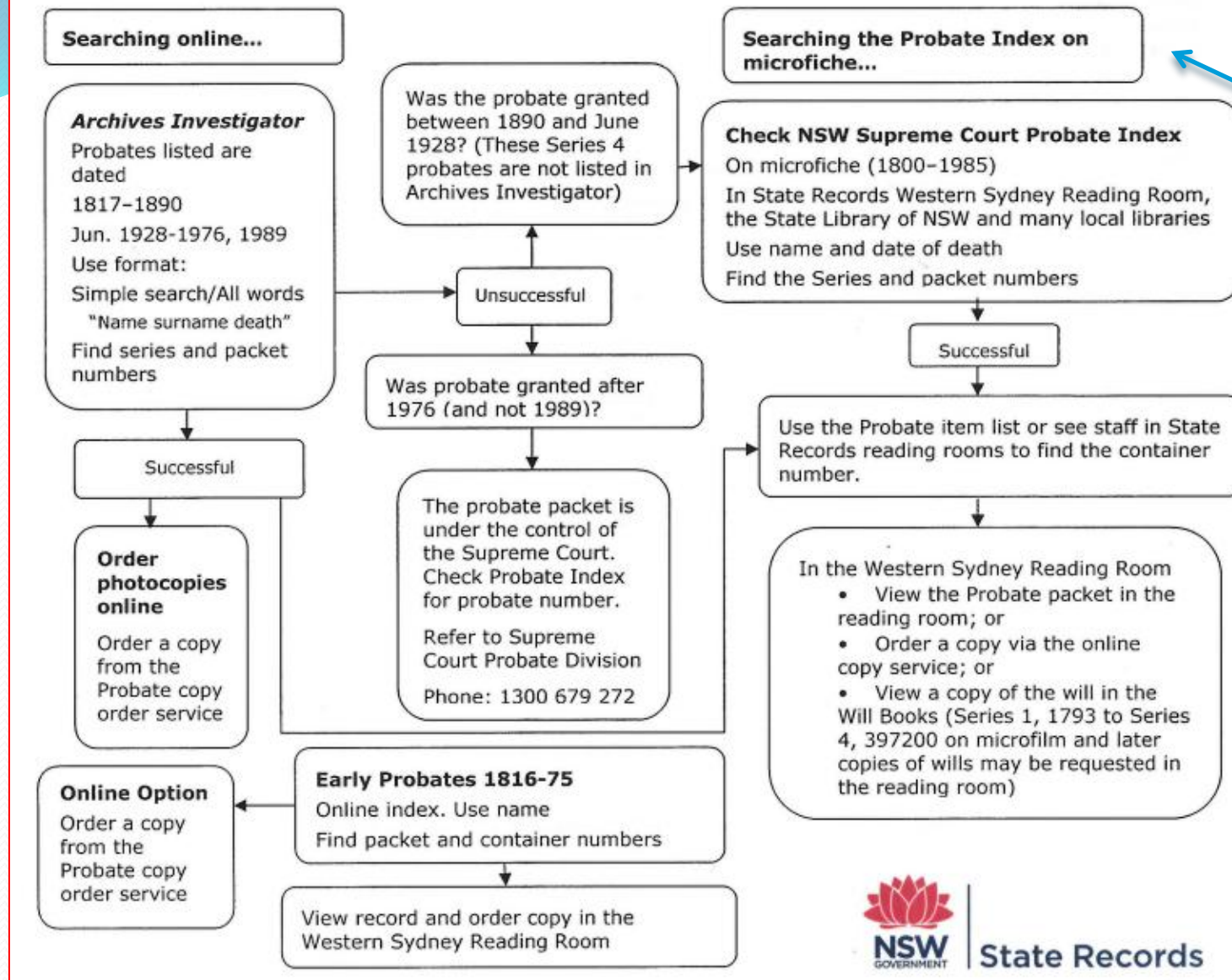
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Probate documents include the last will and testament, and any codicils (additions or revocations to the will). A grant of probate is the authority given by the Supreme Court NSW to the executor(s) to deal with a deceased person's estate.

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No results

Agencies and people

No results

If “helen chick” as search term,
then only that one entry
appears

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Collection search


If no inverted commas, then all Chicks appear but not all Helens

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No results

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Simple Search

Keyword(s):

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Exact Word(s):

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Simple Search Results




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No selected items

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No	Entity 	Title 	 Start ~ End Date
Series 4-338310	Item	Helen Chick - Date of Death 23/12/1946, Granted on 17/05/1948	

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MR04208	Item	Chick Kelly Sand and Gravel, Wagga Wagga	01 Jan 1977 ~ 31 Dec 1982
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Series 4-266728	Item	Eva Jane Chick - Date of Death 20/02/1942, Granted On 24/03/1942	
Series 3-20447	Item	Henrietta Mary Chick Date of death 21 June 1890, Granted on 28 August 1890	
89/1926	Item	Divorce papers Margaret Chick - George William Chick	27 Jan 1926 ~ 26 Jun 1926
905/1923	Item	Divorce papers Augustus Peter Chick - Rubeana Chick	03 Aug 1923 ~ 29 Feb 1924
Series 4-196655	Item	Caroline Chick - Date of Death 24/04/1934, Granted on 19/06/1934	
Series 4-279205	Item	Laurence Guy Chick - Date of Death 28/04/1942, Granted On 28/05/1943	
Series 4-280368	Item	Thomas William Chick - Date of Death 15/03/1943, Granted On 06/07/1943	
Series 4-219873	Item	Jessie Jane Chick - Date of Death 22/12/1936, Granted on 06/04/1937	
PA 28987	Item	Primary Application - Arthur Chick 27 1/4 perches at junction Fairweather and Vivian Streets in Municipality Woollahra Parish Alexandria County Cumberland Volume 4216 Folio 132	09 Nov 1927 ~ 14 Nov 1928
Series 4-251577	Item	George Henry Chick - Date of Death 21/05/1940, Granted on 30/08/1940	

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Victoria

- Wills and probate records
 - 1841-1925 free online
 - 1926-2009 search online, but view in reading room
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Wills and Probate



Wills and probate records created between 1841 and 1925 have been indexed and most are digitised and available online free of charge. Wills and probate records created between 1926 and 2009 are available to be searched online to order and view in our North Melbourne reading room at Public Record Office Victoria.

Will and Probate Records 1841 – 2009

Use our online index to Wills, Probate and Administration Records to locate, view digitised records between 1841 and 1925, and order to view the original records for 1926 to 2009.

Online Index to Wills, Probate and Administrative Records

**Please ensure you take note of the VPRS number, unit number and file number if ordering the file at a later date.*

Will and Probate Records 2010 onwards

Contact the Victorian Probate Office to enquire about accessing wills and probate records created from 2008 onwards.

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Wills and Probate – Wills and Probate Records 1841 – 2009

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Access is available using the online Victorian Probate Index, with access to digitised wills and probate records free of charge through PROV's online catalogue at www.access.prov.vic.gov.au. See the [Accessing Wills and Probate Records](#) web page for the current date range of records that can be accessed through PROV. As a general rule, probate records created within the last 5 to 7 years can be accessed through the Probate Office of the Supreme Court of Victoria www.supremecourt.vic.gov.au.

Using Will and Probate Images

Images of digitised will and probate documents can be downloaded from PROV's website free of charge and used for personal research. Before any records held by PROV can be reproduced, for example in a printed publication, exhibition or website, the written permission of the copyright holder must first be obtained. Please consult [PROVguide 25 Copyright for Researchers](#) for details.

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HOW TOguide 29: Accessing Will and Probate Records 1841 – 2009

Accessing a Will and Probate 1841 – 2009

The purpose of this *How TOguide* is to assist researchers with ordering will and probate records created between 1841 and 2007. It should be read in conjunction with [PROVguide 29 Wills and Probate Records 1841 – 2009](#).

Step 1: Log in to the PROV website at www.prov.vic.gov.au and click on Start your research

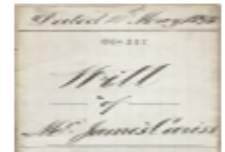


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Search Results

Index to Wills, Probate and Administration Records 1841-2009



Search for people who may have had estates that went through the probate process in the Supreme Court of Victoria.

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1 record/s displayed
(1 record/s matched)

Given Name	Family Name	Alt. Name	Occupation	Residence	Date of death	File Number	View order record
Henry	Bullen		Carter	Sebastopol	15 Sep 1875	14/565	VPRS 28/P0, unit 170; VPRS 28/P2, unit 49

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Series title: Probate and Administration Files
Description: 14/565
Date range: 1876 -
Public access: Open
Format: Physical
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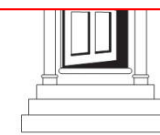
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In the Supreme Court
of the Colony of Victoria

In its Probate Jurisdiction

In the Estate of Henry Bullen late of
Sydney in the Colony of Victoria
deceased Intestate,

I Anna Bullen of Sydney in the Colony of
Victoria Widow make oath and say

1. That on the Twentyfourth day of April one thousand
eight hundred and seventy six Letters of administration
of the Estate of the above named Henry Bullen deceased
were granted to me by the Supreme Court of the Colony of Victoria
2. That I am the Widow of the said deceased and with
my children William Henry aged nineteen years Anna
Jane aged twenty two years Elizabeth aged eighteen years
George aged sixteen years Eva aged fourteen years and
Annabella aged nine years are the only persons
entitled to a share of his Estate.
3. That the Statement on the other side written
is to the best of my belief a true Statement
specifying the particulars of all the property of what
nature or kind soever of or to which the said
deceased Henry Bullen was at the time of his
death possessed or entitled and the value thereof
and showing the amount upon which duty payable
as far as I have been able to ascertain the same.

Given at Ballarat in the Colony of

Victoria this thirtieth day of May

one thousand eight hundred and seventy six

in the presence of and I certify that the said

affidavit was first read over by me to the said Anna

Bullen and that she seemed to understand the nature

thereof and made her mark thereunto in my presence

Chas E. Hedman

A Commissioner of the Supreme Court of the Colony of Victoria for taking Affidavits

her
Anna X Bullen
mark

Children's names
and ages

www.access.prov.vic.gov.au

Signature



Personal Property.

allotment containing 13 acres
1 rood 7 perches and $4/10^{\text{ths}}$ of a
perch held by deceased
under Amending Land Act
1865 License Number 376
fenced with Posts and three
Rails.

Brought Forward
On this land is a Wooden Cottage containing 5 rooms
furn and also a 5 Stalled Stable

would let at 6/- or 7/- per week. 50. 0. 0
Waggon 13. 0. 0

Debts due to the deceased.

Isaac Mulcahy - Round Water 24. 0. 0
Holes - Horse Feed

Antonio Rougo Round Water
Holes Horse Feed 5. 16. 11

£ 92. 16. 11

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Tasmania

Linc Tasmania – Tasmania's Heritage

- Family history
- Wills
 - Online index 1824-1989 - digitised & online free
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Wills and letters of administration

Records relating to probate can be very informative when tracing family history as they contain the date of a person's death and may identify relatives. Wills and probates are public documents and most are available for viewing. The Archives Office of Tasmania holds a range of records relating to the administration of probate. The three main series of records are:

- Records relating to the granting of probate which includes a copy of the will
- Records relating to the granting of Letters of Administration authorising the administration of interstate estates and recording the granting of probate
- Records relating to Elections to Administer for small intestate estates

Brief Subject Guide No.12 gives a complete list of the records held.

Records relating to probate, including wills, 'grants of probate', and Letters of Administration are held, up to the mid 1990s and these are indexed up to 1989 in *Index to Wills & Letters of Administration from 1824 database*.

Search the *Index to Wills & Letters of Administration from 1824 database* now.

Related links: [Deaths - Tasmania](#) | [Deaths - Outside Tasmania](#) | [Recommended websites](#) | [Undertaker records](#)

Listed here is a selection of further resources.

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1824-1989	Index to Wills & Letters of Administration from 1824 (Archives Office of Tasmania)	View Online

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Convict records

Tasmania's records of the convict system document the lives of over 75000 individuals while under sentence, from the beginning of transportation in 1804. These records have been added to the UNESCO International Memory of the World Register and many can now be viewed online.

[More about convict records](#)

www.linc.tas.gov.au/research/browse-by-category/familyhistory2/fillinggaps/wills

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Index to Wills & Letters of Administration from 1824-1989

The Wills Index contains references to four different sorts of documents: wills (record series AD960), letters of administration recording the granting of probate (AD961), Tasmanian 'reseals' (AD962) and 'elections to administer' small intestate estates (AD963). For definitions of these documents, click on the 'series created by agency' links in *Tasmanian Archives Online* [here](#). You will find descriptive notes about these and other related records in the [brief guide series](#) as well as examples of the terminology used in probate documents over various periods of time.

COPIES OF WILLS (AD960) AND LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION (AD961), TASMANIAN 'RESEALS' (AD962) and 'ELECTIONS TO ADMINISTER' SMALL INTESTATE ESTATES (AD963) UP TO 1989 HAVE BEEN DIGITISED AND ARE NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE. To view a digitised record, search the index by name and then click on the '**will number**' link in the 'search results' screen.

The documents which have been digitised are not the originals. They are copies of the wills and letters of administration which were transcribed by Probate Registry staff into registers. In some cases the age, shades of colour and quality of ink make the documents difficult to read, even in their original form. Please notify the Tasmanian Archive and Heritage Office about images which are difficult to read for these reasons. We will endeavour to replace them with enhanced copies if the request is legitimate and if a better copy can be achieved.

You may make copies of these digitised records for private research and study. If you want to use them in any other way you must seek permission from the Tasmanian Archive and Heritage Office.

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Wills Search

Family Name

☒ All Words ☐ Exact Word ☐ Boolean Query

Given Name(s)

☒ All Words ☐ Exact Word

Date

<http://portal.archives.tas.gov.au>

Search Criteria: Surname="jarvis ", Given Name="william"

Number of Search Results: 10 (1 Pages)

Family Name	Given Names	Date	Reference	Page	Will No
Jarvis	Gordon William	1922	AD963/1/1		966
Jarvis	Roy William	1979	AD960/1/167		65385
Jarvis	William	1870	AD960/1/8	164	1424
Jarvis	William	1902	AD960/1/22	129	
Jarvis	William	1902	AD961/1/8	1111	2241
Jarvis	William	1904	AD960/1/27	64	6328
Jarvis	William	1936	AD961/1/17	138	5488
Jarvis	William Edward	1940	AD960/1/65	303	23993
Jarvis	William John	1889	AD960/1/18	153	3772
Jarvis	William Robert Charles	1939	AD960/1/64	467	23506

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William Jarvis

In the Supreme Court of Tasmania

Be it known unto all Men by these Presents

that on the Twenty fourth day of June in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy the last Will and Testament of William Jarvis late of Macquarie Plains in Tasmania deceased a true Copy & attesting is herewith annexed was exhibited and proved before this Honorable Court and that administration of all and singular his goods chattels rights credits and effects of the said deceased within the Island of Tasmania and its Dependencies was and is lawfully committed to William Jarvis the Younger Thomas Jarvis Alfred Jarvis and Mary Jarvis Sons of the said deceased the Executors in the said Will named. And the said William Jarvis the Younger Thomas Jarvis Alfred Jarvis and Mary Jarvis having sworn that they will and lawfully to perform the said Will by paying first the debts of the said deceased and then the Legacies therein required. So far as the Estate shall thereunto extend and the Law bind them and to exhibit unto this Honorable Court a true and perfect Inventory of all and every the goods chattels rights credits and effects of the said deceased on or before the Twenty fourth day of December now next ensuing and to render a just and true account of them Execution when they shall be lawfully called thereunto And further that they believe the goods chattels rights credits and effects of the said deceased at the time of his death did not exceed in value the sum of Seven hundred pounds in Tasmania and the Dependencies thereof.

Given under my hand and the Seal of the Supreme Court of Tasmania

<http://stors.tas.gov.au/AD960-1-8-1424>

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South Australia

- Index 1844- 1997 (Probate Registry, Genealogy SA and SLSA)
- Graham Jaunay article on SA Wills and Probate



Wills

The Probate Registry Office holds wills and related documents from 1844.

Probate Registry Office
1 Gouger Street
Adelaide SA 5000
Telephone: (08) 8204 0505
Email: Probate Registry Office

www.archives.sa.gov.au/familyhistory/records.html

Courts

Courts Administration Authority of South Australia

Probate Registry [contact information for obtaining deceased estate wills & grants of probate]

- Supreme Court Building, 1 Gouger Street, Adelaide SA 5000, Australia
- Telephone: +618 8204 0505

Supreme Court Registry [contact information]

- 1 Gouger Street, Adelaide SA 5000, Australia
- Telephone: +618 8204 0476 & +618 8204 0478

Court records including divorce more than 100 y old — involved procedure that may require more than one visit to the court registry



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News

December Seminars

6: Coming to grips with FamilySearch WEA Centre Adelaide 10:00 to 1:00pm

There are no seminars in January 2010.

See the [seminar program for more details](#).

National Archives Adelaide

In the middle of November the Director of the National Archives announced that the Adelaide Office (along with Hobart and Darwin) would close shortly. Adelaide had already lost its Director and was being administered from Brisbane but individuals in Adelaide had been reassured by the Director himself that there were no plans to close the facility.

Of course its a double issue for SA in that it was the only state to hand over its colonial records of the government departments taken over by the Commonwealth in 1901.

Our State Records is crying out for space already and I suspect they will resist any offers to take back all this material if indeed it is offered. The problem is even further compounded with State Records itself needing to find larger accommodation and looking to the National Archives to co-locate. I suspect this decision will make State Records task of getting a new facility all that much harder. A petition is being circulated and I urge you to [download a copy](#), sign it and circulate it for additional signatures but make sure it is delivered before the end of January.

SA Wills and Probate records

Wills can often reveal information about a family as well as provide

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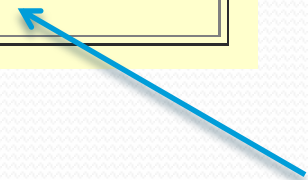
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Public Trustee files at State Records:

GRG33/2 Estate Records 1881–1957 GRS 1175 Estate Records 1957–1989 Index available in Reading Rooms	closed for 75 years	Relates to estates with Proven Wills and generally gives name, date of death, details of estate, debts and liabilities and supporting correspondence.
GRG33/1 Intestate Estates 1878-1910 GRS 747 Intestate Estates 1910-1991 Index available in Reading Rooms	closed for 75 years	Relates to intestate estates with information that generally gives name, date of death, details of estate, debts and liabilities and supporting correspondence.
GRG33/9 Deceased soldiers estates	restricted; apply for access to Public Trustee via the Duty Archivist at State Records.	
GRG94/7 Estates handled by the Public Trustee	open	Clippings from the Government Gazette.



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Western Australia

- State Records Office of Western Australia
- Index on fiche, records on microfilm
- Information Sheet
- Less than 75 years restricted, need permission from Supreme Court of WA



- Probate (Wills) and Administration Indexes [microfiche]
The SRO holds two indexes to wills and letters of administration, which are on microfiche in the State Records Office Microforms Area. The first index (Cons 3435) covers the period 1832-1939, while the second index (Cons 5269) covers the period 1900-1993. These indexes provide the will or letter of administration number, name of executor or administrator and date of death. More information on accessing probate and administration records can be found on our [Grants of Probate \(Wills\) and Letters of Administration information sheet](#).



Government of Western Australia
Department of Culture and the Arts
State Records Office of Western Australia

Information Sheet

GRANTS OF PROBATE (WILLS) AND LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION

Historical Background

Until 1832 there were no legal means of dealing with the estates of deceased persons in Western Australia. The estates of those who died in the colony before 1832 were either administered in Great Britain, settled informally or settled at a later date. In 1832, jurisdiction for the administration of deceased estates was vested in the newly established Civil Court of Western Australia and in 1861 jurisdiction was transferred to the Supreme Court.

Wills were registered and deposited with the Civil Court from 1832 – 1861, and with the Supreme Court from 1861, as were letters of administration granted when a person died intestate (without a will). Note, however, that not all wills came into the jurisdiction of the court, and no other record of these wills is known.

Copies of wills and letters of administration registered with the Supreme Court are available on microfilm for the period 1832 - 1947. After 1947 copies can be obtained from the Supreme Court. Probate and administration files (which usually contain documentation associated with will and letters of administration such as valuations of property, death certificates, etc) are also held by the State Records Office for the period 1832 - 1947.

Index to Wills and Letters of Administration

The State Records Office holds two indexes to wills and letters of administration, which are on microfiche in the State Records Office microforms area. Although there is some overlap with

No reference to
names being
indexed in AEON

[www.sro.wa.gov.au/sites/default/
files/infosheet-probate_000.pdf](http://www.sro.wa.gov.au/sites/default/files/infosheet-probate_000.pdf)



Search Results

Search Criteria : **Exact Phrase** for 'george bullen'

Reference	Entity	Title	Start Date	End Date	Links
ITEM-1932/889	Record Item	George Bullen	-	-	Detail
ITEM-1946/318	Record Item	Ernest George Bullen	-	-	Detail

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Record Item Detail

Item No.	1932/889
Item Title	George Bullen
Start Date	-
End Date	-
Consignment No.	3403
Digital Copy	Sorry no digital copy is available for this record item

<http://aeon.sro.wa.gov.au>

Record series containing this item	34 FILES - PROBATE	1 Jan 1832 ~ Detail
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Item Access Status	Open access
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Home Location	<p><i>Repository</i> : State Records Office of Western Australia; Search Room open 9.30am - 4.30pm, Monday-Friday.</p> <p><i>City/town</i> : Perth</p> <p><i>Directions</i> : TO VIEW RECORDS IN OUR SEARCH ROOM: Please telephone our Enquiry Desk on ph. (08) 9427 3600 and quote the consignment number and item number for the records required.</p> <p><i>Contact details</i> : http://www.sro.wa.gov.au/about-us/contact-details</p>
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Search Results

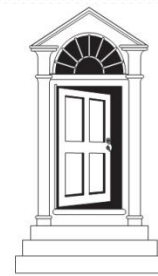
Search Criteria : **All Words** for 'loudon'

Reference	Entity	Title	Start Date	End Date	Links
ITEM-6833/1	Record Item	KNAPPSTEIN, Alexander Loudon	-	31 Dec 1962	Detail
ITEM-1934/0222	Record Item	John Loudon	-	-	Detail
ITEM-1937/137	Record Item	Annie Loudon Brown	-	-	Detail
ITEM-Loudon, T.T.	Record Item	Loudon, Thomas Trevor (Service No.: 62184), App. C. & W. Builder/Wagon Builder	23 Feb 1948	3 Sep 1965	Detail
ITEM-Loudon, J.C.	Record Item	Loudon, Jean C.	7 Apr 1921	31 Jul 1924	Detail
ITEM-1939/1002	Record Item	Mary Ann Loudon	-	-	Detail
ITEM-1943/0999	Record Item	Charlotte Loudon	-	-	Detail
ITEM-1939/0430	Record Item	Robert Loudon	-	-	Detail
ITEM-1947/1426	Record Item	Donald Jack Loudon	-	-	Detail
ITEM-1988/0718	Record Item	Glen Leigh Loudon -v- Salisbury Heights Pty Ltd, T/as Review Video Wholesalers - Failure to comply with Order 1219 of 1987	16 Sep 1988	-	Detail

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Northern Territory

- Probate index 1911-1991
 - Microfiche
 - Published by Genealogical Society of the Northern Territory



RESEARCHING PROBATE, WILLS AND LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION

PROBATES AND LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION, DEFINITIONS

Probate is the process of proving and registering in the Supreme Court the last will of a deceased person. It is usually the executor of the will who administers the estate and handles the disposal of the deceased assets and debts. In order to get authority to do this, the executor may have to obtain a legal document called a 'grant of probate'.

An executor can be an individual named by the deceased in her/his will, a trustee company or, as in the Northern Territory, the Public Trustee.

If a person dies without making a will, that person is said to die 'intestate'. Letters of administration must be obtained from the Supreme Court, to authorise the administrator of the estate to deal with all matters relating to the deceased person's affairs. The administrator may be the next of kin or the Public Trustee. At the conclusion of the administration process, the administrator of the estate must take direction from legislation for the purpose of the distribution of the assets.

Grants of probate and letters of administration given by the Supreme Court of the NT do not relate only to death having occurred in the Northern Territory. Many applications are received from overseas and interstate. These applications relate to deceased estate property located in the Northern Territory.

ACCESS TO PROBATE RECORDS

www.artsandmuseums.nt.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0018/144054/Probates_Oct2012.pdf



Australian Capital Territory

- Since 1967 Supreme Court has kept a register of files
- Indexes on public access
- Supreme Court, Probate Registry, Canberra ACT 2601



New Zealand

- FamilySearch 1848-1991
- Archives New Zealand



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New Zealand, Archives New Zealand, Probate Records, 1848-1991

Description

Images and index for probate records from Archives New Zealand. The records were created by various probate courts throughout New Zealand. Although the index contain entries up through 1994, the images for probates issued during the past 50 years are unavailable for viewing. The original records are located in the Archives New Zealand, Wellington, New Zealand.

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Francis Joseph Pope  New Zealand, Archives New Zealand, Probate Records, 1848-1991	probate: 1965 Timaru, Canterbury, New Zealand		▼
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Frank Francis Poppe  New Zealand, Archives New Zealand, Probate Records, 1848-1991	probate: 1918 New Zealand		▼
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▶	Henry Onion New Zealand, Archives New Zealand, Probate Records, 1848-1991	probate: 1906 Blenheim, Marlborough, New Zealand			
▶	Edmund Onion New Zealand, Archives New Zealand, Probate Records, 1848-1991	probate: 1905 Blenheim, Marlborough, New Zealand			
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▶	Sarah Jane Thompson New Zealand, Archives New Zealand, Probate Records, 1848-1991	probate: 1905 Blenheim, Marlborough, New Zealand			
▶	Ruth Whitling New Zealand, Archives New Zealand, Probate Records, 1848-1991	probate: 1905 Blenheim, Marlborough, New Zealand			
▶	Charles Fitch New Zealand, Archives New Zealand, Probate Records, 1848-1991	probate: 1905 Blenheim, Marlborough, New Zealand			



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IN THE MATTER of the Estate of FRANK POPE THE YOUNGER late of Havelock in the Provincial District of Marlborough and Colony of New Zealand Savmillhand deceased intestate.

I LILLIAN BEHA POPE of Havelock in the Provincial District of Marlborough and Colony of New Zealand Widow make oath and say as follows:-

1. THAT I am the Widow of the said Frank Pope the Younger who died intestate on the twenty-eighth day of March 1908 at Havelock aforesaid.
2. THAT I have made a diligent search for but have been unable to find a Will executed by the said Frank Pope the Younger and I verily believe that he died intestate.
3. THAT to the best of my knowledge information and belief the estate effects and credits of the said deceased to be administered by me are under the value of ONE HUNDRED POUNDS AND THAT I will well and faithfully administer the said estate effects and credits according to law.
4. THAT I will exhibit unto this Court a true full and perfect



*Not much can top
finding an ancestor's
Will*

*.... other than
a detailed account
of the heirs fighting
each other in the
local newspaper.*

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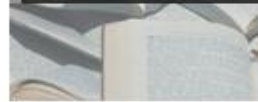
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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF QUEENSLAND.

In the LANDS of CHARLES DAVIS (otherwise known as Charles Brandon Davis and Charles Thomas Davis), late of Toorbul, in the State of Queensland, mariner, Deceased, Intestate.

Notice is hereby given that, after the expiration of fourteen days from the publication hereof, application will be made to this Honourable Court that ADMINISTRATION of the REAL ESTATE of the abovesaid Charles Davis (otherwise known as Charles Brandon Davis and Charles Thomas Davis), deceased, who died intestate, may be granted to CLARA STANLEY DAVIS, of Toorbul, in the State of Queensland, the lawful widow of the said deceased.

Any person interested who desires to object to the application, or to be heard upon it, may file a Caveat in the Registry at any time before the Grant is made.

Dated this Fifth day of August, 1915.

HERBERT C. REEVE, Solicitor for the said Clara Stanley Davis, 62 and 64 Queen-street, Brisbane.

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of CHARLES WADEMORE CHICK late of Baulkham Hills in the State of New South Wales Labourer deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to HELEN CHICK the Executrix named in the said Will and all notices may be served at the undermentioned address and all creditors are hereby required to send in their claims to the undersigned.—A. N. HARDING, Proctor for the Executrix, Wingello House, Angel-Place, Sydney.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au>

The Sydney Morning Herald (NSW : 1842 - 1954) (about) ◀ Tuesday 17 December 1929 ▶

IN the Estate of HELEN CHICK late of Toorbul via Caboolture in the State of Queensland (formerly of Paramatta) Widow deceased. Application will be made after 14 days from publication hereof that Probate of the Estate of the abovenamed deceased granted by the Supreme Court of Queensland to Alfred Norman Harding may be sealed with the Seal of this Court and all notices may be served at the undermentioned address. All creditors in the Estate of the said deceased are hereby required to send in particulars of their claims to the undersigned. Messrs. A. N. HARDING & BREDEN, Wingello House, Angel Place, Sydney.

The Sydney Morning Herald (NSW : 1842 - 1954) (about) ◀ Wednesday 4 February 1948 ▶

PROBATES.

The following probates have been granted :—Edward William Metcalfe Barwick to Alfred John Thomas Barwick and Francis Joseph Barwick, £212; Clara Rich Birch to William Thomas Birch and Charles Edward Walch, £100; Patrick Callaghan to Margaret Callaghan, Margaret Barratt, and John Barratt, £157; Claude William Roberts to Henry Radcliff Roberts, Richard Reginald Roberts, and Knyvet Henry William Roberts, £2441 12s 8d; Caroline Elizabeth Jackson to the Tasmanian Permanent Executors' and Trustees' Association Limited, £607; and Thomas Pregnell to Charles Edward Pender, £48.

Launceston Examiner (Tas. : 1842 - 1899) (about) ◀ Tuesday 7 May 1895 ▶



Intestate Estates.—The undermentioned estates were placed under the management of Mr. Gervase Clifton, the curator, during June last:—Emil Weber, Leonora, £5 15/; Edward William Gooch, Boogardie, £7 19/4; Samuel Bounsell, Lawlers, £13; Andrew Dickson, Pilbarra, £2 10/; James Butler, Meekatharra, 8/; Giorgia Mattio, or Martov Bonetti, Day Dawn, £58; John, or Frank, Hickey, Sir Samuel, £72 11/3; Samuel Pierce, Meekatharra, £50 15/4; Samuel Carlson, Meekatharra, £5 5/7; Charles King Fong, Geraldton, £5 10/11; Harold Edward Reid, Day Dawn, £1 15/; Alfred Ernest Smith, Broome, £5 17/6; John Urquhart, Fitzroy, £10; Elizabeth Jane Suttor, Cue, £15; Horace Wallis, Goomalling, £2 9/5. The above-named amounts represent personalty.

Probates and Administrations.—The following probates and administrations were issued out of the Supreme Court during the past week:—Probates: Arthur Harrington Curnick, late of North Fremantle, carpenter, to James Henry Curnick, net value £497; Patrick Hogan, late of Beaconsfield, Fremantle, labourer, to James Walsh and Bernard McClosky, £527; (sealed from Victoria) Edith Campbell, late of Castlemaine, Victoria, but formerly of Kalgoorlie, West Australia, married woman, to Hector Campbell, £200. Letters of Administration: Charles Henry Greenslade, late of Maylands, watchmaker, to Edith Mary Saville Greenslade, £246 1/11; John Francis Wilson, late of Day Dawn, miner, to William George Wilson, £217 19/11; (sealed from South Australia) George Newbold, late of Yankavilla, South Australia, farmer, to Herbert George Newbold, £50; Joseph Robert Bromfield, late of Day Dawn, carpenter, to Henry Wells, attorney of John Bromfield, £50. Letters of Administration with will annexed: William Joseph Flanagan, late of Perth, to Michael Francis Troy, attorney of Elizabeth Flanagan, £404 16/10.

Kalgoorlie Miner (WA : 1895 - 1950) (about) ◀ Monday 8 July 1907 ▶



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*Masthead of the Otago Witness
02 April 1880*

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DECEASED PERSONS' ESTATES

(PER UNITED PRESS ASSOCIATION.)

WELLINGTON, April 29.

The largest estate certified for probate duty during the month of April was that of Robert Maunsell (Wellington), which was returned at £101,422.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

WELLINGTON, April 29.

The following are the estates certified for duty in the Otago and Southland districts:—Otago: Ann Forsyth £5256, Thos. Clouston £5877, Margaret Pope £1341, Geo. Magorian £1285, Elizabeth Evans £962, Chas. Lamond £936, Patrick Sloan £655, Annie Alexander £619. Southland: William McFeterick £11,266, Alexander Hamilton £5995, John B. Wilson £3314, John Diers £1559, Nicholas Kelly £1577, Amy Isabel Johnston £890.

DECEASED PERSONS' ESTATES.

Otago Daily Times , Issue 14511, 30 April 1909, Page 5

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PROBATE COURT,

A COLONIAL ESTATE.

(Per United Press Association.)

(Received 25th, 12.30 p.m.)

LONDON, November 24.

The Probate Court pronounced Charles Phillips, of Australia and New Zealand intestate. He died at Rowton House, Vauxhall, leaving a fortune estimated from three to ten thousand.

A "PAUPER'S" FORTUNE.

Colonist, Volume LIII, Issue 12960, 26 November 1910, Page 2

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A "PAUPER'S" FORTUNE.

London, Nov 24

The Probate Court pronounced that Charles Philips, of Australia and New Zealand, died intestate. He died at Rowton House Vauxhall, leaving a fortune estimated at from £3000 to £10,000.

PROBATE COURT.

Thames Star, Volume XLVI, Issue 10233, 26 November 1910, Page 4



A NEW ZEALAND ESTATE

Evening Post, Volume CVI, Issue 70, 6 October 1928, Page 9

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A NEW ZEALAND ESTATE

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(Received 6th October, 11 a.m.)

SYDNEY, This Day.

The will of Mrs. Dorothea Ziele, of Leeton, New South Wales, has been lodged for probate. It is believed bequests of over £60,000 are made to disabled and blinded soldiers in Australia. The major portion of the estate is in New Zealand.

ESTATE OF £95,000

New Zealand Herald, Volume LXXI, Issue 21885, 22 August 1934, Page 10

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ESTATE OF £95,000

LATE MR. W. ELLIOT

WILL LODGED FOR PROBATE

For purposes of probate the estate of Mr. William Elliot, of Auckland, who died at Townsville, Queensland, on July 31, has been valued at £95,000. The will has been lodged for probate at the Supreme Court.

As already stated, £7250 is set aside under the will as a trust, the annual income from which is to benefit a number of Auckland charities. The remainder of the estate is divided among relatives. Mr. Elliot was a liberal supporter of public and charitable causes during his lifetime.

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