



# My Favourite Source: Probate Records

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# Introduction

- No central registration
- Colonies/states and territories
- Archives & Supreme Courts & Public Trustee
- Newspapers – Trove & Papers Past



# Documentation

- Copies of wills - signatures
- Death certificates
- Inventories of property - real and personalty
- Affidavits
- Correspondence



# Terminology

- Varies from state to state
- Estate papers/files
- Intestacies – letters of administration
- Probate packets
- Wills – ecclesiastical files



# Finding aids

- Online indexes
- Digitised records
- Look for online guides, fact sheets – can be complex
- Not everything is indexed and online yet!



# Queensland

- ▀ Queensland State Archives
- ▀ Online indexes
- ▀ Brief guides
  
- ▀ Supreme Court files – Southern, Central & Northern Districts
  
- ▀ Public Curator/Trustee files

## Wills

- Read [Brief guide to will and intestacy](#)—records created by the Supreme Court of Queensland, and the Public Trustee (formerly the Public Curator).
- Search [Instruments of renunciation 1915-1983](#)—index to instruments of renunciation, where the Executor/Executrix no longer wishes to administer a will.
- Search [Trustee files 1889-1929](#)—index to trustee files set up under the provision of a will including information about land ownership, rental properties, relatives, disbursement of funds, details of children, school fees and employees and wages lists. Most of these files have a 75 year restricted access period.
- Search [Wills 1857-1940](#)—index to wills from all districts from 1857 to 1900 and for the Southern District, Brisbane from 1901 except the Public Curator files (intestacies) in which many other wills can be found.

[www.qld.gov.au/recreation/arts/heritage/archives/collection/courts](http://www.qld.gov.au/recreation/arts/heritage/archives/collection/courts)



# New South Wales

- State Archives and Records NSW
- Online indexes and guides
- Deceased estate files 1880-1923 online index
- Probate packets 1817-1890, 1928-1976, 1989 name indexed in *Archives Investigator*
- Intestate estate case papers 1818-1914 (online index currently covers 1821-1909)



Wills

see Probates and Wills, Intestates and Deceased Estates

[www.records.nsw.gov.au/archives/collections-and-research/research-a-z](http://www.records.nsw.gov.au/archives/collections-and-research/research-a-z)

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# Intestate Estates Guide

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# Victoria

- Public Record Office Victoria
- Wills and probate records
  - 1841-1925 free online
  - 1926-2009 search online, but view in reading room
  - 2010 onwards contact Victorian Probate Office

## Search for Wills and Probate files by name

You only need a name to search. If you know a specific year of death, remember to enter it twice (from and to) to reduce the number of results.

**FAMILY name**

Bullen

**GIVEN name**

Henry

**Occupation**

**Residence**

**Year of death**

From

**Year of death**

To

**File no**

Search

[www.prov.vic.gov.au/explore-collection/explore-topic/wills-and-probates](http://www.prov.vic.gov.au/explore-collection/explore-topic/wills-and-probates)

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VPRS 28/P2 unit 49, item 14/565

Henry BULLEN. Date of grant: 24 Apr 1876; Date of death: 15 Sep 1875; Occupation: Carter; Residence: Sebastopol.,

1875 to No date

Probate and Administration Files

Master of the Supreme Court



14/565

VPRS 28/P0 unit 170, item 14/565

Henry BULLEN. Date of grant: 24 Apr 1876; Date of death: 15 Sep 1875; Occupation: Carter; Residence: Sebastopol.,

1876 to No date

Probate and Administration Files

Master of the Supreme Court



In the Supreme Court  
of the Colony of Victoria

In its Probate Jurisdiction.

In the Estate of Henry Bullen late of  
Subiaco in the Colony of Victoria  
deceased Intestate.

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

1. That on the Twentyfourth day of April one thousand  
eight hundred and seventy nine 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 Emma  
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 nine  
in the presence of three 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  
hereof and made her mark thereon in presence

her  
Anna X Bullen  
mark

Chas E. Hedmann

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

Children's names  
and ages



## 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.

On this land is erected a  
farmstead.

Brought Forward  
Wooden Cottages containing 5 rooms  
and also a 5 Stalled Stable  
would let at 6/- or 7/- per week. 50. 0. 0  
Waggon 73. 0. 0  
Debts due to the deceased.  
Isaac Hulander - Round Water 24. 0. 0  
Holes - Horse Feed  
Antonio Ranges Round Water  
Holes Horse Feed 5. 16. 11  

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£ 92. 16. 11



# Tasmania



- Libraries Tasmania (formerly Linc Tasmania) – Tasmania's Heritage  
<https://libraries.tas.gov.au>
- Family history
- Wills
  - Online index 1824-1989 - digitised & online free
  - Documents digitised are not the originals – transcribed copies

## Tasmanian wills

Search and download Tasmanian wills from the Probate Office.

### What can I see on-line?

Use the [Tasmanian Names Index](#) to view wills up to 1989

### What's available physically?

- [Index books to recent wills](#)
- [Wills post 1989 \(AD960\)](#)

### Notes

We hold four sorts of records about wills:

- Records completing wills by granting probate 1825-1999 (AD960)
- Letters of Administration for intestate estates where a will did not exist 1825-1997 (AD961)
- Reseals where someone dies interstate 1950-1992 (AD962)
- Wills settled by the Public Trustee (Elections to Administer) for small estates 1913-



[Will No. 1424] Jarvis, William

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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 & whereof is herewith annexed was exhibited and proved before this Honorable Court and that administration of all and singular the goods chattels rights credits and effects of the said deceased within the Island of Tasmania and its Dependencies was and is hereby committed to William Jarvis the Younger Thomas Jarvis Alfred Jarvis and Henry Jarvis sons of the said deceased the Executors in the said Will named. May the said William Jarvis the Younger Thomas Jarvis Alfred Jarvis and Henry Jarvis having taken first sworn will and truly to perform the said Will by paying first the debts of the said deceased and then the legacies therein designated so far as the Estate shall thereunto extend and the said Executors do and lawfully and lawfully 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 their Execution thereof 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

# South Australia

- Index 1844- 1997 (Probate Registry, Genealogy SA and SLSA) –
- Access 100 years

## 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

- State Records of South Australia – Public Trustee



## Public Trustee

Public Trustee records can be useful for family historians because they hold information on the deceased person, their estate and their relatives.

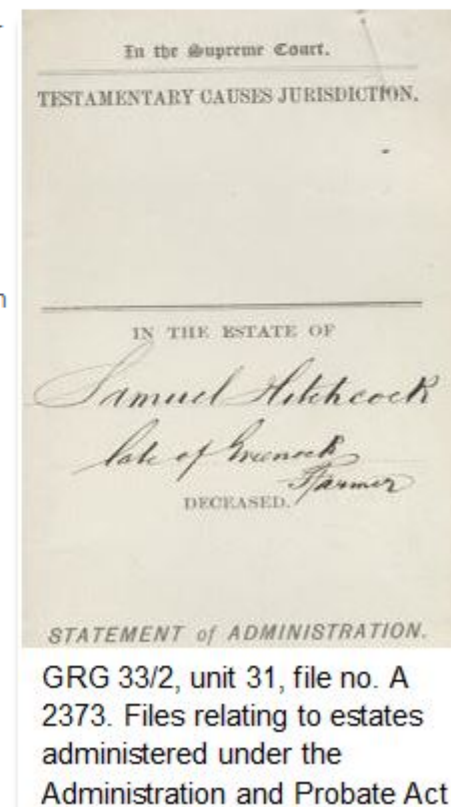
The Public Trustee was established under the *Public Trustee Act, 1880*. One of the functions of the Public Trustee is to administer deceased estates and the estates of people dying without a will (intestate estates).

The Public Trustee also administers the estates of people unable to do so because they are minors, or for reasons such as mental illness or imprisonment.

Most records relating to this subject were created by the Public Trustee Department (GRG33), and the Public Trustee Office (GA311).

### Records relating to the Public Trustee

**60 years access**





# 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 online catalogue

[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)



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Some archives are available on microfilm and the majority of these can be viewed in the [Search Room](#) during our opening hours.

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### "George Bullen" 2 results

George Bullen

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Ernest George Bullen

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# New Zealand

- FamilySearch 1848-1991
- Archives New Zealand

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Probate Place

Probate Year

From

To

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

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Name	Events	Relationships	Preview
<a href="#">Francis Joseph Pope</a>  New Zealand, Archives New Zealand, Probate Records, 1848-1991	probate: 1965 Timaru, Canterbury, New Zealand		▼
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<a href="#">Frank Francis Poppe</a>  New Zealand, Archives New Zealand, Probate Records, 1848-1991	probate: 1918 New Zealand		▼
<a href="#">Frank Pope</a>  New Zealand, Archives New Zealand, Probate Records, 1848-1991	probate: 1987 Nelson, Nelson, New Zealand		▼
<a href="#">Frances Ellen Papps</a>  New Zealand, Archives New Zealand, Probate Records, 1848-1991	probate: 1968 New Zealand		▼

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[www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org)





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.

*W. H. Pope*

A Notice of the Estate for the Estate  
of the

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 1902 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 ~~as~~  
according to law.
4. THAT I will exhibit unto this Court a true full and perfect

*W. H. Pope*

**I**N 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.

**I**N 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.

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

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

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## 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.

<http://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz>

## 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.



## Country court death duty registers 1796-1811

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## Death duties 1796-1903

Keywords: [administrations of probate](#) [death duties \(tax\)](#) [deaths](#) [duties and taxes](#) [legacies \(probate\)](#) [probate](#) [taxes and duties](#) [wills](#)

## Famous wills 1552-1854

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## Wills 1384-1858

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## Wills and probate before 1858: further research

Keywords: [deaths](#) [prerogative court of canterbury](#) [probate](#) [wills](#)

## Wills of Royal Navy and Royal Marines personnel 1786-1882

Keywords: [officers \(royal navy\)](#) [probate](#) [royal navy](#) [warrant officers](#) [wills](#)  All records viewable online

## Wills or administrations after 1858

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# Wills or administrations after 1858

How can I view the records covered in this guide?

✓ View online

✓ Order copies

✓ Visit us in Kew

✓ Pay for research

How many are online?

None

Some

All

The National Archives does not hold wills or administrations proved in England and Wales (or any other part of the UK) after 1858 but this guide provides advice on where they are held and how you can search for them.

For further information on how to find wills proved after 1858 in England and Wales, read [Finding a person's will](#) on the GOV.UK website.

For wills proved in Scotland up to 1925 go to [Scotland's People](#) and from 1925 onwards go to the [National Records of Scotland](#).

For **Northern Ireland** wills, go to the [Public Record Office of Northern Ireland \(PRONI\)](#), and for the **Republic of Ireland** go to the [National Archives of Ireland](#).

## England & Wales, National Probate Calendar (Index of Wills and Administrations), 1858-1966, 1973-1995 for Paul Spe...

1896 > Sabben-Tytherleigh

**SPENCER** Paul of Thynne-street West Bromwich Staffordshire gentleman died 2 January 1890 Probate **London** 2 December to Charles Lawrence Llewellyn coal merchant and Charles William Sutton merchant's clerk Effects £4981 17s. 8d. Former grant Lichfield February 1890.

### About England & Wales, National Probate Calendar (Index of Wills and Administrations), 1858-1966, 1973-1995

This collection contains summaries of the vast majority of probate cases in England and Wales between 1858-1966 and 1973-1995. It effectively forms an index to wills and probate records for this period.

The records were created by the Probate Registry, which took control of proving wills and administrations in 1858. Before this, four different types of ecclesiastical (church) courts dealt with these cases. A Principal Probate Registry was established in London in January 1858, and several district probate registries were created around the country. From then on, the registries oversaw all grants of probate and letters of administration. This collection is the Calendar of these grants.

#### Ordering wills:

Unfortunately it is not currently possible to order a copy of the will from us. If you wish to order a copy of a will or grant mentioned in this collection, you can do so for a fee from the Principal Probate Registry at First Avenue House or any district probate registry. You'll need to provide the full name of the deceased, the date of the grant and the registry where it was issued.

For more information, please visit the Probate Registry's [website](#).

<https://search.ancestry.com.au>

11 pages returned for **SPENCER** and the year of death **1890**

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	1890.
	ford in the County of Chester Silk Manufacturer the Nephew and John Nichols of 27 Portland-street Leamington Accountant the Executors.
<b>SPENCER Michael.</b> Personal Estate £384. <i>Resonance Mel: 1921 f 742-2-5</i>	24 December. The Will of Michael Spencer late of 27 Alice - street Sunderland in the County of <b>Durham</b> Paper Hanger who died 14 November 1890 at 27 Alice-street was proved at <b>Durham</b> by Elizabeth Spencer of 27 Alice-street Widow the Relict the sole Executrix.
<b>SPENCER Paul.</b> Personal Estate £4,981 17s. 8d. <i>Testate. Probate Principal Registry Dec. 1890</i>	12 February. The Will with two Codicils of Paul Spencer late of Thynne-street West Bromwich in the County of <b>Stafford</b> Gentleman who died 2 January 1890 at Thynne-street was proved at <b>Lichfield</b> by Louisa Spencer of Thynne-street Widow the Relict the Executrix.
<b>SPENCER Paul.</b> Personal Estate £100 3s. 5d.	18 November. Administration of the Personal Estate of Paul Spencer late of the "King's Head" Inn Potter-street Melbourne in the County of <b>Derby</b> Licensed Victualler who died 21 October 1890 at Melbourne was granted at <b>Derby</b> to Mary Ann Spencer of the "King's Head" Widow the Relict.
<b>SPENCER Philadelphia.</b> Personal Estate £865 15s. 11d.	28 November. Administration of the Personal Estate of Philadelphia Spencer late of Rocky Hill House Maidstone in the County of <b>Kent</b> Widow who died 14 May 1890 at Rocky Hill House was granted at the <b>Principal Registry</b> to George Spencer of 1 Hammet-street Taunton in the County of <b>Somerset</b> Gentleman the Son and one of the Next of Kin.
<b>SPENCER Richard.</b> Personal Estate £76 2s. 9d.	9 December. Administration of the Personal Estate of Richard Spencer late of 24 Park - row Heston Mersey near Manchester in the County of <b>Lancaster</b> Joiner who died 19 November 1890 at 24 Park-row was granted at the <b>Principal Registry</b> to Margaret Martha Spencer of 24 Park-row Widow the Relict.

Date of probate

Date of death

Surname

First name(s)

Registry

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## Wiltshire and Swindon Archives



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I Stephen Titt of Boreham in the parish of Warminster in the County of  
 Wiltshire do hereby revoke and make void all former will and Wills  
 Testament and Testaments by me at any time heretofore made and do declare  
 this to be my only last Will and Testament which followeth (that is to say) First  
 I will that my debts and funeral expences be paid and satisfied also I give  
 and bequeath to my Nephew John Titt and my Heire Mary Titt son and daughter  
 of my brother Robert Titt Ten pounds each of Lawfull English money to be paid  
 to them respectively within Thirty days next after my decease also I  
 give and bequeath to my Heire John Titt daughter Robert Titt daughter of  
 my said brother Robert Titt <sup>ten pounds of like Lawfull money</sup> to be paid to her my said Heire John Titt within  
 Thirty days next after she shall attain the Age of Twenty One Years also  
 I give and bequeath to my said Nephew John Titt my large Oak table board  
 standing in my Kitchen where I live also I give all other my household  
 goods furniture and Linen to my said Nephew John Titt Mary Titt and  
 Joan Titt to be equally divided between them share and share alike also  
 I give and bequeath to Clement Thatchers son of my late wife some shilling  
 also I give devise and bequeath all the rest residue and remainder of my  
 goods chattels effects and personal Estate whatsoever and wheresoever  
 to my said brother Robert Titt whom I make nominate constitute and  
 appoint whole and sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament In  
 Witness whereof I have to this my last Will and Testament set my  
 hand and seal this tenth day of January in the Year of Our Lord 1742  
 Signed sealed and published and  
 declared by the Testator as and for his last  
 Will and Testament and attested by us  
 in the presence of the said Testator These  
 words (Ten pounds of like Lawfull money)  
 being first inserted between the Ninth and  
 tenth Lines

Stephen Titt

Name:	Stephen Titt
Record Type:	Will
Probate Date:	1743
Residence Place:	Boreham, Warminster, Wiltshire, England
Occupation:	Mason

Wiltshire Wills project - Within our archive we hold 105,000 historic wills dating from 1540 to 1858. This collection has now been digitised by ourselves and the company Ancestry, working in partnership. It will be published online through the Ancestry service on January 30th 2018. This will supersede the in-house Wiltshire Wills website which is not working due to technical problems beyond our control.



## Calendars of Wills and Administrations 1858 - 1920

Wills and testamentary records are of assistance to genealogists as evidence of the date of a person's death and for other information which they may contain concerning the dead person's family, place of residence and property.

Before a will can take effect, a grant of probate must be made by a court. If someone dies without having made a will, the court can grant letters of administration for the disposal of the estate. Since 1858, grants of probate and administration have been made in the Principal and District Registries of the Probate Court (before 1877) or the High Court (after 1877). They are indexed in the Calendars of Wills and Administrations, which up to now, have only been available in our Reading Room.

Up to 1917, the Calendars cover the whole of Ireland, but since 1918 they cover only the 26 counties in the Republic; those indexes covering the six counties of Northern Ireland since 1918 are in the [Public Record Office of Northern Ireland \(PRONI\)](#). The Calendars of Wills and Administrations for Armagh, Belfast and Londonderry are searchable online at [www.proni.gov.uk/index/search\\_the\\_archives/will\\_calendars/wills\\_search](http://www.proni.gov.uk/index/search_the_archives/will_calendars/wills_search).

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## Details

Deceased Surname Kane

Deceased Forename Joseph

Primary Beneficiary/Executor Margaret Kane

Date of Death 28 Aug 1910

County of Death Wicklow

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✓ **KANE Joseph** [595] 8 September Probate of the Will of **Joseph Kane** late of 71 Upper Dominick Street **Dublin** Soap Boiler who died **9 August 1910** granted at **Dublin** to Bridget Ronan Married Woman Effects £107 14s. 6d.

✓ **KANE Joseph** [659] 15 October Probate of the Will of **Joseph Kane** late of Dunlavin County **Wicklow** Car Owner who died **28 August 1910** granted at **Dublin** to Margaret Kane the Widow Effects £1,176 3s. 0d.

## Details

Deceased Surname Kane

Deceased Forename Joseph

Primary Beneficiary/Executor Rosanna Kane

Date of Death 11 Mar 1912

County of Death Wicklow

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✓ **KANE Joseph (Junior)** [521] 6 August Probate of the Will of **Joseph Kane (Junior)** late of Dunlavin County **Wicklow** Car Proprietor who died **11 March 1912** granted at **Dublin** to **Rosanna Kane** Spinster Effects £428 14s. 8d.



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In the Name of The  
Father Son and Holy Ghost, one living and  
true God Amen. I Isaac Jeffers of the  
Townland of Thorey, Parish of Kilmore and  
County of Armagh do make this my last Will  
and Testament I leave and bequeath to  
Anne Cullen my house-keeper and servant  
my farm and house with its contents, subject  
to the payment of my just and lawful debts.  
I nominate and appoint Samuel Pattison  
& George Jeffers both of Thorey Townland  
Executors of this my last Will and Testament  
In Testimony whereof I transcribe my name

at Thorey this 7<sup>th</sup> day of November 1904.

Isaac <sup>his</sup> Jeffers  
<sub>made</sub>

Acknowledged & subscribed by the aforesaid  
Testator Isaac Jeffers in the presence of  
each and both of us as his last Will and  
Testament who have subscribed our names  
as witnesses on this 7<sup>th</sup> of November 1904.

Robert Douglas.

George Jeffers.

Affidavit of due execution filed  
Nelson Dist. Reg.



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Carnegie	Alexander	4/7/1921	ship and boat builder, 41 Prince Street, Peterhead, d. 10/05/1921 at Peterhead, testate.		Aberdeen Sheriff Court Inventories	SC1/36/184	<a href="#">View image (10 credits)</a>

**harp, Alexander (Reference SC47/40/12 Forfar Sheriff Court)**

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to execute and Trustee of my Trust Deed and Deed under its conditions and covenants saving & accepting in and hereby specifying that in case the said Alex. Gordon Deedman should not at the time of my decease my mother's estate be in a condition to loan for a livelihood she is in that case to allow him the sum of Forty pounds Sterling payable by two equal instalments half yearly of twenty pounds each & as more & I do hereby and prohibit also the said Alexander Gordon from all interference or intermeddling in the or management of his Sister's property and income: whatsoever or receiving any control over her or her estate and that he shall be bound to pay to her or her estate the sum of Two hundred pounds Sterling out of my estate and share of the proceeds of my estate if not paid as in terms of his letter addressed to me in date of October last in London I and by these presents do cancel the Legacy of my gold watch and appendages bequeathed to him in my Trust Deed and Deed hereby bequeathing the said gold watch and appendages to his first for the sole use and possession of my son and at and after his decease to my Daughter or her husband and possession and at her decease then to the said Alexander Gordon Deedman to him & heirs in fee. In witness whereof I have written, signed and sealed under my name this sixth day of the month of September 1857 (Signed) Alexander Gordon Deedman. Should any difficulties or legal question arise in management of my affairs after my decease such a reference shall be made to Walter Duthie Esquire Writer to the Signet Office in confidence in his experience and integrity and his ill services my family for his aid and advice whereon I have abundantly & freely relied so much of this my will I do as have my gold watch with its appendages to my Daughter only after her Mother's death and only that the family deal with the same may be to my son at my death and the gold watch and appendages to him after his Mother's death (Signed) John

26 September 1857  
Inventory of the Personal Estate of the deceased Alexander Sharp of the deceased Alexander Sharp in Montrose  
Inventor and oath and Robert Hogg Trust Disposition and Settlement after written to be in the summary Court Deeds of Forfarshire so forth whereof the latter follows viz Inventory of the personal Estate of Alexander Sharp in Montrose who died the 16th of September 1857

1. Cash in the House	£ 4
2. The following debts due to the deceased viz:	
David Forbes Blacksmith in Montrose	1.5
George Blair Montrose	13.4
Robert Trail Esq. Montrose	5
Mr. Adamson	3.2
Messrs Crawford and Smith	4.11
Messrs Ferrer	1.5.11
John Ballour Mason	5.2
Messrs Crawford & Co	9.5
Mr. Geo Bayne	2.5
Mr. Smith	12.4
Mr. James Walker	5.17.1
Mr. Wm. Sharp	1.5
Rev. W. Paterson	15.11
Miss Paton	3.6
Geo. Sharp Mason	6.5
Mr. B. Cair	7.5
Mr. Middleton	2.6.8 1/2
Mr. John Shaw	1.17.4
George Stephenson or Stevenson Fisher in Montrose £28.2.10 & £15.11.3	46.17.1
Messrs John Thomson Montrose	1.11.6
Mr. George Bruce Montrose	1.19.7 1/2
3. Balance in the hands of Alexander Thomson Writer in Montrose of the price of two shares of the Montrose Gas Light Co. sold a few days before Mr. Sharp's death	
4. Value of the deceased's House hold Furniture wearing Apparel and Silver Watch & Jewellery and appraisement taken on the 12th	

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Shauna Hicks  
GSG Oct 2018



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## ➤ Ardagh Wills 1690 - 1857

The Index to Ardagh wills cover the period from 1690-1857. They are extremely useful for those researching their Irish family history with ancestors from counties Longford and Leitrim but the diocese also extended into parts of counties Sligo, Roscommon, Cavan and Westmeath.

The Ardagh Diocese includes the towns of:

- Carrick-on-Shannon
- Drumshambo
- Granard
- Mohill
- Edgeworthstown
- Longford

As well as over 40 civil parishes The original bonds were destroyed in the Public Record Office fire of 1922, consequently all that survives is the index. The date displayed is the date of probate, unless that date is not available, in those instances the date is the date of the will.

### Ardagh Wills 1690 - 1857 Image

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Kilkeny Edmond, Kellifra, Co. Lt., 1720	Lee Michael, 1833
Killagher Edmond, Clooneen, Co. Lfd., 1759	Patrick, Balnacress, Co. Lfd., 1839
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Kilroy Patrick, Charlestown, Co. Roscommon and Fargram, 1812	Legge Thomas, Cartron, Co. Lfd., 1783
Richard, Brookvale, Co. Cavan, 1844	Lenaghan James, Lisduffmontgomery, Co. Lfd., 1822
King Philip, 1824	Lenechane orse Lamb Nelly, 1763
Kirkland John, Droming, Co. Lfd., 1813 (copy), grant de bonis non, original in Prerogative 1795	Lernon John (Rev.), Curroughcreehan, Moydow, 1848
Kirnan Daniel, Gortecorke, Co. Lt., 1819 (copy) original in Prerogative	Leonard Michael, Drimanan, Co. Lfd., 1839
John, Clontumper, Co. Lfd., 1821 or Kiernan Thomas, Dalystown, Co. Lfd., 1827	Patrick, Drumgaunaugh, Co. Lt., 1813
Knowlan Daniel, Carrickmorish, Co. Lfd., 1778	Leslie Andrew, Aughnasillagh, Co. Lfd., 1714
	Levinge Henry, 1838
	Lilly Griselda, Kenagh, Co. Lfd., 1778
	Robert, Kenagh, Co. Lfd., 1760
	Linnard Hugh, Dresternannin, Co. Lt., 1835
Lahey Henry, Caprogh, Co. Cavan, unproved, lodged 1844	Little Daniel, Ballygarvey, Co. Lfd., 1761
Lahy Francis, Aghakillmore, Co. Cavan, 1757	Elizabeth, Longford, 1819
Patrick, Druminey, Co. Cavan, 1842	Francis, Creve, Co. Lfd., 1708-9
Thomas, Aughakillmore, Co. Cavan, 1772 (copy)	George, Ballygarro, Co. Lfd., 1748-9
Thomas, Aughakillmore Lower, Co. Cavan, 1800	Graham, Ballygarove, Co. Lfd., 1799
William, Aughakillmore Lower, Co. Cavan, 1755	Henry, Longford, 1765
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Margaret, Edgeworthstown, 1845	John (Rev.), Vicar of Kilronan, 1829
	Robert, Crieve, Co. Lfd., 1767
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# England Probate Records



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Reading of a Will

[www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/England\\_Probate\\_Records](http://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/England_Probate_Records)

## Online Resources

- Find a will or probate document (England and Wales), 1858-present

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## Getting Started

*Probate* is the legal court process by which the estate of a deceased person is distributed to his or her heirs. Probate records include [wills](#) and [administrations](#). This article is about probate records in Cornwall. See [England Probate Records](#) for a general description of probate records in England.

### 1858 to the Present

Beginning in 1858, the [Principal Probate Registry](#) had the authority for probating estates. Click on the link to learn more.

#### Online Records

- **1858-1957** - [England and Wales, National Index of Wills and Administrations, 1858-1957](#) [at FamilySearch](#) — index

### Before 1858

Before 1858, Church of England ecclesiastical courts had authority for this process. To search for a pre-1858 probate record in



## Step 1. Search Indexes

Here are some online indexes to probate records that include individuals who lived in Cornwall. Search these indexes first:

Before looking for a will, you should search an index.

- [Cornwall Archdeaconry Wills and Administrations 1569-1799](#). Part of the National Wills Index.
- [Wills and Administrations Exeter Principal Registry 1559-1799](#). Part of the National Wills Index. Part of Cornwall fell under this jurisdiction.
- [Exeter Consistory Wills and Administrations 1532-1800](#). Part of the National Wills Index. Part of Cornwall fell under this jurisdiction.
- [Cornish Will Abstracts 1690 - 1859](#), for St. Erth and other places.
- [Cornish Genealogy Database](#), for surnames from the parishes in the south-west of Cornwall – the Penwith district and peninsula with Kerrier district and Lizard peninsula with its government seat in Camborne.
- [Cornish Probate Records, selected surnames, A – M](#)
- [Cornish Probate Records, selected surnames, N – Z](#)
- [Prerogative Court of Canterbury wills \(1384 - 1858\)](#) These include many Cornwall people.

**Note: some indexes,  
selected surnames**

[http://webs.lanaset.com/azazella/willscor12\\_pen.html](http://webs.lanaset.com/azazella/willscor12_pen.html)

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**JONATHAN BENNETTS** of Ludgvan, tinner

written 12 Nov 1733

proved: 17 Jul 1734

dau: JANE GIBBONS cotton petticoat that belonged to my daughter ELIZABETH, deceased

each of JANE GIBBON's children a gown and best holland shirt to make them clothes

brother-in-law: EDWARD THOMPSON best pair of black worsted stockings

son-in-law: DIGORY GIBBONS all the rest of my wearing apparel except best hat and scarlet waistcoat trimmed with silver

wife: GRACE 1 sh.

sister: JOANE THOMSON w/o EDWARD THOMSON all the rest & executrix

Jonathan Bennetts

witnesses: MARY TRELEGGON, JOHN WILLSON

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# Conclusion



- Some Australia states more accessible than others
- Can be complex, read online guides
- Changing all the time, new indexes & digitised images online
- Newspapers may provide date/place if indexes not accessible
- Good luck!