

Fact sheet

Passenger records held in **Adelaide**

Passenger records provide a valuable source of information for family historians. Passenger records are generally arranged by the date, name of the ship, and the port of arrival or departure. Unless you know these details your search may be very time-consuming.

Passenger records for South Australia

The National Archives Adelaide Office holds inwards and outwards ships passenger lists for the port of Adelaide from 1941 to 1976, though there are gaps in the holdings for the years 1964 to 1976. Adelaide inwards passenger lists from 1941 to 1964 are available on microfilm in all National Archives' research centres, with the exception of the Melbourne research centre (see table below). A small number of aircraft passenger lists for arrivals at South Australian airports for the period 1951 to 1972 are also held in Adelaide.

Records of arrivals after 1976 are held in Canberra for further information please see Fact sheet 38 - Passenger records held in Canberra

Passenger records for South Australian ports prior to 1941 are held by State Records of South Australia.

Passenger records - ships and aircraft

Title or description of record	Date range	Series number
Monthly immigration returns (returns for 1919–25 also include some inwards passenger lists)	1919–46	D1986
Register of passenger lists – inwards	1925–48	D458
Ships passenger lists (Form P2) – inwards Port Adelaide [also available on microfilm]	1941–64	D5077
Ships passenger lists – outwards Port Adelaide	1941–64	AP473/1
Inwards passenger cards	1948–50	AP475/1
Passenger manifests (Form P1) – outwards Port Pirie	1964	AP846/5
Passenger manifests (Form P2) – inwards Port Lincoln	1964	AP846/3
Passenger manifests (Form P2) – inwards Wallaroo	1964	AP846/4
Passenger manifests (Form P1) – outwards Port Adelaide	1964–69	AP846/2

Passenger manifests (Form M308 – P2) – inwards	1964–69	AP846/1
Ships manifests (Form M308) – inwards	1965–66	D5078
Shipping passenger manifests – inwards Whyalla	1969	AP1263/1
Passenger manifests – inwards Port Adelaide	1969–73	AP852/2
Interstate passenger lists – inwards Port Adelaide	1969–73	AP852/3
Aircraft passenger manifests – inwards and outwards	1951–72	AP1174/2

Related records held in Adelaide

Nominal rolls listing immigrants to South Australia may also be useful family history sources. Series containing nominal rolls for some voyages and flights to South Australia are listed in the table below.

Adelaide series containing nominal rolls

Title or description of record	Date range	Series number
Correspondence files	1939–51	D1976
Ships nominal rolls (foreign)	1947–50	D2002
Correspondence files	1948–66	D400
Ships nominal rolls and personal documents of assisted British migrants	1955–58	AP120/1
Correspondence files	1966–	D399

Ships passenger lists for other Australian ports

The Adelaide Office holds microfilm copies of passenger lists for the following Australian ports.

All National Archives research centres hold collections of passenger lists.

Collection references

Title or description of record	Date range	Series number
Crew and passenger lists – inwards and outwards, Newcastle, New South Wales	1865–84	C667
Inwards and outwards lists – Darwin, Northern Territory	1898–1934	E1019
Ships passenger lists inwards – Brisbane, Queensland	1852–1964	J715
Ships passenger lists outwards – Brisbane, Queensland	1901–11	J716
Ships passenger lists inwards – Melbourne, Victoria	1924–64	B4397

How to obtain more information

More information can be obtained from the National Archives' RecordSearch database, available in all research centres and on our website. Search using the series numbers that appear in the right hand column of each table.

You can also search for passengers arriving by ship in Fremantle and other Western Australian ports between January 1921 and 15 January 1950 using the online Passenger arrivals index, accessible via RecordSearch. See *Fact sheet 220 - Passenger arrivals index*.

Other fact sheets on passenger records held in the National Archives collection include:

- Fact sheet 38 Passenger records held in Canberra
- Fact sheet 56 Passenger records held in Perth
- Fact sheet 64 Passenger records held in Sydney
- Fact sheet 172 Passenger records held in Melbourne
- Fact sheet 184 Passenger records held in Hobart
- Fact sheet 190 Passenger records held in Brisbane