

The National Archives of Australia (NAA)

Sourcing and searching Australia's official archives can be a time consuming but rewarding experience. Each new document provides clues for further research.

Records associated with immigration can be found in the central repository for Australian Commonwealth Government records – the National Archives of Australia
www.naa.gov.au

The NAA also holds information on citizenship, post 1923 migration passenger lists, defence and war service, security and intelligence and indigenous Australia.



NB Only a small percentage of the material archived by the NAA can be found online. If you cannot find the records which you are seeking, please contact the NAA directly through their **Making Australia Home** project naa.gov.au/whats-on/records-releases/making-australia-home.aspx

To access National Archives records online:

- Go to the NAA website naa.gov.au
- Click on *Search the Collection*.
 - Use **Basic Search** tab to search all records. Enter the first and surname of the person you are looking for. Scroll down the records to see if they are there.
 - Use **Name Search** tab to search by specific records. Enter the surname of the person you are looking for, and then choose the type of record from the drop down – ie Immigration and naturalisation, Army Records.
 - Use **Passenger arrivals index** tab to search for people who arrived between 1921 and 1949.

Handy hints when searching the internet

- Keep your search as general as possible.
- Try different spellings, as passenger lists are subject to errors.
- Use an asterisk as a wildcard to open up your search. E.g. If you know the family name but are unsure of the given name, you can place the initial with asterisk, e.g. A*

For a full list of resources, please go to www.bonegilla.com.au and check out our research tab.