

Finding aids – databases for free

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Australian Civil Registration

- Where most people start
- Starting with the known and working towards the unknown



Overseas civil registration

- Another logical step depending on when your ancestors came to Australia



General searches

- Search engines are a tremendous resource
- You can find many interesting facts and lots of mistakes



Meta sites

- A starting point to explore the rich world of genealogical sites
- Often the first port of call



Libraries

- Whether accessed by walking through the doors or by clicking through their web portal libraries are important resources that cannot be ignored
- They range from national institutions to repositories of deep local knowledge



Archives

- Most archives are making more and more of their records available of the net
- There are many gems available for free
- Full records may be available for a modest additional fee



Archive finding aids

- If you are interested in an area or property using finding aids may assist you in tracking down that elusive ancestor
- Manor records, Company Records and personal papers can all end up in an archive of one type or another



Parish records

- After civil registration records have been searched the next port of call is often parish records
- While many are available on microfilm a growing number are available indexed on the web



Maps

- Old maps can assist in confirming place names in hard to decipher records
- They can show how to locate a place on a modern map



Some old stuff

- Some more specialist archives have been indexed at least partially
- If you have someone appear in them the information can be wonderful



Monumental Inscriptions

- Another resource for the family historian
- Obviously not every one could afford a memorial stone



The end

- This set of slides and a set of links is available on my website
- Simply search for “Nick Reddan”
- And follow the link to talks

