



# Check out the neighbours!

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## Consider how PLACE affected your ancestors:

- When they lived there, was it town or rural?
- Was transportation by river or roads (or later by rail)?
- Where / how would they have obtained their food?
- Where was the local school?
- Where was the nearest church?
- Were there any community organisations?
- What were the local industries?
- Why did your ancestor settle **there** and **then**?
- Were there any significant numbers of immigrants from one particular country of origin?
- How recently settled was the locality when your ancestors lived there?
- Who was the original title holder of the land? (Might it have been your ancestor?)
- How close were (& who were) their neighbours?
- List nearby places your ancestor would have known
- Try searching familiar databases by place rather than name & see what you find

## Repositories

- Archives ACT – [www.archives.act.gov.au](http://www.archives.act.gov.au)
- Australian Bureau of Statistics, Historical Data – [bit.ly/ABSHistorical](http://bit.ly/ABSHistorical)
- City of Adelaide Archives – [www.cityofadelaide.com.au/your-community/culture-history/city-archives/](http://www.cityofadelaide.com.au/your-community/culture-history/city-archives/)
  - Adelaide Assessment Books 1846-70 – [photosau.com.au/adelaiderates/scripts/home.asp](http://photosau.com.au/adelaiderates/scripts/home.asp)
- City of Perth History Centre – [bit.ly/PerthHistory](http://bit.ly/PerthHistory)
- City of Sydney Archives – [www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/history-archive-collections/archives](http://www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/history-archive-collections/archives)
- National Archives of Australia – [www.naa.gov.au](http://www.naa.gov.au)
- National Film & Sound Archive – [www.nfsa.gov.au](http://www.nfsa.gov.au)
- Noel Butlin Archives Centre – [archives.anu.edu.au/collections/noel-butlin-archives-centre](http://archives.anu.edu.au/collections/noel-butlin-archives-centre)
- Northern Territory Archives Service – [lant.nt.gov.au/search-tools](http://lant.nt.gov.au/search-tools)
- NSW State Archives & Records – [records.nsw.gov.au](http://records.nsw.gov.au)
  - Local History Guide – [bit.ly/NSWSAR-LocalHistory](http://bit.ly/NSWSAR-LocalHistory)
  - Photos – [records.nsw.gov.au/archives/collections-and-research/guides-and-indexes/photos/guides](http://records.nsw.gov.au/archives/collections-and-research/guides-and-indexes/photos/guides)
  - Soldier Settlement in NSW – [bit.ly/NSWSoldSettle](http://bit.ly/NSWSoldSettle)
- Public Record Office Victoria (*state archives*) – [www.prov.vic.gov.au](http://www.prov.vic.gov.au)
  - Researching land & property – [bit.ly/PROV\\_LandGuide](http://bit.ly/PROV_LandGuide)
  - Soldier Settlement in Victoria – [bit.ly/VicSoldSettle](http://bit.ly/VicSoldSettle)
- Queensland State Archives – [www.qld.gov.au/recreation/arts/heritage/archives](http://www.qld.gov.au/recreation/arts/heritage/archives)
- Royal Australian Historical Society – [rahs.org.au](http://rahs.org.au)
- State Library of Queensland – [slq.qld.gov.au](http://slq.qld.gov.au)
  - Blog – [slq.qld.gov.au/blog](http://slq.qld.gov.au/blog)
- State Library of South Australia – [www.slsa.sa.gov.au](http://www.slsa.sa.gov.au)
  - Manning Index of South Australian History – [www.slsa.sa.gov.au/manning/](http://www.slsa.sa.gov.au/manning/)
  - SA Memory – [www.samemory.sa.gov.au/site/page.cfm](http://www.samemory.sa.gov.au/site/page.cfm)
  - South Australian almanacs & directories online – <http://guides.slsa.sa.gov.au/c.php?g=410329&p=2795763>
- State Library of Victoria – [www.slv.vic.gov.au](http://www.slv.vic.gov.au)
  - Victorian Government Gazette Online Archive – [gazette.slv.vic.gov.au](http://gazette.slv.vic.gov.au)
- State Library of Western Australia – [www.slwa.wa.gov.au](http://www.slwa.wa.gov.au)
  - Dead Reckoning (*W.A. genealogical resources*) – [www.slwa.wa.gov.au/dead\\_reckoning](http://www.slwa.wa.gov.au/dead_reckoning)
  - Western Australia Police Gazette – [www.slwa.wa.gov.au/explore-discover/wa-heritage/police-gazettes](http://www.slwa.wa.gov.au/explore-discover/wa-heritage/police-gazettes)
  - Western Australian Post Office Directories – [slwa.wa.gov.au/collections/collections/post-office-directories](http://slwa.wa.gov.au/collections/collections/post-office-directories)
- State Records South Australia – [www.archives.sa.gov.au](http://www.archives.sa.gov.au)
- State Records Office of Western Australia – [www.sro.wa.gov.au](http://www.sro.wa.gov.au)
- Tasmanian archives + heritage – [libraries.tas.gov.au/archive-heritage/Pages/default.aspx](http://libraries.tas.gov.au/archive-heritage/Pages/default.aspx)
- Trove (*digitised newspapers, gazettes, pictures, books & more*) – [trove.nla.gov.au](http://trove.nla.gov.au)



## Maps and place names

- ACTmapi (ACT Government online interactive maps) – [www.actmapi.act.gov.au](http://www.actmapi.act.gov.au)
- Gazetteer of Australia Place Name Search – [www.icsm.gov.au/education/gazetteer-australia-0](http://www.icsm.gov.au/education/gazetteer-australia-0)
- Geographical Names Board (NSW) – [www.gnb.nsw.gov.au](http://www.gnb.nsw.gov.au)
- Google Maps – [google.com/maps/](http://google.com/maps/)
- Historical Atlas of Sydney – [archives.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/pages/historicalatlas](http://archives.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/pages/historicalatlas)
- Historical Land Records Viewer (NSW) – [hlrv.nswlrs.com.au/](http://hlrv.nswlrs.com.au/)
- Indigenous Language Map – [mgnsw.org.au/sector/aboriginal/aboriginal-language-map/](http://mgnsw.org.au/sector/aboriginal/aboriginal-language-map/)
- NSW Railway map by year – [nswrail.net/maps/nsw-by-year.php](http://nswrail.net/maps/nsw-by-year.php)
- NSW State Archives & Records Maps & Plans – <http://bit.ly/NSWSAR-MapsPlans>
- Northern Territory Historic Map Index – [www.ntlis.nt.gov.au/imfPublic/historicMapImf.jsp](http://www.ntlis.nt.gov.au/imfPublic/historicMapImf.jsp)
- Old online maps of Queensland – <http://bit.ly/OldQldMaps>
- Queensland Spatial (*including interactive maps*) – <http://qldspatial.information.qld.gov.au/catalogue/custom/index.page>
- South Australian Integrated Land Information System (SAILIS) – <https://www.landservices.com.au/products-and-services/sailis-factsheets-and-support>
- Tasmanian place names online – [www.linc.tas.gov.au/archive-heritage/guides-records/Pages/place-names.aspx](http://www.linc.tas.gov.au/archive-heritage/guides-records/Pages/place-names.aspx)
- VICMAP – <http://services.land.vic.gov.au/landchannel/content/productCatalogue>
- Victorian Railway Maps 1860-2000 – [www.vrhistory.com/VRMaps/](http://www.vrhistory.com/VRMaps/)
- Western Australian Landgate – [www0.landgate.wa.gov.au](http://www0.landgate.wa.gov.au)

## Photographs

- Flickr – [flickr.com](http://flickr.com)
- Historypin – [www.historypin.com](http://www.historypin.com)
- Pinterest – [pinterest.com.au](http://pinterest.com.au)
- Trove 'Images, Maps & Artefacts' – [trove.nla.gov.au/search/advanced/category/images](http://trove.nla.gov.au/search/advanced/category/images)

## Miscellaneous

- Adelaïdia – [adelaide.sa.gov.au](http://adelaide.sa.gov.au)
- Ancestry.com.au – [ancestry.com.au](http://ancestry.com.au)
- Australian cemeteries – [australiancemeteries.com.au](http://australiancemeteries.com.au)
- Dictionary of Sydney – [dictionaryofsydney.org](http://dictionaryofsydney.org)
- eMelbourne (Encyclopedia of Melbourne online) – [emelbourne.net.au](http://emelbourne.net.au)
- findmypast (Australasia) – [findmypast.com.au](http://findmypast.com.au)
- Guide to Australian Business Records – [gabr.net.au](http://gabr.net.au)
- Family History and Historical Societies in Australia – [coraweb.com.au/websites/societies-and-groups/](http://coraweb.com.au/websites/societies-and-groups/)
- QueryPic (*searches Trove & graphs results*) – [glam-workbench.net/trove-newspapers/#querypic](http://glam-workbench.net/trove-newspapers/#querypic)
- SA History Hub: Hotels in South Australia – [sahistoryhub.com.au/subjects/pubs](http://sahistoryhub.com.au/subjects/pubs)
- School of Arts History – [adfas.org.au/school-arts-mechanic-institute](http://adfas.org.au/school-arts-mechanic-institute)
- Tasmanian family history – [libraries.tas.gov.au/family-history/Pages/default.aspx](http://libraries.tas.gov.au/family-history/Pages/default.aspx)
- Time Gents (Australian pub project) – [timegents.com](http://timegents.com)

“Further information can be found by looking at our ancestors’ **F**ANs  
– **F**riends **A**ssociates **N**eighbours” (Elizabeth Shown Mills)

