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SA Shipping

This fact sheet will attempt to give details of passenger lists held in the Society Library, their contents and how to interpret them.

South Australia Index 1836–1845

This index is in a navy-covered book arranged by surname and the given name or initial. Each name has a number referring to a ship eg: Goldsmith William 39/33 B C D. 39/33 means 1839 and the 33rd ship for that year.

The key to the index is in the back section of the book. 39/33 equates to the *Somersetshire* that arrived from London on the 25 August 1839. Sources for the ship are then listed.

A is Source 1: *Records in South Australia prior to 1841* by Opie.

B is Source 25: Ships' Manifests for the years 1838-1840. These are in the large pale blue -covered books laying flat on the bottom shelf.

Passengers who arrived prior to 1840 should be checked in the index for *Emigrant labourers who applied for free passage prior to 1840. A free passage to Paradise?* compiled by Pat Button which consists of an alphabetical listing of these emigrants. This will lead you to the 35mm film for *the Emigrant Labourers who applied for free passage 1836-1840*. By combining this information with that in the ship's manifest, it can often lead to further deductions about your family of interest.

South Australia Index 1847–1886

Source 313 are brown covered books, which are indexes to passenger lists on microfiche. The index is alphabetical by surname and then given name. Each is followed by a number eg: 51/7. This means the year 1851 and the 7th ship. The passenger list can then be viewed and the listing is by ship arrival number so look at the film with the number 51/7 included.

Sometimes the passenger list will also have additional information like letters, lists of births and deaths, where people were going to work in the colony, and/or lists of passengers who had to pay extra because of age, occupation or number of children.

South Australian newspaper index.

Many passenger lists were lost and the only lists now

available are those in newspapers. These indexes in the red covered books on the Shipping Shelves of the library are also listed by surname and the given name or initial eg: George Mason, wife and two children, R 48/60. The numbers following these names have a letter or letters preceding them. AT represents the *Adelaide Times*, SA is the *South Australian*, and R is the *Register*. R48/60 means the *Register* of 1848, the 60th ship listed. The key to these volumes is the adjacent tall thin red book. To find the ship check the *Register* list for 1848, ship number 60. This shows that in the *Register* of the 9 December 1848, ship number 60 was the *Duke of Bedford*. Note that the date given is the date the information is in the newspaper, not the date of arrival of the ship.

The large black book listing *Ships arriving from overseas 1836-1900* shows the *Duke of Bedford* in the *Register* on 9 December, but it actually arrived on the 5th. The passenger list given includes George Mason, wife and two children. Please remember that whatever detail is given in the index is all that will be found in the newspaper.

South Australia Index 1888–1924

Details given are name, port of embarkation, arrival date and passenger list number eg: Mr and Mrs Boulden, infant and 2 children disembarked in Adelaide on 3 February 1908 on ship 83. This number is for a passenger list held at State Records at Netley. This index is on microfiche. Further indexing has been and is being carried out on these records and the information for the years 1888–1924 is on the Society Library computer.

South Australia Index 1925–1956

This list was compiled by the Maritime Museum from records held at National Archives and is in five black covered volumes. Details are name, age, occupation, ship and year of arrival.

Germanic shipping

This section covers ships coming to Adelaide (and also on to interstate ports) from Germany, chiefly Hamburg. (There is a special sheet available on this topic.)

Other sources of information...

Deaths on Board Emigrant Vessels 1849–1866

Mary Hodge Index 1836–1959 (arrivals and departures from intercolonial and local ports)

Deserters 1852–1952

Deaths At Sea on Mercantile Vessels 1869–1922

Index to assisted passages for domestic helpers 1921–1930 and 1938–1939

Index to assisted passages paid by nominator, 1876–1879

Barwell Boys 1922–1924

Index to sick and destitute immigrants Jan to Dec 1840

Crew lists and passengers departing Port Adelaide July 1841 to May 1844

Applications for agricultural labourers by SA residents, 1911–1914

Horner Index 1836–1887 (leaving for overseas ports)

Ships arriving in South Australia 1836–1841

Emigrants arriving in Australia from Hamburg

Unaccompanied female immigrants to South Australia 1836–1885