

DID AN IRISH-BORN MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY EMIGRATE TO SOUTH AUSTRALIA?

GenealogySA has a database of Irish-born South Australians for family history research that is being expanded and validated and will be pleased if you can assist in this.

Preparing and sending your information to us

There are three ways to choose from for preparing and sending your information:

- By
- i) computer in a *gedcom* file
 - ii) computer in the attached survey file
 - iii) writing on a hard copy of the survey pages and either emailing one or more file/s or posting the hand-written copy to us (*see later*).

As well as the attached survey form (*Irish Born South Australians.docx*; or *Irish Born South Australians.pdf* for printing), some completed examples are provided to help you (from the Cornish Project). These forms clearly show the kinds of information we wish to collect, but please also see the **Important notes** and the **Explanation of examples** below.

1) If you already have your family members in a Family Tree program such as *Legacy*, *Family Tree Maker*, *RootsMagic* or similar, **the best way to send us the information is to extract the people born in Ireland before 1900, their spouses and children (including any born in Australia)** into a ***gedcom*** file – even if they were in SA for only a short time (e.g. in transit). We are particularly interested to know what ship they came on and when, and as much other detail as you can supply.

2) If you aren't able to provide a *gedcom* file, you can fill in the attached *ibsa_SAGHS.docx* on a computer – it is designed to be done that way. It has a pre-designated field for each piece of data we are seeking, but sometimes you might need to abbreviate your response (e.g. a ship name, or 'Cem' or 'Ch' for Cemetery or Church). Some fields widen as you type – use the tab or arrow keys to move from field to field. **Please consult the Guide** on the next page, the **Notes** and **Examples** as you go. And please rename your file (by inserting your surname) before submitting it.

Your file/s from 1) or 2) should be emailed to: Project Leader at ibsalead@saghs.org.au

3) If you plan to complete the form on paper, please print as many copies as you need from *ibsa_SAGHS.pdf* or collect pre-printed copies of the form, examples and Instructions from SAGHS at 201 Unley Rd. (If the families of the Irish-born people you are submitting had more than ten children, you will need to use the extra copy of page 3 provided, per family.) Please complete as much information as you can, making use of the Guide, Notes and Examples to assist you, writing or printing as clearly as you can. **Don't forget to indicate the link person** at the top left-hand corner of the Spouse and Children pages and to indicate the correct spouse for more than one marriage.

You can drop your completed form/s in to the designated pigeon-hole at SAGHS, return them by mail to *Irish*, PO Box 3114, Unley SA 5061 or scan them and return the scanned file/s by email as above.

Important notes and Guide -->

Important notes:

- 1) **An Irish-born person must have been born by 31/12/1899 to be eligible for this database. Any eligible person is relevant even if they were in SA for less than a day on their way to somewhere else** (e.g. a gold rush). (Note that family members of the Irish-born individuals can be born after 1899.)
- 2) Early records of births in Ireland will almost all be of baptisms in Parish churches. If you know that a date is a baptism (or christening) date, please enter or write it in the line for baptism.
- 3) If the main Irish immigrant to SA in your family had children who were also born in Ireland and came to SA, these children must be listed on the first survey form you completed, but all pages of the form need to be filled in *for each of the children separately*, to show *their* spouses and children. The children need not have been Irish born as long as one of their parents was.
- 4) Remember, if you need more than 10 lines for children, please use the extra copy of page 3.
- 5) Time limit: the project will be on-going and has no firm time limit. However, we hope you can manage to send in your information for this first round of data collection within six months, or earlier if you have it available. If you don't have all the data and can find more by searching, of course we would like to have the additional data.
- 6) Given issues of inconsistent spellings and incomplete information for people there is value in identifying people appearing in other data sets such as the Biographical Index of South Australians (BISA) to allow them to be updated.

Guide for completing the survey form 'Irish-born South Australians (IB)

- 1 The form has three pages. **The front page is for information about the main person in a family who migrated to SA and the sources you have used in collecting this information; likewise for their spouse on page 2. Page 3 is for information about their children.** Note that the spouse and children can be Irish- or elsewhere-born. It is very important to fill in the '**Link to**' fields at the top of pages 2 and 3.
- 2 The form should be filled in for **each family** of an Irish-born immigrant to SA, including his/her Irish-born children. If the Irish-born person married more than once, enough information to identify the person clearly must be provided on page 1, and pages 2 and 3 filled in for each marriage and family – provided that the forms for the multiple families are being submitted together (see next page, 'Explanation of Examples'). If they are not being submitted together, please complete all three pages for the subsequent family or families.
- 3 For a single person without children, only the front page of the form needs to be completed.
- 4 For each piece of information on the front page, please put in the year or 'X' as instructed to show your source(s) – clarified on the next page.
- 5 Use the tab or arrow keys to move from field to field and please avoid using the <return> key.
- 6 Please enter all dates in the format dd mmm yyyy, e.g. 15 Jul 1877 (years must have all four digits).
- 7 It is possible that the Irish-born immigrant for whom you are completing the survey left Ireland for another place before coming to SA; there is a separate line to allow for this. If they emigrated twice from Ireland to SA, which some people did, the form also allows for that circumstance.
- 8 On page 3, you may be documenting a family where one or more of the children have different surnames from the others. The asterisk alongside Surname, and the Notes line half way down the page, allow for you to explain why these different surnames within the family have occurred.

9 Clarification of sources:

'Official certificate or index' includes SA BDM certificates, similar certificates from other parts of Australia, General Register Office (GRO) in Ireland, etc., also an official cemetery index.

'Census records' will usually be the records that can be found *in official image files* of Irish Census pages, but may apply to other countries as well -- for official census data collected by government agencies.

'Parish records IRE' will show the Irish parish in which the baptism was carried out (if you found this information in an *opc* database (see next category), please mark this column as well as the online FH resource column described next).

'FH resource' can be online or printed. It includes books and/or databases such as *The ShipsList*, *Findmypast*, *My Heritage*, *Ancestry*, and other website that exists for many Irish counties and regions.

'Family knowledge' includes a Family Bible, family records in other forms (e.g. handwritten notes), knowledge passed down to you in discussions with elderly relatives, etc.

'Newspaper notice/Trove' refers to actual newspapers as sources or the SAGHS online files based on these, or the extracts from newspapers that are made available through the *Trove* website of the National Library of Australia.

If you mark **'Other'** on page 1 or 2, please explain this along the bottom of the page (see Example files).

Explanation of examples from the Cornish Project

Three examples are provided:

Example 1 is for the main individual in my family who came to South Australia, who had eight Irish-born children. His first wife died, and he married again in Cornish before migrating to South Australia. He had eight more children in Australia. His second marriage and children, who were all born in Australia, are featured in Example 2. These forms are being submitted at the same time, so it is sufficient on page 1 in Example 2 to provide only full name, date and place of birth, the two lines for 'Did he/she marry?' and date and place of death. (If not submitted together, all three pages would need to have been completed for his second marriage.) Both examples have the 'Link to' filled in on pages 2 and 3 for the main person on page 1 and the 'Spouse No.' filled in as relevant -- Spouse No. 1 in Example 1 and Spouse No. 2 in Example 2.

To complete the records for this family, separate surveys need to be filled in for each of the **Cornish-born children in Example 1 who came to SA** (six of the eight). To illustrate this, Example 3 presents the data for the sixth child, who was aged 12 when the family arrived here.

For each of the survey forms you submit, please provide your own name, and contact details on the bottom of the third page in case we need to get in touch with you with queries we may have. These details will be treated as strictly confidential by SAGHS, you can choose to allow SAGHS to provide your contact information where someone interested in your data asks us how to contact you. SAGHS needs your permission to provide your details in that situation – so please answer the question about this at the end of the survey. Thank you.

Finally, please send any queries about the forms to the Project Leader at

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And thank you again.