Post Office Directories with MyHeritage Shauna Hicks OAM MA Grad Dip Lib Sc AASAP FQFHS

What are post office directories?

- Also known as
 - Almanacs
 - o Gazetteers
 - Handbooks
- Alphabetical lists of
 - o People
 - o Places
 - o Occupations
 - o Organisations
- Information on
 - Annual calendar of events
 - Community groups
 - Churches
 - Government agencies
 - o Schools
 - Sporting groups
 - o & More

What's under the Research Tab for Directories Downunder?

- All Collections
- Refine by Location
- Oceania
- Australia 85 collections
 - New South Wales 10 collections
 - Queensland 7 collections
 - South Australia 7 collections

- Tasmania 11 collections
- Victoria 10 collections
- Western Australia 6 collections
- New Zealand 7 collections

What's under the Research Tab for Directories Elsewhere?

- Canada 19 collections
- Europe 55 collections
 - o Belgiuim 1 collection
 - o Denmark 1 collection
 - Germany 2 collections
 - o Greece 1 collection
 - Ireland 15 collections
 - o Italy 1 collection
 - Luxembourg 1 collection
 - Netherlands 1 collection
 - o Spain 1 collection
 - United Kingdom 31 collections
- USA 361 collections

Uses for family history

- Trace people
- Learn about a city or town
- Discover what schools or churches were in an area
- Find advertisements for goods used by our ancestors

Research tips

- Use the Catalogue search and search within individual directories
- Use page navigation to see all pages in a directory (note not available on some directories)
- Read the Introduction (aids navigation of the directory)
- Check the contents page

Last Thoughts

- Useful for FANs (friends associates neighbours) ancestors may have been part of a community
- Date ranges available varies
- Check all sections of the directory
- Browse look for context
- Remember information may be dates (not accurate for year published)
- Revisit your research, look for new resources
- Good luck!

Thank you

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