

**BDA Source Description Pages**
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**Church Registers: St Thomas' Church of England, Port Macquarie NSW**

This page provides details of all available versions of the Port Macquarie registers, with a guide to the sources actually used in BDA.

State Archives NSW Vol 44 is a microfilm made in 1981 from the original register in the possession of Anglican authorities in the Diocese of Grafton. A copy is available to view online to registered users under the title 'Church of England in Australia records: Port Macquarie and surrounding areas, 1824-1864' at <https://www.familysearch.org>.

Those marked "Online" are included in BDA as at 2025.

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	1827	1827	SRNSW: ARK Reel 5003, Vol. 11	Not used*
	1828	1828	SRNSW: ARK Reel 5003, Vol. 12	Not used*
	1829	1829	SRNSW: ARK Reel 5003, Vol. 13	Not used*
	1830	1830	SRNSW: ARK Reel 5003, Vol. 14	Not used*
	1831	1831	SRNSW: ARK Reel 5003, Vol. 15	Not used*
Kerrison James	1824	1831	SRNSW: ARK Reel 5001, Vol. 1	Not used*

**Marriages**

Church Registers	1824	1832	SRNSW: ARK Reel 5016, Vol. 44	Online
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	1829	1829	SRNSW: ARK Reel 5003, Vol. 13	Not used*
	1830	1830	SRNSW: ARK Reel 5003, Vol. 14	Not used*
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Kerrison James	1824	1831	SRNSW: ARK Reel 5002, Vol. 3	Not used*

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	1830	1830	SRNSW: ARK Reel 5003, Vol. 14	Online
	1831	1831	SRNSW: ARK Reel 5003, Vol. 15	Online
Kerrison James	1824	1831	SRNSW: ARK Reel 5001, Vol. 2	Not used*

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### Notes re the Port Macquarie registers:

#### Church Registers

The entries from the Port Macquarie church registers covering the years 1824 to 1856 (and beyond) are found in the Archives Kit Reel 5016 Vol. 44. For more information, see *Index to the Microform Collection of the Society of Australian Genealogists as at 31 January 1990* (SAG, Sydney, 1990, p.95).

#### Clergy Returns

These are copies of the church registers sent to the government (similarly to the Bishop's Transcripts in England), and begin in 1824 for Newcastle. They can be accessed through the Archives Kit volumes.

#### Kerrison James Index

This index was not used as a transcription source for these BDA entries as it is merely an index extracted from the church registers and contains many errors.

#### NSW Registry of Birth, Death & Marriage Indexes

For the pre-1856 period, the online Indexes published by the NSW Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages provides index entries for baptisms, marriages and burials found in registers they hold.

For the Newcastle, the BDM Indexes source entries from:

1. The Kerrison James Index listed above; that is Volumes 1-3 of ARK;
2. The Church Registers published in Volume 44 of ARK;
3. The Clergy Returns published in ARK.

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