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Church Register: All Saints Church of England, Sutton Forest NSW

This page provides details of all available versions of the early Sutton Forest registers, with a guide to the sources actually used in BDA. Those marked "Online" are included in BDA as at 2025.

Baptisms

| Document | Start | End | Location | In BDA |
|------------------|-------|------|---------------------------------------|-----------|
| Church Registers | 1828 | 1840 | SAG Reel 172 + Ancestry.com.au | Online |
| Clergy Returns | 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* |
| | 1832 | 1840 | SRNSW: ARK Reel 5004-5006, Vols 16-24 | Online |
| Kerrison James | 1828 | 1831 | SRNSW: ARK Reel 5001, Vol. 1 | Not used* |

Marriages

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|------------------|------|------|-------------------------------|-----------|
| Church Registers | 1828 | 1831 | SRNSW: ARK Reel 5015, Vol. 44 | Online |
| Clergy Returns | 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 | 1828 | 1831 | SRNSW: ARK Reel 5002, Vol. 3 | Not used* |

Burials

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|------------------|-------|------|-------------------------------|---------------|
| Church Registers | 1829 | 1831 | SRNSW: ARK Reel 5015, Vol. 44 | Online |
| | 1832+ | | | Not processed |
| Clergy Returns | 1829 | 1829 | SRNSW: ARK Reel 5003, Vol. 13 | Online |
| | 1830 | 1830 | SRNSW: ARK Reel 5003, Vol. 14 | Online |
| | 1831 | 1831 | SRNSW: ARK Reel 5003, Vol. 15 | Online |
| Kerrison James | 1829 | 1831 | SRNSW: ARK Reel 5001, Vol. 2 | Not used* |

Notes re the Sutton Forest registers:

Church Registers

The entries from the Sutton Forest church registers covering the years 1828 to 1856 (and beyond) are found in the Society of Australian Genealogists' microfilm reels 3076-77 (held by SAG). For more information, see the Society of Australian Genealogists library catalogue at www.sag.org.au. These are also found in ARK volume 44 (as shown above) which was the source of the transcriptions used by BDA.

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The Sutton Forest original parish register for this period has been digitized online on www.ancestry.com.au

In the 1830s and 1840s the clergymen Thomas Hassall and John Vincent serviced a very broad frontier region, extending from the Southern Highlands as far as the Murrumbidgee River, there are variations between the clergy returns and original register. All these sources have been used for BDA transcriptions to ensure that all records have been recorded.

Clergy Returns

These are copies of the church registers sent to the government (similarly to the Bishop's Transcripts in England) and begin in 1828 for Sutton Forest. These are published in the various ARK 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 Ryde, the BDM Indexes source entries from:

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

***Not used:** These sources are copies of the originals and were only used if the originals proved difficult to read.

For more detailed information about the different types of church registers and for the list of other church registers included in the BDA see

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