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**Church Register: St Lukes Church of England Liverpool NSW**

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

**Baptisms**

Document	Start	End	Location	In BDA
Church Registers	1811	1831	SAG Reel 92 + Ancestry.com.au	Online
	1832	1840	SAG Reel 92 + Ancestry.com.au	Online
Clergy Returns	1812	Sep 1825	SRNSW: Reel 692, Vol. 2/8301	Not processed
	1826	1826	SRNSW: ARK Reel 5002, Vol. 10	Not used*
	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*
	1832	1832	SRNSW: ARK Reel 5003, Vol. 16	Not used*
Colonial Office Clergy Returns (being located)				
Kerrison James	1811	1831	SRNSW: ARK Reel 5001, Vol. 1	Not used*

**Marriages**

Church Registers	1811	Dec 1831	ML: SAG Reel 92	Online
	1832	1856	ML: SAG Reel 92	Online
Clergy Returns	1812	Sep 1825	SRNSW: Reel 692, Vol. 2/8301	Not processed
	1826	1826	SRNSW: ARK Reel 5002, Vol. 10	Not used*
	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*
	1832	1832	SRNSW: ARK Reel 5003, Vol. 16	Not used*
Colonial Office Clergy Returns (being located)				

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Kerrison James	1811	1831	SRNSW: ARK Reel 5002, Vol. 3	Not used*
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<b>Burials</b>				
Church Registers	1811 1832	1831 1840	SAG Reel 92 + Ancestry.com.au SAG Reel 92 + Ancestry.com.au	Online Online
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Kerrison James	1811	1831	SRNSW: ARK Reel 5001, Vol. 2	Not used*
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### Notes re the St Lukes registers:

#### Church Registers

The entries from the St Lukes church registers were used for BDA's transcriptions of baptisms, marriages and burials. The registers covering the years 1811 to 1856 (and beyond) are found in the Society of Australian Genealogists' library catalogue at [www.sag.org.au](http://www.sag.org.au). Original registers held by Sydney Diocesan Archives, Anglican Church Diocese of Sydney.

Sections of the early register are missing and some entries have been extracted from other sources, including from the Kerrison James Index. However it is important to note that these are abbreviated copies of the actual registers. Also a comparison between Kerrison James entries and the surviving Clergy Returns show many errors in Kerrison James. Ultimately, when the Clergy Returns have been located and transcribed they will replace the corresponding entries found in the Kerrison James Index.

#### Clergy Returns

These are copies of the church registers sent to the government (similarly to the Bishop's Transcripts in England), and begin in 1811 for Liverpool although they have only survived intermittently prior to 1818.

Baptism entries have survived from the September quarter 1812 until September 1825 except for: all of 1813, December quarter 1816, June & September quarters 1817, and December quarter 1818 & 1819.

Marriage entries have survived from the March quarter 1817 to September 1825 except for: June & September quarters 1817 and March quarter 1819.

Burial entries have survived from the December quarter 1811 until September 1825 except for: June quarter 1812, all of 1813, December quarter 1816, June & September quarters 1817.

While the other churches began using a standardised format from the September

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1813 quarter onwards, the surviving St Lukes returns do not use this format until the March quarter of 1817. Prior to that, the baptism entries were mainly recorded in the following format:

Births: the wife of Jno Millon, Settler, a Male Child, 20 Jany

As an army chaplain was the acting chaplain until the church was completed, this may explain the focus on the father and the lack of a name for wife or child.

For the period from 1826 onwards, the Clergy Returns found in the ARK volumes were identical to the Church Registers. Accordingly, the Clergy Returns were only examined if specific entries were difficult to read in the original registers.

### **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. Sometimes, however, the Kerrison James list was examined if specific entries were difficult to read in the pre-1826 period.

### **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 pre-1826 period for Liverpool, the BDM Indexes source entries from:

1. The Kerrison James Index listed above; that is Volumes 1-3 of ARK;
2. Their own copy of the Liverpool Register, which is listed as Volume 159 in their indexes and is not published in ARK (which finishes at Volume 123).

For the period from 1826 onwards, the BDM Indexes also source entries from the Clergy Returns listed above. These are published in ARK.

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

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