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Church Registers: St Johns Church of England, Parramatta NSW

This page provides details of all available versions of the St Philips registers, with a guide to the sources actually used in BDA. Those marked "Online" are included in BDA as at: July 2018.

Baptisms

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Marriages

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Kerrison James	1790	1831	SRNSW: ARK Reel 5002, Vol. 3	Not used*
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Kerrison James	1790	1831	SRNSW: ARK Reel 5001, Vol. 2	Not used*

Notes re the St Johns registers:

Church Registers

The entries from the original St Johns church registers were used for BDA's transcriptions of baptisms, marriages and burials. The registers covering the years 1790 to 1856 (and beyond) are found in the Society of Australian Genealogists' microfilm reels 55 to 60 and also 3 and 69 to 71 (held by SAG and ML). For more information about the years covered in these microfilms, particularly for the post-1856 period, see the Society of Australian Genealogists library catalogue at www.sag.org.au.

The registers have been digitized online at: <https://www.ancestry.com.au>

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 St Johns. Baptism, marriage and burial entries have survived from early 1811 to March 1825, except for Apr to Jun 1813 (the entire returns for this quarter seem to have been lost), 1824 to September 1825, and baptisms from July 1824 to September. For the period from 1811 to 1827, the Clergy Returns were sent to the Governor every quarter. They were documented differently to the church registers and sometimes included additional or different information to the Church Registers. Any differences will be incorporated into BDA's transcription to generate more detailed composite entries.

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When such information is added, the source-reference for the Clergy Returns will be added to BDA's transcription. The earliest baptism entries in the Clergy Returns failed to record parents' names, however this information was recorded from April 1812 onwards. Place of birth was included from June 1813 onwards even though, in the original church registers, "parents abode" was not regularly noted until 1814.

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 St Johns, 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 St Johns Church Register, which is listed as Volume 148 in their indexes and is not published in ARK (which finishes at Volume 123).

For the period from 1826 onwards, the BDM Indexes 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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