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In 1991 the Library of Australian History published *Index to the Australian Dictionary of Biography Volumes 1 & 2 (A to Z - 1788-1850)* compiled and edited by Malcolm R Sainty and Michael C Flynn.

The index was based on the first two volumes of the biographical dictionary first published by Melbourne University Press in 1966 and 1967 and incorporating addenda published up to 1991.

The index now added to BDA records every person mentioned in a biography, not just the subject person. The index published in 1991 has been used as a basis for the new index which contains other details of the individuals including their spouses, children, ship of arrival, date and place of birth, marriage, death and occupation.

The index covers 1,117 subject persons plus 165 others from the supplementary volume published in 2005 for the period 1788-1850. With all other persons mentioned within biographies added, the dataset contains 12,703 entries, covering most of the more prominent individuals living in colonial Australia to 1850 and broadening the national scope of BDA.

The cross referencing was done for BDA by John Ross of Surry Hills NSW. He checked against the on-line version and made additions to the 1991 index. Basic details such as birth, marriage, death and occupation have also been added.

Sources:

Australian Dictionary of Biography, Volumes 1 & 2, (MUP), 1966 & 1967.

The full text of the original biographies has been published online by the National Centre of Biography, Australian National University at: <http://adb.anu.edu.au/>

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