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Church Registers: All Saints Church of England, Bathurst NSW

This page provides details of all available versions of the Bathurst church registers, with a guide to the sources actually used in BDA. Those marked "Online" are included in BDA as at: January 2013.

Baptisms

Document	Start	End	Location	In BDA
Clergy Returns	1826	1826	SRNSW: ARK Reel 5002, Vol. 10	Online
	1828	1828	SRNSW: ARK Reel 5003, Vol. 12	Online
	1829	1829	SRNSW: ARK Reel 5003, Vol. 13	Online
Kerrison James Index	1826	1831	SRNSW: ARK Reel 5001, Vol. 1	Not used*

Marriages

Clergy Returns	1829	1829	SRNSW: ARK Reel 5003, Vol. 13	Online
Kerrison James Index	1829	1829	SRNSW: ARK Reel 5002, Vol. 3	Not used*

Burials

Clergy Returns	1828	1828	SRNSW: ARK Reel 5003, Vol. 12	Online
	1829	1829	SRNSW: ARK Reel 5003, Vol. 13	Online
Kerrison James Index	1828	1829	SRNSW: ARK Reel 5001, Vol. 2	Not used*

Notes re the Bathurst registers:

Church Registers

The original registers for All Saints, Bathurst, have survived only from 1842 onwards and can be accessed via the Society of Australian Genealogists' microfilm reels 29 to 32 (held by SAG and ML). For more information about the contents of these reels, see *Index to the Microform Collection of the Society of Australian Genealogists as at 31 January 1990* (SAG, Sydney, 1990, p.33).

Clergy Returns

These are copies of the church registers sent to the government (similarly to the Bishop's Transcripts in England), and begin in 1826 for Bathurst (recorded variously as the parish of Bathurst and of Kelso), however only some of these returns have survived as shown above. The entries from these Bathurst/Kelso Clergy Returns were used for BDA's transcriptions of baptisms, marriages and burials.

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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.

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 provide index entries for baptisms, marriages and burials found in registers they hold.

For the pre-1831 period for Bathurst, the BDM Indexes source entries from:

1. The Kerrison James Index listed above; that is Volumes 1-3 of ARK;
2. The Clergy Returns for Bathurst parish which form part of the Archives Kit (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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