

## BDA Source Description Pages

<http://www.bda-online.org.au>

### Church Registers: Christ Church, Church of England, Castlereagh NSW

This page provides details of all available versions of the Castlereagh registers, with a guide to the sources actually used in BDA. Those marked "Online" are included in BDA and available online.

#### Baptisms

| Document                                       | Start    | End      | Location                      | In BDA        |
|--|----------|----------|-------------------------------|---------------|
| Church Registers                               | Jul 1814 | 1860     | ML: SAG Reel 89               | Online        |
|  | Jan 1815 | Sep 1827 | SRNSW: Reel 691, Vol. 2/8300  | Not processed |
| Clergy Returns                                 | 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                                 | 1814     | 1831     | SRNSW: ARK Reel 5001, Vol. 1  | Not used*     |

#### Marriages

|                                |          |          |                               |               |
|--------------------------------|----------|----------|-------------------------------|---------------|
| Church Registers               | 1814     | Jun 1833 | ML SAG Reel 89                | Online        |
|                                | Aug 1833 | Mar 1856 | ML SAG Reel 89                | Online        |
| Clergy Returns                 | Jan 1815 | Mar 1827 | SRNSW: Reel 691, Vol. 2/8300  | 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 |          |          |                               |               |

## BDA Source Description Pages

<http://www.bda-online.org.au>

(being  
located)

|                   |       |      |                              |           |
|-------------------|-------|------|------------------------------|-----------|
| Kerrison<br>James | 1815? | 1831 | SRNSW: ARK Reel 5002, Vol. 3 | Not used* |
|-------------------|-------|------|------------------------------|-----------|

---

### Burials

|                    |  |  |   |  |
|--------------------|--|--|---|--|
| Church<br>Register | Aug 1815<br>1832   | 1831<br>1877   | ML: SAG Reel 89<br>ML: SAG Reel 89  | Online<br>Online   |
| Clergy<br>Returns  | Jan 1815<br>1826<br>1827<br>1828<br>1829<br>1830<br>1831<br>1832 | Dec 1825<br>1826<br>1827<br>1828<br>1829<br>1830<br>1831<br>1832 | SRNSW: Reel 691, Vol. 2/8300<br>SRNSW: ARK Reel 5002, Vol. 10<br>SRNSW: ARK Reel 5003, Vol. 11<br>SRNSW: ARK Reel 5003, Vol. 12<br>SRNSW: ARK Reel 5003, Vol. 13<br>SRNSW: ARK Reel 5003, Vol. 14<br>SRNSW: ARK Reel 5003, Vol. 15<br>SRNSW: ARK Reel 5003, Vol. 16 | Not processed<br>Not used*<br>Not used*<br>Not used*<br>Not used*<br>Not used*<br>Not used*<br>Not used* |

Colonial  
Office  
Clergy  
Returns  
(being  
located)

|                   |      |      |                              |           |
|-------------------|------|------|------------------------------|-----------|
| Kerrison<br>James | 1815 | 1831 | SRNSW: ARK Reel 5001, Vol. 2 | Not used* |
|-------------------|------|------|------------------------------|-----------|

---

### Banns

|                    |          |          |             |        |
|--------------------|----------|----------|-------------|--------|
| Church<br>Register | Mar 1829 | May 1842 | ML SAG Reel | Online |
|--------------------|----------|----------|-------------|--------|

---

## Notes re the Castlereagh registers:

### Church Registers

The entries from the Castlereagh church registers were used for BDA's transcriptions of baptisms, marriages and burials. The registers covering the years 1814 to 1856 (and beyond) are found in the Society of Australian Genealogists' microfilm reel 89 (held by SAG and ML). For more information, see *Index to the Microform Collection of the Society of Australian Genealogists as at 31 January 1990* (SAG, Sydney, 1990, p.46).

The Castlereagh registers are poorly preserved with pages missing or badly damaged. BDA staff used the Clergy Returns to supplement the information found in the Kerrison James Index for the pre-1826 entries and accessed the later Clergy Returns for the post-1826 entries.

### Banns Registers

## BDA Source Description Pages

<http://www.bda-online.org.au>

Banns registers were only kept for a very small number of Church of England parishes. Banns consisted of the clergyman reading out to the congregation the intention of two people to marry, thus giving time for any objection to come forward. They were read out on three successive Sundays.

It should not be taken that the couple then married as many did not do so. In some cases, a couple advised the clergyman that they wished to be married and were recorded, but no banns or sometimes only once were they read out indicating the couple decided not to proceed. The marriage register should therefore be consulted.

### **Clergy Returns**

These are copies of the church registers sent to the government (similarly to the Bishop's Transcripts in England), and begin in 1815 for Castlereagh. Combined quarterly returns for Castlereagh and Richmond were prepared and have survived for the period from January 1815 to December 1825, except for the death return for April to June 1816 which is missing.

Baptism returns have also survived for Castlereagh parish alone from January 1826 to March 1827, and July to October 1827. Marriage returns have survived from January 1826 to March 1827. No death/burial returns have survived for this period.

These returns were documented differently to the church registers and sometimes included additional or different information. They have been input separately as a new data source.

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.

The Clergy Returns are a particularly useful source for filling in gaps in the Castlereagh registers as the originals are so poorly preserved.

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

For the pre-1826 period for Castlereagh, 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 Castlereagh Register, which is listed as Volume 155 in their indexes and is not published in ARK (which finishes at Volume 123).

## BDA Source Description Pages

<http://www.bda-online.org.au>

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.

-----

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

<http://www.bda-online.org.au/sources/church-registers>

Historical resources available from the BDA Shop

<http://www.bda-online.org.au/shop>

These Information pages are copyright. Any request to reproduce them should be directed to BDA.