Census of New South Wales - November 1828.


Deaths List

This volume, now out of print, included as Appendix 2, an extract from the original clerks’ lists, details of notations made by the clerks, into their lists, of people who died subsequently to the taking of the Census.

The original note from the volume is as follows:-

In the PRO volumes there are notations giving the dates of death of 43 men and women. For reasons unknown to the Editors they are to be found only for persons with surnames starting with letters ‘A’ to ‘E’ inclusive. An original record was found in the PRO (Ref: HO.10/28) labelled:

1828 General Muster of New South Wales. - Extract of Convicts who died December 1828 to December 1833.
Extracted from List of Male and Female Prisoners of the Crown in the Colony of New South Wales as taken at the General Census in the Month of November 1828.
List prepared 4th March, 1834
Signed Principal Superintendent of Convicts Office, Sydney, New South Wales.

The list contained - Name of Convict; Month and Year of Death; Ship and Year of Arrival; Sentence, and in some cases cause of death.

It could be assumed that someone began to transfer the death dates from this list into the PRO volumes and stopped at the letter E. However, it is a completely different listing of people from those included in Ref: HO.10/28, and the original source of the information about those listed in the PRO volumes is unknown.

There are 379 males and 34 females recorded in the HO.10/28 List. They have been checked against the Census and where any particulars differ, a note can be found in Appendix 1. They, together with the 43 entries noted in the PRO volumes, have been integrated and appear in Appendix 2. Entries from the PRO volumes are indicated by an asterisk in the Remarks column of Appendix 2.

Ships, years of arrival, etc., are not repeated as they correspond with the data in the main entry. Where a date of death is not recorded in Appendix 2, it must be assumed
that the person died during the period from December 1828 to December 1833 as stated above, or before 4 March 1834 at the latest.

A CD-ROM of the data from the 1828 Census was produced by the Library of Australian History in 2001 and a Revised Edition in 2008 which included all details from the extant Household Returns which survive for about 25% of the whole. They are in District order but do not survive for the town of Sydney.

The Editor’s discovered that some 63 entries on these Household Returns were not transcribed by the Clerks into their alphabetical lists and thus it can be estimated that about 250 people were originally recorded on Household Returns but not transcribed into the Lists, therefore information on approximately 187 people has been lost.

This CD-ROM allows the user to call up everyone on an extant Household Return showing all their details, some of which are more specific than the clerks recorded in the Lists.

PRO is now The National Archives of UK know as TNA.

The CD is available from our Shop http://www.bda-online.org.au/shop

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