

APPENDIX 5

INFORMATION ABOUT AND ACCESS TO RECORDS OF FORMER CHILD MIGRANTS

COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENT

National Archives of Australia

The National Archives of Australia holds many records which provide information of interest to former child migrants. The records include:

- immigration case files (usually known as migrant selection documents). These files commence in 1947 and contain a form (LEM3) completed in London or Malta, medical certificate, and occasionally a school report. Some files contain a birth certificate or extract although these were sometimes handed to State child welfare departments. There is a file for most individuals;
- ships passenger lists and ships nominal rolls. These files may also contain some particulars about the voyage, correspondence from and about passengers, news clippings and other items; and
- naturalisation files.

Archives records relating to individual child and youth migrants are essentially those concerned with their entry into Australia rather than the day-to-day care once they had arrived. Archives also holds a number of policy and administrative files which contain lists of names and other details of individual child or youth migrants. In some instances these may provide important material for genealogical research.

The Archives' Research Guide – *Good British Stock: Child and Youth Migration to Australia* – provides details of the relevant records (not only those of British children, but also files relating to Maltese children and those migrated through the Polish Jewish Relief Fund) held by the Archives, as well as a guide to other genealogical sources.

The Guide is available from the Archives or can be accessed at:

http://www.naa.gov.au/Publications/Research_Guides/Child_Migration/child_migration.html

Contact: National Archives of Australia
Queen Victoria Terrace
PARKES ACT 2600
Phone: (02) 6212 3600
Fax: (02) 6212 3699
e-mail: archives@naa.gov.au
website: <http://www.naa.gov.au>

National Archives of Australia Sydney
120 Miller Street
CHESTER HILL NSW 2162
Phone: (02) 9645 0110
http://www.naa.gov.au/publications/fact_sheets/fs147.html

National Archives of Australia Brisbane
996 Wynnum Road
CANNON HILL QLD 4000
Phone: 1300 886 881

National Archives of Australia Adelaide
11-13 Derlanger Ave
COLLINSWOOD SA 5081
Phone: (08) 8269 0121
Holds selected documents on most child migrants who came to South Australia, found in series D1989 under the name of the vessel of arrival.

National Archives of Australia Hobart
4 Rosny Hill Road
ROSNY PARK TAS 7018
Phone: (03) 6244 0101

National Archives of Australia Melbourne
Casselden Place
2 Lonsdale Street
MELBOURNE VIC 3000
Phone: (03) 9285 7999
Holds the selection documents for most child migrants to Victoria, located in series B4061 under the name of the vessel of arrival.

National Archives of Australia Perth
384 Berwick Street
EAST VICTORIA PARK WA 6101
Phone: (08) 9470 7500
Holds individual files of most post-war child migrants to WA, copies of passengers lists nominal roles & administration files.

National Library of Australia

The National Library holds microfilm records pertaining to the Fairbridge Society (Microfilm no.1841-1845), the Dreadnought Trust (Microfilm no.N120) and the Big Brother Movement (Microfilm no.196).

Contact: National Library of Australia
Parkes Place
CANBERRA ACT 2600
Phone: (02) 6262 1111
e-mail: www@nla.gov.au
Website: <http://www.nla.gov.au>

STATE GOVERNMENTS

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Family Information Records Bureau WA Former Child Migrant Referral Index

The Department for Family and Children's Services has, in conjunction with Western Australian receiving agencies, established as index of former child migrants to Western Australia. The Western Australian Former Child Migrant Referral Index identifies all former child migrants who came to Western Australia from the UK and Malta from 1913 to 1968. There are 2,941 former child migrants listed on the index, which acts as a signposting service and contains the following information: name; alias; date of birth; date of arrival; ship; placement; and location of records. The Index also includes information from the UK, when available, including the sending agency and location and where any relevant records may be held.

Contact: Family Information Records Bureau
Family and Children's Services of Western Australia
PO Box 6334
EAST PERTH WA 6892
Free call: 1800 000 277

Library and Information Services of Western Australia JS Battye Library of West Australian History State Records Office of Western Australia

Library and Information Services of Western Australia holds files from Fairbridge, Pinjarra. For information on access see listing under Fairbridge, Pinjarra. The Library also has some records pertaining to Swan Homes in microform (admission and discharge records, 1868-1960) and a collection of photographs of Seaforth Boys' Home in Gosnells, 1929-1931.

The State Records Office holds records from the former Child Welfare Department, Immigration Department and Department of Lands and Surveys, Premier's Department and Crown Law Department which provides information of interest to child migrants, including some inspection reports of the homes.

Access to records of the former Child Welfare Department which contain client information is restricted. Permission from the Department for Family & Children's Services is required for viewing. Other records may also have access restrictions.

Contact: Alexander Library Building
Perth Cultural Centre
Francis Street
PERTH WA 6000
Phone: (08) 9427 3360
e-mail: info@liswa.wa.gov.au
Website: <http://www.liswa.wa.gov.au>
<http://www.liswa.wa.gov.au/battye.html>
<http://www.liswa.wa.gov.au/staterecoff.html>

NEW SOUTH WALES

NSW Department of Community Services

The Department of Community Services, under its *Connecting Kin* project, has produced a comprehensive guide to records to help people who were in institutional care search for their records. *Connecting Kin* contains extensive details of records of government and non-government agencies, where records are kept and how to access them. One section of the guide details government records pertaining to child migrants:

- Immigrant children's files 1947-76;
- Registers of arrivals and discharge of immigrant children, 1953-56, 1960-64;
- Files concerning the arrival of immigrant children sponsored by the Big Brother scheme, 1965-73;
- Returns of employment changes made by young persons sponsored by the Fairbridge Farm Scheme, 1968-69;
- Immigrant children's index [no date];
- Immigration nomination (Minor 'E') files, 1962-76.

These files are held by the State Records Authority of NSW. Permission to view or copy records containing details of individuals or families must be sought from the Department of Community Services.

The Guide is available at: <http://www.community.nsw.gov.au/document/ckguide2.pdf>

The Department is also establishing a database based on its card index. The NSW Immigrants Index will list 3,860 child and youth migrants who arrived in NSW between 1947 and 1961. The Index will include names of sending/receiving agency, ship and date of arrival and name of parent (usually mother's name). Records will also be microfiched. A review of pre-war files held by the Department is planned. A Website is also under construction.

The NSW Government has also funded ISS to provide tracing and counselling for NSW former child migrants.

Contact: Designated Official
Adoption Services Branch
Phone: (02) 9865 5906

State Library of NSW

The State Library may hold records of interest to former child migrants. The Library's website has links to major research resources for tracing family history in the UK.

Contact: State Library of NSW
State Reference Library
Macquarie Street
SYDNEY NSW 2000
Phone: (02) 9273 1313
E-mail: srl@slnsw.gov.au
Website: <http://www.slnsw.gov.au>

VICTORIA

The Department of Human Services Adoption Information Service and Archival Services

The Department of Human Services provides the following support to all Victorian former child migrants:

- information regarding procedures for records searching, both in Victoria and in the United Kingdom
- short term counselling on grief and separation issues
- assistance in understanding the information in retrieved, historical records
- pre and post reunion counselling.

This service is located within the Adoption Information Service.

Archival Services has processed all relevant Victorian Government records into sequential order by policy file/client name. All client names have been entered into the Archival Services database to enable quick retrieval and matching to boxed records.

The Adoption Information Service will help former child migrants apply under the Freedom of Information Act for access to their Departmental files. If these records show that a person was placed with a specific non-government organisation, Archival Services can contact that organisation, on behalf of the former child migrant, to assist in locating any relevant records held by that organisation. This support is offered on a case by case basis. No Freedom of Information fees apply.

Contact: The Duty Worker
Adoption Information Services
16th Floor
Transport House
589 Collins Street
MELBOURNE VIC 3000
Phone: (03) 9616 2822

Public Record Office of Victoria

The Public Record Office of Victoria holds relevant files at the Laverton Search Centre. The records include Child Migration files, 1924-70 and Children's Overseas Reception Boards files, 1940-46.

Access to the records may be provided by the controlling agency, the Department of Human Services.

Contact: Melbourne Archives Centre
Level 2, Casselden Place
2 Lonsdale Street
MELBOURNE VIC 3000
Phone: 1800 657 452
E-mail: ask.prov@dpc.vic.gov.au
Website: <http://www.prov.vic.gov.au/main/MACopen.htm>

State Library of Victoria

Contact: State Library of Victoria
328 Swanston Street
MELBOURNE VIC 3000
Phone: (03) 8664 7000
E-mail: webinfo@slv.vic.gov.au
Website: <http://www.slv.vic.gov.au>

QUEENSLAND**Department of Families, Youth and Community Care**

The Department has produced a guide, *Missing Pieces*, which provides information about the records of departmental institutions and those operated by church and community groups. The guide provides a description of departmental files, location, access details and contact details. For each institution, both government and non-government, a brief historical summary is provided. Details of records and access and contact details are included.

The Department intends to update the guide as additional records are located.

The guide can be accessed on the Department's website at:

<http://www.families.qld.gov.au/department/MissingPieces/index.html>

Contact: Administrative Release Team
Freedom of Information Branch
Department of Families, Youth and Community Care
GPO Box 806
BRISBANE QLD 4001
Freecall: 1800 809 078
Fax: (07) 3224 7050
Website: <http://www.families.qld.gov.au>

Aftercare Resource Centre

Following the Forde Inquiry, the Department established a counselling and support service for former residents of Queensland Institutions. The Aftercare Resource Centre (ARC) provides face to face and toll free telephone counselling. ARC also provides advice regarding access to individual records, documents and archival papers.

Contact: Aftercare Resource Centre
32 Thomas Street
WEST END QLD 4101
Phone: (07) 3255 2848
Freecall: 1800 501 560
Fax: (07) 3255 2258

Queensland State Archives

The Queensland State Archives holds records from the Immigration Department, Premier's Department and other Departments relating to child migration including escort reports and nominal roles for the voyages, orphanages and children's homes.

Contact: Queensland State Archives
435 Compton Road
RUNCORN QLD 4113
Phone: (07) 3875 8755
website: <http://www.archives.qld.gov.au>

State Library of Queensland

Contact: State Library of Queensland
General Information and Research Services
Level 2, Southbank Building, Queensland Cultural Centre
Cnr Stanley and Peel Streets
SOUTH BRISBANE QLD 4101
Phone: (07) 3840 7666
E-mail: srlenquiries@slq.qld.gov.au
Website: <http://www.slq.qld.gov.au>

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Department of Human Services Adoption and Family Information Service

Individual Departmental files exist for most former child migrants. Access is provided through the Adoption and Family Information Service (AFIS). Support is available for those who wish to access the files. No fees are charged. AFIS has also developed a small collection of data and information about the British Child Migration Schemes.

The Department has purchased the Personal History Index (PHIND) as it contains records of child migrants to South Australia.

Contact: Adoption and Family Information Service
Department of Human Services
9th Floor, City Centre Building
11 Hindmarsh Square
ADELAIDE SA 5000
Phone: (08) 8226 6694

State Records of South Australia

Contact: State Records of South Australia
222 Marion Road
NETLEY SA 5037
Phone: (08) 8343 6800
E-mail: staterecords@saugov.sa.gov.au
Website: <http://www.archives.sa.gov.au>

Mortlock Library of South Australia

The Library holds copies of newspapers with stories and photographs of arrivals from the *Ormonde*.

Contact: State Library of South Australia
North Terrace
ADELAIDE SA 5000
Phone: (08) 8207 7250
Website: <http://www.slsa.sa.gov.au>

TASMANIA

Department of Health and Human Services

Child and Family Services can provide assistance for making Freedom of Information requests for access to files of the then Department of Social Welfare.

Contact: Child and Family Services
34 Davey Street
HOBART TAS 7000
Phone: (03) 6230 7650
Freecall 1800 001 219
Website: <http://www.dchs.tas.gov.au>

Archives Office of Tasmania

The Archives Office holds records from the Department of Social Welfare and State Immigration Office relating to child migrants. The Archives also holds the records of the Fairbridge Home at Tresca House, Exeter, Northern Tasmania. A guide to the records and how to apply for access are provided on the Archives website.

Contact: The State Archivist
Archives Office of Tasmania
77 Murray Street
HOBART TAS 7000
Phone: (03) 6233 7490
Website: <http://www.archives.tas.gov.au/guides-to-holdings/guide5.htm>

State Library of Tasmania

Contact: State Library of Tasmania
State Reference Service
2nd Floor, 91 Murray Street
HOBART TAS 2000
Phone: (03) 6233 7526
E-mail: library.srl@central.tased.edu.au
Website: <http://www.tased.edu.au/library/library.htm>

UNITED KINGDOM

Department of Health

The UK Department of Health has produced a leaflet called 'Former British Child Migrants'. The leaflet provides information about the Support Fund for children who were migrated from institutional care in the UK under Government assisted schemes and how to access personal records. Details of the Central Information Index kept by the National Council of Voluntary Child Care Organisations (NCVCCO) (see also below) are provided as well as a list of agencies in the UK, Australia, Canada and New Zealand which may be able to assist in accessing records.

Department's website has an information guide for former child migrants. The guide includes a list of agencies which may be able to provide help in accessing records as well as links to some Sending Agencies and the Office of National Statistics.

Contact: Family Policy Co-ordinator
Room 121 Wellington House
Department of Health
133-155 Waterloo Road
LONDON SE1 8UG
Phone: 020 7972 4086
Website: <http://www.doh.gov.uk/childinf.htm>

Public Record Office

The Public Record Office holds records concerning child and youth migration. Some relevant records are listed in the National Archives Guide.

Contact: Public Records Office
Ruskin Ave
KEW, SURREY TW9 4DU
UNITED KINGDOM
Phone: +44 181 392 5200
E-mail: enquiry@pro.gov.uk
Website: www.pro.gov.uk

UK Family Records Online

This is a UK family history portal that guides users to resources on the web. It includes information from the Public Records Office, the National Archives of Scotland, the India Office, National Library of Wales and the Family Record Centre. Topical links include census, migration, military records, adoption and parish registers.

Contact: <http://www.familyrecords.gov.uk>

NEW ZEALAND**Children, Young Persons and their Families Agency (CYPFA)**

The CYPFA holds a complete list of British children migrated to New Zealand and where they went after their arrival. It holds personal files related to individual child migrants for whom the Child Welfare Service of the then Department of Education acted as guardian.

Contact: Children, Young Persons and their Families Agency
PO Box 2620
WELLINGTON NZ
Phone: 918 9134
E-mail: stuartyoung002@dsw.govt.nz

MALTA**Emigrants Commission**

Contact: Emigrants Commission
Dar I-Emigrant
Castille Place
VALETTA
MALTA
Phone: 232 545

The Commission for Maltese Abroad

Contact: The Commission for Maltese Abroad
C/- Ministry for Education and Human Resources
FLORIANA CMR O2
MALTA
Phone: 231 385

National Archives of Malta

Holds some files relevant to child migrants. See the National Archives of Australia Guide.

NON-GOVERNMENT ORGANISATIONS

AUSTRALIA

Child Migrants Trust (CMT)

The Child Migrants Trust provides assistance to child migrants to be reunited with living relatives. The Child Migrants Trust employs a specialist to assist family tracing and specialist social workers to provide counselling for former child migrants and their families making their first contact.

Contact: Child Migrants Trust
5 Thomas Street
NEDLANDS WA 6909
Phone: (08) 9386 3605
Fax: (08) 9386 3695

Child Migrants Trust
228 Canning Street
NORTH CARLTON VIC 3054
Phone: (03) 9347 7403
Fax: (03) 9347 1791

Child Migrants Trust
28A Musters Road
WEST BRIDGFORD
NOTTINGHAM NG2 7PL ENGLAND
Phone: (0115) 982 2811
Fax: (0115) 981 7168
Website: http://www.nottscc.gov.uk/child_migrants

International Social Services

Contact: International Social Services
Level 2, 313-315 Flinders Lane
MELBOURNE VIC 3000
Phone: (03) 9614 8755
Fax: (03) 9614 8766

International Social Services
Suite 2, Level 7
189 Kent Street
SYDNEY NSW 2000
Phone: (02) 9252 7477

Catholic Church

Australian Catholic Social Welfare Commission (ACSWC)

The ACSWC has compiled a national directory of records of Catholic organisations caring for children separated from families. The directory, entitled 'A Piece of the Story', lists all known centres run by organisations of the Catholic Church across Australia that provided residential care for children outside the family. The directory provides, for each centre, contact details and information about access and the type of records available.

The directory may be accessed on the web at:

http://www.catholicwelfare.com.au/about_us/index.htm

Western Australia

Personal History Index (PHIND)

The Personal History Index gives details of the location of records held in Australia for former child migrants who arrived and were placed in Catholic homes between 1938 and 1965. A child migrant for the Index is a child who migrated under a recognised scheme authorised by the Commonwealth and/or State Governments. In the post-war years, it covers those children who arrived under Immigration Form LEM3 which was specifically for child migrants. With some exceptions, PHIND does not include youths who migrated under Assisted Passages or under the Immigration Department's Youth Migration category.

The PHIND was funded and sponsored by:

- the Congregation of Christian Brothers, Holy Spirit Province (WA & SA);
- the Poor Sisters of Nazareth
- the Sisters of Mercy Perth Congregation
- the Sisters of Mercy Goulburn Congregation
- the Sisters of Mercy Rockhampton Congregation
- the Sisters of Mercy Parramatta Congregation
- the Sisters of Mercy Adelaide Congregation and the Diocese of Adelaide
- the Salesians of Don Bosco
- the Sisters of St Joseph NSW Province
- Centacare Newcastle and the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle.

The information recorded on the database includes:

- name;
- date and place of birth;
- parent's name (if known);
- age at departure;
- shipping details;
- name and location of sending order in the UK;
- destination order in Western Australia;
- initial residence, as well as any transfer between homes and schools;

- location of records for the child migrant, including medical, social, educational, baptismal and immigration records - as well as sources of any records available in the UK; and
- details about death, including date and cause of death and place of burial if known.

The guide to the PHIND also provides useful information on additional sources of information and the type of information available.

The database may be accessed by former child migrants and their families. Access can be gained through a number of agencies including C-BERS and the Catholic Migrant Centre.

Contact: The PHIND Administrator
C/- Christian Brothers
PO Box 1129
BENTLEY DELIVERY CENTRE WA 6983
Phone: (08) 9365 2800
E-mail: cbprov@iinet.net.au
Website: <http://members.iinet.net.au/~cbprov/phind.htm>

Christian Brothers' Ex-Residents' Services (C-BERS)

C-BERS can assist former child migrants of Christian Brothers' schools in obtaining information about family members and in seeking documents relating to family of origin. C-BERS has links with Catholic sending agencies in the UK. A photographic collection is available for viewing. In addition, C-BERS provides counselling services, support to family members, reunification services, support for adult education and assistance with citizenship issues.

C-BERS has provided assistance with the development of the Personal History Index.

Contact: C-BERS Services
12 Alvan Street
SUBIACO WA 6904
Phone: (08) 9381 5422
Free call: 1800 621 805
E-mail: cberss@iinet.net.au

Catholic Migrant Centre

The Catholic Migrant Centre holds over 900 personal files relating to former child migrants between 1938 and 1965. Files vary considerably in the amount of information they contain. The Centre is licensed to access the Personal History Index.

Contact: Catholic Migrant Centre
25 Victoria Square
PERTH WA 6000
Phone: (08) 9221 1727
Fax: (08) 9221 3793
E-mail: cmc@opera.iinet.net.au

Tardun Farm School (*also known as St Mary's Agricultural School*)
Castledare Junior Orphanage (*also known as St Vincent's Boys' Home*)
Clontarf Boys' Orphanage (*also known as St Joseph's, Clontarf Boys' Town*
***and formerly known as St Vincent's Boys' Orphanage*)**
St Joseph's Farm and Trade School

Contact: The Archivist
Christian Brothers' Holy Spirit Province
PO Box 1129
BENTLEY DELIVERY CENTRE WA 6983
Phone: (08) 9365 2813
E-mail: cbprov@iinet.net.au

Nazareth House, Bluff Point, Geraldton

Contact: Sister Superior
PO Box 3247
GERALDTON WA 6530
Phone: (08) 9923 1205
Fax: (08) 9923 2583

St Joseph's Girls' Orphanage, Subiaco
St Vincent's Foundling Home

Contact: The Congregational Leader
Sisters of Mercy, Perth Congregation
PO Box 74
WEMBLEY WA 6014
Phone: (08) 9382 1477
Website: <http://www.mercy.org.au>

South Australia

St Vincent de Paul Orphanage, Goodwood

Contact:
For access to records
The Director
Centacare Catholic Family Services, Adelaide
33 Wakefield Street
ADELAIDE SA 5000
Phone: (08) 8210 8200
E-mail: cfs@centrecare.org.au

Sisters of Mercy - Adelaide
Congregation Office
34 Angas Street
ADELAIDE SW 5000
Phone: (08) 8212 5456
E-mail: somercy@iinet.net.au

Victoria**Nazareth House, East Camberwell**

Contact: Sister Superior
Sisters of Nazareth
16 Cornell Street
CAMBERWELL VIC 3124
Phone: (03) 9830 5022

New South Wales**St Joseph's Girls' Home, Lane Cove, NSW**

Contact:
For access to records:
The Archivist-in-Charge
Sisters of St Joseph
Congregational Administration Centre
PO Box 1508
NORTH SYDNEY NSW 2059
Phone: (02) 9929 7344

Sisters of St Joseph
PO Box 1150
BURWOOD NORTH NSW 2134
Phone: (02) 9745 3444
Fax: (02) 9744 3040
E-mail: joswsw@werple.net.au

St John's Orphanage (also known as St John's Home), Thurgoona

Contact:
For access to records:
The Congregational Leader
Sisters of Mercy Congregational Centre
PO Box 221
GOULBURN NSW 2580
Phone: (02) 4822 2296

Mercy Centre Lavington
PO Box 440
LAVINGTON NSW 2641
Phone: (02) 6025 3869
E-mail: mercycr@albury.com.au

St Brigid's Girls' Home, Ryde*Contact:*

For access to records:

The Archivist
Convent of Mercy
PO Box 2012
NORTH PARRAMATTA NSW 2151
Phone: (02) 9630 1106

Catholic Children's Home Enquiry Service
Centacare Catholic Community Services
9 Alexandra Ave
CROYDON NSW 2132
Phone: (02) 9744 7055

St Vincent's Boys' Home, Westmead

Contact: The Director
St Vincent's
PO Box 49
WESTMEAD NSW 2145
Phone: (02) 9635 5699

Murray Dwyer Boys' Home (*formerly the Murray Dwyer Memorial Orphanage and Mayfield Home*), Newcastle

Contact: The Director
Centacare Newcastle
PO Box 775
NEWCASTLE WEST NSW 2302
Phone: (02) 4979 1330
E-mail: chancery@mn.catholic.org.au

Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle Archives
841 Hunter Street
NEWCASTLE NSW 2300
Phone: (02) 4979 1100

Queensland**St Joseph's Home, Neerkol**

Contact: Congregational Archivist
Mercy Administration Centre
PO Box 1576
ROCKHAMPTON QLD 4700
Phone: (07) 4931 7490
E-mail: jmolloy@a1.com.au roksom@a1.com.au

Contact: Sisters of Mercy, Nudgee
St Vincent's Centre
125 Queens Road
NUDGEE QLD 4017
Phone: (07) 3267 7100

Tasmania

St John Bosco (also known as John Bosco Boys Town), Glenorchy

Contact: Father Provincial
PO Box 80
OAKLEIGH VIC 3166
Phone: (03) 9568 2025

Anglican Church

Western Australia

Swan Homes, Perth

Contact: Family Information Records Bureau
Family and Children's Services of WA
PO Box 6334
EAST PERTH WA 6892
Phone: (08) 9222 2662
Free call: 1800 000277

Library and Information Services of Western Australia also holds some records for Swan Homes, including admission and discharge records 1868-1960.

New South Wales

Church of England Boys' and Girls' Homes, Carlingford

Contact: Anglicare Child and Family Services Offices
19A Gibbons Street
TELOPEA NSW 2117
Phone: (02) 9890 6855

Victoria

St John's, Canterbury

Contact: Counsellor
Anglicare Adoption Information Service
Anglicare Western Victoria
41 Somerville Road
YARRAVILLE VIC 3013
Phone: (03) 9687 5200

Queensland**St George's Children's Home, Parkhurst, Rockhampton**

Contact: The Registrar
Anglican Diocese of Rockhampton
164 Musgrave Street
NORTH ROCKHAMPTON QLD 4701
Phone: (07) 4927 3188

Tasmania**Clarendon Children's Home, Kingston**

Contact: The Director
Clarendon Children's Home
8 Jerrim Place
KINGSTON BEACH TAS 7050
Phone: (03) 6229 5199

Uniting Church (formerly Methodist and Presbyterian)***Western Australia*****Methodist Girls' Home, Perth**

Contact: Family Information Records Bureau
Family and Children's Services of WA
PO Box 6334
EAST PERTH WA 6892
Phone: (08) 9222 2662
Free call: 1800 000 277

South Australia**Methodist Children's Home, Magill (later known as Lentara)**

Contact: General Manager of Services
Adelaide Central Mission
10 Pitt Street
ADELAIDE SA 5000
Phone: (08) 8202 5111

Victoria**Dhurringile Training Farm, Tatura**

Contact: Uniting Care Connection
5/115 Hawthorn Road
CAULFIELD VIC 3162
Phone: (03) 9530 0666

Methodist Home, Cheltenham
Methodist Home for Children, Wattle Park

Contact: Orana Family Services
 21-27 Hudson Cct
 MEADOW HEIGHTS VIC 3048
 Phone: (03) 9302 2700

Wesley Mission

Methodist Home for Children, 'Dalmar'

Contact: Wesley Mission
 Dalmar Child and Family Care
 3 Dalmar Place
 CARLINGFORD NSW 2118
 Phone: (02) 9804 7255

United Protestant Association of New South Wales Ltd

Melrose, Pendle Hill

Contact: The General Manager
 United Protestant Association of NSW Ltd
 PO Box 273
 WAHROONGA NSW 2076
 Phone: (02) 9487 1337
 E-mail: sydooffice@upa.org.au

Barnardos Australia

Dr Barnardos Farm School, Picton

Dr Barnardos Girls' Home, Burwood

Dr Barnardos Boys' & Girls' Home, 'Greenwood', Normanhurst

Barnardos Australia maintains files in Australia of information on child migrants pertaining to their time after arrival in Australia. These files are open to access by former child migrants or their immediate next of kin and a copy is provided on request. Barnardos also has an extensive collection of photographs which contains a fairly complete photographic record of children going back to 1867.

The After Care Program services include counselling, record retrieval of Australian and UK records, copying of records, obtaining certificates, provision of proof of arrival letters and assistance with reunion applications and welfare support.

Contact: Barnardos Australia
 After Care Services
 60-64 Bay Street
 ULTIMO NSW 2007
 Phone: (02) 9281 7933
 Fax: (02) 9281 0441
 E-mail: barnardosafter-care@bigpond.com

Fairbridge Homes

Western Australia

Fairbridge, Pinjarra, WA

All historic Fairbridge records, reports and documentation are vested in the Library and Information Services of WA. A list of items held is available through the LISWA catalogue. Access may be made to Fairbridge WA (Inc) or the Old Fairbridgians Association for access to these records and for copies of any pertinent documents to be made available to child migrants or the immediate family of the child migrants. The Secretary of the OFA is the only person authorised to access the records. Proof of eligibility must be provided before access is approved.

Contact: Fairbridge Village
South West Highway, Pinjarra
PO Box 173
PINJARRA WA 6208
Phone: (08) 9531 1177
Fax: (08) 9531 1210
Website: <http://www.fairbridge.asn.au>

Family Information Records Bureau
Family and Children's Services of WA
PO Box 6334
EAST PERTH WA 6892
Phone: (08) 9222 2662
Freecall: 1800 000 277

New South Wales

Fairbridge Farm School, Molong, New South Wales

The Farm School was closed in 1973. The personal files of the children who passed through the Farm School are in the custody of The Fairbridge Foundation, Sydney. Information includes personal details, and in some cases a Birth Certificate, where the child came from and information concerning of the activities of the child after coming to Australia. Information prior to this is usually limited to the address, where known, of the parent or parents at the time the child left the UK.

Access is limited to the Old Fairbridgian himself or herself. After the death of an Old Fairbridgian, his or her spouse and children can have access to genealogical and medical papers on his or her file. Access can be gained by application to The Fairbridge Foundation.

Contact: The Council Secretary
Fairbridge Foundation
Trust Building
155 King Street
SYDNEY NSW 2000
Phone: (02) 9232 3258

Tasmania**Tresca House, Exeter**

The files from the Fairbridge Society Home at Exeter are deposited in the Archives Office of Tasmania.

Contact: The State Archivist
Archives Office of Tasmania
77 Murray Street
HOBART TAS 7000
Phone: (03) 6233 7490
Website: <http://www.archives.tas.gov.au/guides-to-holdings/guide5.htm>

Victoria**Northcote Farm School, Glenmore, Bacchus Marsh, Victoria**

Contact: Mr Peter Meryrick
Secretary/Treasurer
Northcote Trust
11 Hermestead Road
ELTHAM VIC 3095
Phone: (03) 9439 2339

Salvation Army**New South Wales**

Contact: Special Search Service
Salvation Army Social Services Department
PO BOX A435
SYDNEY SOUTH NSW 1232
Phone: (02) 9211 2044
Freecall 1300 667 366

Queensland

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PO BOX A435
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Western Australia

Seaforth Boys Home

Contact: Family Information Records Bureau
Family and Children's Services of WA
PO Box 6334
EAST PERTH WA 6892
Phone: (08) 9222 2662
Free call: 1800 000 277

The Library and Information Service of Western Australia also holds some records including a collection of photographs, 1929-1931.

Burnside

Burnside Homes

Contact: Aftercare Coordinator
Burnside
PO Box 6866
PARRAMATTA NSW 2150

UNITED KINGDOM

Child Migrants Trust

Contact: Child Migrants' Trust
28A Musters Road
WEST BRIDGFORD
NOTTINGHAM NG2 7PL ENGLAND
Phone: (0115) 982 2811
Fax: (0115) 981 7168

National Council of Voluntary Child Care Organisations (NCVCCO)

As a result of the findings and recommendations of the House of Commons Select Committee report, the British Government announced that a computerised index to help former child migrants trace personal records would be created. NCVCCO maintains the database - the Child Migrant Index.

It contains basic information on child migrants taken from the records of known UK Sending Agencies for those child migrants who were sent to Australia, Canada and New Zealand on government assisted schemes between 1920 and the late 1960s. As at December 2000 the Index held details of 17,136 child migrants. Details have been provided by Barnardos, Fairbridge, Middlemore Homes, The Children's Society (TCS), National Children's Homes (NCH) and Catholic Children's Welfare Council (CCWC). NCVCCO also holds the Western Australian Referral Index that contains the details of 2,949 child migrants who were sent to Western Australia.

NCVCCO acts as a 'signposting service' towards the Sending Agency which may hold personal records. NCVCCO also offers advice on where personal or private records may be held and where help and support is available.

NCVCCO's home page provides a list of links to other organisations that may prove useful for former child migrants.

Contact: Child Migrant Central Information Index
NCVCCO
Unit 4, 80-82 White Lion Street
LONDON N1 9PF, UNITED KINGDOM
Phone: +44 20 7713 5937
E-mail: migrant@voluntarychild.org
Website: www.ncvcco.org/projects/childmigrant.htm

The Catholic Child Welfare Council (CCWC)

CCWC holds records centrally for many, but not all, Catholic child migrants sent to Australia. CCWC records held for each individual vary and may include migration papers, correspondence, brief details of reasons for migration, copies or originals of birth certificates/baptismal certificates, medical reports, school reports from the UK, progress reports on individual children from institutions in Australia.

Records may also be held by individual agencies or religious orders which looked after children in the UK. These records often contain very little information.

A database has been compiled on behalf of CCWC of all known former Catholic child migrants to Australia, containing both historical information and recent contact.

CCWC also provides assistance to former child migrants to access their own and other records and trace living family if possible. CCWC also provides support and counselling and in the UK.

Contact: St Joseph's Centre
Watford Way
Hendon
LONDON NW4 4YT
Phone/fax 020 8203 6323
E-mail: ccwc@compuserve.com

Catholic Children's Society (Westminster)

Contact: Catholic Children's Society (Westminster)
73 St Charles Square
LONDON W10 6EJ
Phone: 0181 969 5305
E-mail: childcath@aol.uk

Father Hudson's Society

Contact: Father Hudson's Society
Coventry Road
COLESHILL
BIRMINGHAM UK B46 3ED
Phone: 01675 463 187

Nugent Care Society (Catholic Care Liverpool)

Contact: 150 Brownlow Hill
LIVERPOOL UK L35RF
Phone: 10151 708 0566

Barnardos UK

Barnardos After Care Service provides information about child's background, help in tracing relatives and family reunions. For former child migrants living in Australia, files are compiled and sent directly to Barnardos Australia.

Original files have been destroyed but copies are on microfiche. There are also some records kept as volumes but some have been destroyed either through fire or pests.

Barnardos also holds 20,000 additional records of children emigrated by other agencies who are no longer in existence.

Contact: Barnardos After Care Centre
Tanners Lane
Barkingside
Ilford
ESSEX IG6 1QG
Phone: 020 8550 8822
E-mail: aftercare@barnardos.org.uk
Website: <http://www.barnardos.org.uk>

Fairbridge London

Historical records kept by the Fairbridge London are now lodged with the University of Liverpool Archive (see below).

Contact: Fairbridge
1 Westminster Bridge Road
LONDON WC1X 0JL
Phone: 020 7928 1704
Fax: 0202 7928 6016
E-mail: info@fairbridge.org.uk

The Children's Society

Contact: The Children's Society
Post Adoption and Counselling Research Project
91 Queen's Road
PECKHAM
LONDON SE15 2EZ
Phone: 020 7732 9089
Fax: 020 7277 5760
E-mail: Julia.feast@the-childrens-society.org.uk
Website: <http://www.the-childrens-society.org.uk>

NCH Action for Children

NCH has appointed a Child Migrants Adviser. The Adviser is seeking to make contact with former child migrants sent to Australia by NCH.

Contact: NCH Action for Children
85 Highbury Park
LONDON N5 1UD
Phone: 020 7704 7094
Website: <http://www.nchafc.org.uk>

Quarrier's Homes

Contact: Quarrier's Childrens Village
Bridge of Weir
RENFREWSHIRE
SCOTLAND PA11 3SA
E-mail: enquiries@quarriers.org.net

Middlemore Homes

Contact: 55 Stevens Avenue
Bartley Green
BIRMINGHAM B32 3SD
Phone: 0121 427 2429
E-mail: Middlemore@yescomputers.co.uk

Family Care Society

Contact: Family Care Society
511 Ormeau Road
BELFAST BT7 3GS
Phone: 02890 691 133

The Salvation Army

Deals with requests from UK residents. Other requests should, in the first instance, be sent to Salvation Army tracing services in Sydney.

Contact: The Salvation Army
101 Newington Causeway
LONDON SE1 6BN
Phone: 020 7367 4840
Website: <http://www.salvationarmyog.uk/familytracing>

Sydney Jones Library, University of Liverpool

The Sydney Jones Library holds records of Barnardo's Homes, the National Children's Homes (now NCH Action for Children), the Fairbridge and Liverpool Sheltering Homes. A list of relevant records is given in the National Archives guide.

Contact: The Department of Special Collections and Archives
Sydney Jones Library
University of Liverpool
PO Box 123
LIVERPOOL L69 3DA
Phone: +44 151 794 2696
E-mail: archives@liv.ac.uk
Website: <http://sca.lib.liv.ac.uk/collections/socialwork/home.htm>

NEW ZEALAND

British Child Migrants Society (NZ) Inc

The Society represents former child migrants in New Zealand and will act as an intermediary with the Children, Young Persons and their Families Agency for those former migrants who would prefer not to deal with the government agencies themselves.

Contact: 4 Royal Oak Drive
Lakemba Park
PALMERSTON NORTH
NEW ZEALAND
Phone/fax: 06 357 4956

OTHER SOURCES

Websites

The Website at <http://www.childmigrants.com> has been established by the brother of a child migrant sent to Australia. The site has links to other useful sites including NCVCCO, the UK Department of Health, UK Office of National Statistics and Public Record Office. The site also has a message page for individuals to leave comments and ask for information.