

Family History Resources

Resources to assist you in accessing further historical information about your family.

How can YMAC help?

Yamatji Marlpa Aboriginal Corporation (YMAC) is aware that many people would like to access further historical information about their family. YMAC Research staff can search within our research databases to assist people in connecting to a native title claim or Prescribed Body Coporate (PBC). We are not able to provide information, such

as genealogies (family trees), beyond this. To assist, YMAC has compiled this information sheet to provide details of external agencies and resources that can help you. If you are seeking a personal return of research materials that were provided for native title claim research, please contact YMAC Research on 1800 270 709.



1 **Aboriginal History Western Australia (AHWA) / Aboriginal History Research Services (AHRS)** **(Department of Creative Industries, Tourism and Sport)**

This service manages access to State Government files, including Personal files and Personal History Cards (between set dates), from:

- Aborigines Protection Board
- Aborigines Department
- Aborigines and Fisheries Department
- Department of Native Affairs
- Department of Native Welfare

The AHRS holds Norman Tindale and Joseph Birdsell genealogies, photographs, and other materials; Elkin Genealogies; The Jan Goodacre Collection; and Pension Receipt cards. AHRS can also provide applicants with a genealogy based on the records in their database.

Telephone: 1800 161 301

Email: ahrs@cits.wa.gov.au

Address: Level 2, State Library of WA, 25 Francis Street, Perth
PO Box 8349, Perth Business Centre WA 6849

Website: cits.wa.gov.au/aboriginal-culture/aboriginal-history

Factsheet: sitefinitypublicblobs.blob.core.windows.net/prod-blob/docs/default-source/aboriginal-history/forms/family-history-research-service-fact-sheet.pdf?sfvrsn=2e78c0d2_24

Drop by the AHWA service desk weekdays between 10am to 2pm on level 3 at the State Library of WA, 25 Francis Street, Perth (no booking needed). There are also monthly Aboriginal Family History sessions held there on the last Wednesday of the month between 2pm and 4pm. Call or visit their website to confirm.

2 **Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages**

This service has records of births, deaths and marriages in Western Australia. You can search the historical indexes online for free and apply for certificates (for a fee) via the methods on the website below:

wa.gov.au/organisation/departement-of-justice/online-index-search-tool

Website: wa.gov.au/service/justice/civil-law/searching-family-history

Telephone: 1300 305 021

Email: bdm@justice.wa.gov.au

Address: Level 10, 141 St Georges Terrace, Perth, WA, 6000

3 **Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS)**

AIATSIS has a range of resources to assist people with their Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander family history and other research, including comprehensive guides on their website. While they cannot compile family trees, they can offer research advice and assistance on how and where to search for information. They have an in-depth index of the ethnographic, linguistic and cultural materials that is held at AIATSIS.

Website: aiatsis.gov.au/family-history

Telephone: 1800 352 553

Address: 51 Lawson Crescent, Acton Peninsula, Acton, ACT, 2601



Image by José Kalpers in Yamatji Country



4 **Link-Up Western Australia (Yorgum Aboriginal Corporation)**

Yorgum provides “Link-Up” services to Aboriginal people affected by past government policies relating to the removal of children. They can coordinate family research, client reunification and other family support and healing services.

Website: yorgum.org.au/services

Telephone: 1800 469 371

(Kimberley Stolen Generation Aboriginal Corporation)

KSGAC provides a “Link-Up” Service for Indigenous people who have lost touch with their families.

Website: kimberleystolengeneration.com.au/services/link-up/

Telephone: 1800 830 338

Email: reception@ksgac.com.au

(Stolen Generation Healing Foundation)

Working with communities to create a place of safety, providing an environment for Stolen Generations survivors and their families to speak for themselves, tell their own stories, and be in charge of their own healing.

Website: healingfoundation.org.au

Telephone: (02) 6272 7500

Email: info@healingfoundation.org.au

OTHER RESOURCES FOR SELF- GUIDED RESEARCH

Department of Communities:

wa.gov.au/organisation/department-of-communities/searching-your-family-history

National Library of Australia:

nla.gov.au/research/family-history/first-nations-family-history-research-guide

State Library of Western Australia:

slwa.wa.gov.au/collections/family-history/aboriginal-family-history

State Records Office:

archive.sro.wa.gov.au

Trove (digitised newspapers, photos, journals, books etc from Australia):

trove.nla.gov.au

Daisy Bates Digital Archive:

digital.library.adelaide.edu.au/dspace/handle/2440/69252

Daisy Bates' materials are also available on microfilm at the Battye Library and in full at the National Library of Australia:

nla.gov.au/collections/guide-selected-collections/bates-collection#

J.S. Battye Library of West Australian History:

slwa.wa.gov.au/plan-my-visit/spaces-visit/js-battye-library-west-australian-history

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