

The Bride Ships

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Finding the ship which carried a war bride or fiancée to Australia is not easy. You need to ask as many questions of your family as possible. You also need to have plenty of time to research on the internet and to visiting organisations. You don't need to pay for expensive subscriptions, there are many free resources and you may only need to pay for the occasional birth or marriage certificate.

Here are some resources to get your started which I will add to as time permits.

Society of Australian Genealogists, their website has heaps of info to get you started;

National Archives of Australia.

In recent years the National Archives has become very aware of their role as a resource for historians and genealogists and finding your way round their huge resources has become so much easier with all their resources. Start here.

Cora Num's Web Sites for Genealogists. Cora describes this site as an Australian gateway for tracing your family history. She has a beginner's guide to finding Shipping and Immigration Records and under Immigration into Australia, Online Indexes and Passenger Lists.

Ancestorsonboard is a website that will let you search on outward passenger lists from 1890 to 1960.

You may find that Cyndi's List has the link to the records you are looking for. So check this amazing site of links to just about everything to do with genealogy as well.

World War II

The National Archives holds files that contain records of the names of the women and children who travelled to Australia at the end of World War II under the auspices of the Repatriation Commission. The records show that between 1944 and 1949, 110 ships made 177 journeys.