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1. Introduction

This document describes the Newspaper - Deaths (NP-Deaths) dataset.

2. Newspaper - Deaths

2.1 Summary

This database contains records representing a death notice in a newspaper. This includes notices in the category of Deaths, Funerals, Tributes & Condolences, In Memoriam, Lest We Forget and Mind Mass.

2.2 Coverage

Global record coverage is from 1852 to December 2020 with varying degrees of coverage as detailed below.

- Good coverage: 1972 through to December 2020.
- Sparse coverage: 1852, 1853, 1861, 1862, 1884, 1888 and 1971.
- No records currently loaded for 1854 to 1859, 1863, 1864, 1955 to 1969 and June 2019.

Transcription work continues to increase missing periods and will be released once they become available.

2.3 Source

From The Advertiser, Sunday Mail, and various country newspapers. Includes various early publications in the Blair Card Index (see below).

Records from the Blair Card Index (compiled by Robert Blair) contain only a limited amount of information. However, this information is expanded by the card which is also shown on the Record form.

Except where otherwise indicated these collections were transcribed & composed by Genealogy SA volunteers, with special mention of individual collection efforts by Neville Bottger & Ian Shillabeer.

2.4 Volume

There are 1,815,687 records in this dataset version.

2.5 Additional information

Fields

- *Other Names* recorded where available. Includes alternate, maiden and previously known as names.
- *Age* is age at death in years. May be expanded on in *Notes* field.
- *Event Date* is the date of death, date of funeral, date of memorial.
- *Publication Date* is the date the newspaper was published.
- *Source* is the name of the newspaper at the time of publication.
- *Notes* records other information taken from the notice, eg Date of Birth, photo was published, alternate names, etc.

Notes

- A record appears for each time a notice of any type was published in the newspaper. Sometimes this can be multiple days in a row and sometimes multiple types of notice (eg Death and Funeral).

3. Versions

This is the latest of several updates to the Newspaper - Deaths dataset since it was first created in 2016. The updates are outlined below, and the action taken, where available, is provided for each update.

1. 27/08/2016: Original conversion for MPCviewer. Coverage up to Dec 2015.
2. 12/11/2017: Added records from Adelaide Morning Chronical and Gladstone Areas Express.
3. 24/06/2018: Added records from Blair Card Index.
4. 03/09/2018: Added records from Mortuary Returns.
5. 28/10/2018: Added records predominantly covering from Sep 2015 to Dec 2017
6. 02/12/2018: Added records from Southern Cross covering 1899 to 1954.
7. 14/02/2022: Added Deaths and Tributes & Condolences for 2018, Funerals for 2011 and 2019.
8. 28/06/2024: Added records predominantly covering 2019 and 2020.

3.1 Version M-20160827

Original conversion from Excel Master files. Coverage is all records collected up until December 2015.

3.2 Version M-20171112

Added records from Adelaide Morning Chronical and Gladstone Areas Express. Normalised Source names and Ages. Member feedback update.

3.3 Version M-20180624

Added records from Blair Card Index notices. General normalisation and correction of existing records. Member feedback update.

3.4 Version M-20180903

Added records from Mortuary Returns from The Register.

3.5 Version M-20181028

Added records as follows:

- Death Sep2015-Dec2017
- Funeral Sep2015-Dec2017
- Mind Mass Sep2015-May2017
- In Memoriam Oct2015-May2017
- Birthday Memoriam Oct2015-Nov2016
- Return Thanks Oct2015-May2017
- Tributes & Condolences Jun2017-Dec2017

3.6 Version M-20181202

Added records from Death, Memoriam, Funeral and Obituary notices in the Southern Cross for the period 1899 to 1954 (Collated by Neville Bottger).

3.7 Version M-20220214

Added records from the Advertiser as follows:

- Deaths 2018
- Funerals 2011 and 2019
- Tributes and Condolences 2018

3.8 Version M-20240628

Added records as follows:

- Deaths 2019 and 2020, excluding June 2019
- Funerals 2019 and 2020, excluding June 2019
- Tributes & Condolences 2019 and 2020, excluding June 2019