

Newspaper Divorces

ABOUT THIS DATASET

NB – we do not have ready access to official Divorce files, If you require further information then please send in a research request.

Lookups for Non-Members - before you ask for a lookup please remember that fields displaying the wording "(members only)" doesn't necessarily mean that it contains information for that field in that database. You can request one of our researchers to research further for you. For this you will need to ask for a research request - [click here](#)

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Sources:

- Adelaide newspapers 1879-1954. Generally only the final decision is recorded. Collated by David W. Gibson.
- Matrimonial Petitions and related documents 1859-1893.

Notes:

- # CRSurname and CRGivenNames refer to the co-respondent, if any.
- # EventDate may be the date of the decision, or the reporting date.
- # Adultery was termed as misconduct prior to 1930.
- # Cruelty invariably equated to physical violence.
- # Desertion needed to be continuous for 5 years before 1938, then 3 years.
- # Frequent imprisonment required 3 years in last 5 years, or sentence over 3 years.
- # Decree Nisi converted into Absolute by application after 6 months (unless judge decreed a shorter time).
- # Cost of a divorce in 1942: £25 -30 for an undefended action, £10 -15 extra for evidence of adultery. Basic Wage - £4 13s pw.
- # After 1 July 1919 the presiding Judge alone could decree a decree nisi. Prior to this the Judge was bound to refer his finding to the Full Court where his initial finding was normally accepted.
- # Procter = investigation for collusion or impropriety in proceedings.

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