

Researching Aboriginal Ancestry

You might find the following helpful if you are trying to research your family and trace your Aboriginal Heritage:

1. The Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS) provides a good step by step guide for doing your own research, as well as providing some good places to start your research.

AIATSIS also have a Family History Unit which you can contact for assistance.

- a. Guide to research & Family History Unit: <https://aiatsis.gov.au/research/finding-your-family>
2. Libraries Tasmania (and the Tasmanian Archives) has a great deal of records online (including birth / death / marriage certificates, as well as convict and prison records). Not everything is accessible online however, some information is still stored in out of print books and on microfiche which will require you to view it in person at the Tasmanian Archives and Heritage Office, 2nd floor/91 Murray St, Hobart TAS 7000. Contact: (03) 6165 5541

Libraries Tasmania also provide a guide for researching your family history.

- a. Home page: <https://www.libraries.tas.gov.au/Pages/Home.aspx>
- b. General family research: <https://www.libraries.tas.gov.au/family-history/Pages/Get-started.aspx>
- c. Aboriginal Ancestry research: <https://www.libraries.tas.gov.au/family-history/Pages/Aboriginal-ancestry.aspx>
- d. List of Aboriginal research online resources: <https://www.libraries.tas.gov.au/archive-heritage/guides-records/Pages/Aboriginal.aspx>
- e. Guide to all archive records: <https://www.libraries.tas.gov.au/archive-heritage/guides-records/Pages/default.aspx>
- f. Cemetery Records: <https://www.libraries.tas.gov.au/archive-heritage/guides-records/Pages/cemetery.aspx>
3. Trove (National Library of Australia) is a searchable online database of over 457,929,000 Australian and online resources including books, images, historic newspapers, maps, music, archives and more. You can look at archived newspapers to track deaths through obituaries and marriages through announcements.
 - a. Home Page: <https://trove.nla.gov.au/>
4. For more in-depth research help, you may choose to hire a private researcher (please note that the following lists are provided for your convenience - the researchers are not connected with SETAC or Libraries Tasmania):
 - a. Professional Historians Association's Consultants Register: <https://www.historians.org.au/registers-of-consultants>
 - b. Private family history researchers: <https://libraries.tas.gov.au/family-history/Pages/private-researchers.aspx>