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Three new indexes to archival material have been completed and are now available for online searching.

Nominations for Assisted Immigration, 1921-c.1941

The Joint Commonwealth and State Immigration Scheme was established under the *Empire Settlement Act, 1922* - an agreement between the governments of Great Britain and Australia for the settlement of surplus British population.

The Scheme was operated by the various State governments on behalf of the Commonwealth of Australia.

Between 1921 and 1935 the South Australian Immigration Department received some five and half thousand applications, nominating both individuals and families, for migration to South Australia.

Nominations were made by South Australian residents on behalf of friends or relatives residing in the United Kingdom. South Australian employers could also nominate skilled workers as required.

Although most nominations were from residents of the United Kingdom, a small number were received from residents of Malta, a Commonwealth nation, and one or two from Italian residents.

Files contain application forms, medical examination forms, certificates of identity and related correspondence. Typical information given includes name of nominee, occupation, age, address, names of dependents, payment details, relationship to nominator, references and nominator's details. The certificate of identity took the place of a passport, and contains photographs. Not all files contain the certificate of identity, however. Includes files for minors travelling alone.

Name of ship and date of arrival are also given.

The online index covers the names of all nominees (migrants), including cancelled nominations, but does not include the names of nominators (South Australian residents) For index to nominators request GRG 7/13 using Direct Search.

To search online use the Keyword Search option in ArchivesSearch.

To view the entire list use the Direct Search option in ArchivesSearch.

Reference: GRG7/10

Agency: Immigration, Publicity and Tourist Bureau Department

Applications for classification for land settlement – War Service Settlement Branch, 1945-c.1963

These applications were made by ex-servicemen for land to undertake primary production under the *War Service Land Settlement Act, 1945*, otherwise known as Soldier Settlement.

Soldiers who served in World War II, the Korean War and the Malaysian campaign were entitled to apply for land.

After a number of problems with the land settlement scheme for World War One servicemen, a more rigorous selection and training regime was adopted under the 1945 Act.

Each applicant had to supply references with a focus on agricultural experience. The applicant was required to attend a personal interview with the Selection Committee which was 'marked'. If the candidate was married, the wife also attended the interview and her views on the agricultural life were particularly noted. A wife considered by the panel to be a 'good country type' was regarded with great favour!

Applicants who passed the interview process were required to attend, and perform well at, an agricultural course. Even applicants who came from an agricultural background were required to complete the training course. As a result of this rigorous process only a relatively small number of applications resulted in the allocation of land.

Files give name and address of applicant, proposed type of primary production, date and place of birth, statement of service (regiment, number, rank and unit), date and place of enlistment, period and place of service, date and reason for discharge, physical disabilities, occupation prior to enlistment and after discharge, experience in proposed primary production, assets, capital liabilities, civil state, names and ages of children, if married – wife's experience in proposed primary production and correspondence relating to the application. Also includes three references in support of the application.

A very small number of applications were made by women on behalf of husbands, sons etc.

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Reference: GRG35/543

Agency: Department of Lands

Sketch books – Property and Survey Branch, E&WS, c.1880-c1967

These sketch books were created by the Engineering and Water Supply Department in relation to that most necessary, if unglamorous of functions, the provision of sewers.

They now provide a wealth of information for researchers – local historians, builders, lawyers, archaeologists.

The books give very detailed outlines of built and natural features with precise measurements, chiefly for Adelaide and the metropolitan area, but also for some country railway centres.

Features include roads, landmark buildings (hotels, factories etc), private houses, horse troughs, water closets, kerbs, fencing, sheds, creeks, tanks, pug holes, cellars, smithies, rights of way, garages, stables, pigsties, telegraph posts, fireplugs, lamp posts, verandas, manholes, wells, bridges, windmills and tramlines.

Building materials have been noted, including asbestos.

Although street names and suburbs are given, unfortunately section, lot or house numbers have not, so locating individual private houses may involve some detective work.

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To search online use the Keyword Search option in ArchiveSearch, using the name of suburb, feature, business etc.

To view the entire list use the Direct Search option in ArchiveSearch.

Reference: GRG53/166

Agency: Engineering and Water Supply Department