

Will and intestacy records

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This is My Last Will and Testament

_____ of me _____

HENRY HASENKAMP of North Ipswich in the State of Queensland Retired

Sergeant of Police I APPOINT my daughters MATILDA MARY HASENKAMP

Spinster and CATHERINE ELIZABETH HASENKAMP, Spinster (hereinafter

called my Trustees) to be the Executrices and Trustees of this my

Will I GIVE DEVISE AND BEQUEATH all my property both real and

personal of whatsoever nature and wheresoever the same may be UNTO

and to the use of my Trustees UPON TRUST to pay my just debts

funeral and testamentary expenses and to divide the balance then

remaining of my said property between the following my children share

and share alike namely the said MATILDA MARY HASENKAMP, the said

CATHERINE ELIZABETH HASENKAMP, THEODORA CONSTANCE HASENKAMP, -

DR20748 - Extract from ecclesiastical file of Henry Hasenkamp, 29 May 1930

Research Guide to will and intestacy records
at Queensland State Archives

Queensland State Archives (QSA) is the official repository for Queensland Government records selected for permanent retention because of their continuing value. The archived public records are from state government departments, state courts, local government authorities and statutory authorities. The records are in our facility at [Runcorn, Brisbane](#), and open records are available for viewing in the Reading Room, free-of-charge.

Will and intestacy records held at Queensland State Archives were created by the Supreme Court of Queensland, and the Public Trustee (formerly the Public Curator). The Supreme Court will and intestacy files are open. Many of the Public Trustee will and intestacy registers and indexes are closed for 30 years, and the corresponding will and intestacy files are closed for 75 years.

The main finding aid for records held at QSA is the [Queensland State Archives' online catalogue](#) (known as ArchivesSearch).

The following citation abbreviations are used throughout our catalogue:

ITM	QSA Item (describes the item)
PR	Physical Representation (generally the original or microfilm copy)
DR	Digital Representation (for a digital image)
S	Series ID (for a series of records)
A	Agency ID (for the creating or responsible agency).

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander readers are advised that our catalogue contains images, names and voices of people who have died.

Supreme Court of Queensland

The estate of a deceased person is administered by the executors appointed in the will or where no will exists (intestate) by an administrator approved by the Supreme Court. Intestacies can either be an order of the Supreme Court, or an election when the nominated executor is the Public Curator (later the Public Trustee).

Probate and letters of administration constitute official recognition by the Supreme Court of the executor or administrator's right to administer the estate. Such formal recognition is only required when an agency such as a bank, insurance company, government department or court insists. In cases where real property, crown leases, bank accounts, shares and motor vehicles are of small financial value, or in cases of joint tenancy, the executor or administrator may carry out the terms of the will without having to get Supreme Court's approval. Consequently, only a small number of files for deceased estates are held at Queensland State Archives.

There are two main series created by each Supreme Court district:

- Ecclesiastical files are estates administered by the executors appointed in the will or, where no will exists (Intestate), by an administrator (other than the Public Trustee) approved by the Supreme Court. Files may include deceased's name, address and occupation; date and place of death; grant of probate; next of kin; inventory of property, its value and disposition; a copy of the will; and legal costs.
- Orders and Elections (Public Trustee) or intestacy files are proceedings undertaken by the Public Trustee to prove its entitlement to administer a deceased estate under the Public Curator Act 1915-1971, and the Public Trustee Act 1978. Files refer to estates where the Public Trustee was appointed as executor under the terms of the will or as administrator by the Supreme Court where the deceased made no will. Files may include deceased's name, address and occupation; date and place of death; next of kin; an inventory of property, its value and disposition; a copy of the will; and legal costs.

Supreme Court of Queensland registries – ecclesiastical jurisdictions

Prior to the separate Supreme Court Districts and registries, wills and intestacies were filed in the Brisbane Supreme Court registry. Registries were established in various parts of Queensland in the following years:

Northern District	Bowen in 1875, transferred to Townsville in 1889
Central District	Rockhampton in 1896
Southern District	Brisbane in 1857
Cairns Registry	1 September 1997

When separate Supreme Court districts were established, files were registered in the relevant district of the deceased's legal address rather than the place of death. For a map of the Supreme Court districts, follow this link, [ITM2980848](#), [DR53463](#) in S21121.

Wills and intestacies records

Supreme Court, Southern District, Brisbane

The online index [Wills 1857-1940](#) contains details of wills from all three Supreme Court districts from 1857 to 1900, and from 1901, for the Supreme Court, Southern District, Brisbane. If an [online QSA index](#) is available, we recommend researchers search this. The content of online indexes has been sourced directly from original records. Digitised copies of many original registers and indexes are also available in the [QSA catalogue](#), and digitised copies of some microfilmed original records are available on Reading Room computers.

Registers of Ecclesiastical Files

1/1/1857 - 29/11/1991

[S5170](#)

Register of Grants of Probate or Letters of Administration Recording Ecclesiastical Matters

3/3/1875 – 29/12/1900

[S15607](#)

Register of Probates Filed in the Rockhampton and Townsville Registries

1/1/1901 – 31/12/1906

[S7102](#)

Registers for Recording Grants in Ecclesiastical Matters

1/1/1928 – 31/12/1960

[S15609](#)

Ecclesiastical Files

1/1/1857 - 31/12/1999

[S4486](#)

Originating Applications

22/1/1900 – 31/12/2012

[S6339](#)

Miscellaneous Ecclesiastical Papers

1/1/1867 – 31/12/1889

[S15630](#)

Indexes to Orders and Elections

1/1/1873 - 30/11/1991

[S5174](#)

Orders and Elections

1/1/1863 - 4/09/2003

[S5171](#)

Orders to Administer – Inventories

1/1/1953 - 31/12/1978

[S17985](#)

Files re Trustees under the Trustees Act 1889

1/3/1889-25/9/1929

[S15502](#)

Supreme Court, Northern District, Townsville

Indexes to Ecclesiastical Files

Circa 1/1/1875 – Circa 31/12/1891

[S7424](#)

Registers of Ecclesiastical Files

12/8/1875 - 28/2/1985

[S6243](#)

Ecclesiastical Files

Circa 1/1/1875 – Circa 31/12/1984

[S6220](#)

Registers of Orders and Elections

Circa 1/1/1916 – Circa 31/12/1975

[S18206](#)

Intestacy Files

Circa 1/1/1905 – Circa 31/12/1950

[S7240](#)

Intestacy Claims Book

1/1/1898 – 31/12/1902

[S9304](#)

Supreme Court, Central District, Rockhampton

Registers of Ecclesiastical Files

13/3/1896 - 26/9/1966

[S18230](#)

Ecclesiastical Files

Circa 1/1/1890 - 16/11/1966

[S7271](#)

Intestacy Registers

Circa 1/1/1898 - 31/12/1936

[S18238](#)

Orders to Administer

1/1/1898 - 31/12/1930

[S7265](#)

Public Trustee of Queensland

In addition to the series of wills and intestacies created by the Supreme Court, Queensland State Archives holds series of wills, intestacies and deceased estate files created by the Public Trustee Office (known as Public Curator until 1979). There are three main registries of the Public Trustee Office, located in Brisbane, Rockhampton and Townsville. In addition to these three registries, regional offices of the Public Trustee also created some series of records. QSA holds deceased estate, testamentary trust, direct and protective management files for the offices of Bundaberg, Cairns, Gladstone, Ipswich, Maryborough, Mount Isa, Redcliffe, Southport and Toowoomba. All Public Trustee Office files are subject to a 75 year restricted access period.

Public Trustee Office, Brisbane

Master Card Index

1/1/1916 – 31/12/1998

[S19115](#)

This card index is arranged alphabetically by client surname. The index controls 33 series of records including deceased estate, direct action, intestacy, protective management, testamentary trust and will files created by Public Trustee offices in Cairns, Gladstone, Ipswich, Mackay, Mount Isa, Redcliffe, and Toowoomba. This index is exceedingly useful for finding file numbers.

Converted Wills Card Index

1/1/1916 – 31/12/1985

[S19116](#)

Non-converted Wills Card Index

1/1/1916 – 31/12/1985

[S19117](#)

Numerical Indexes to Wills

4/1/1956 – 5/12/1975

[S18779](#)

Alphabetical Indexes to Deceased Estate Files

1/1/1975 – 2/11/1982

[S18781](#)

Numerical Indexes to Deceased Estate Files

1/1/1975 – 2/11/1982

[S18780](#)

Alphabetical Indexes to Wills

Circa 1/1/1920 - 5/12/1975

[S6450](#)

Will Files

9/12/1881 – Circa 31/12/1985

[S6047](#)

Deceased Estate Files

1/1/1975 – 21/12/2010

[S18778](#)

Alphabetical Indexes to Intestacy Files

Circa 1/1/1919 – 31/12/1975

[S420](#)

Intestacy Files

16/12/1868 – Circa 31/7/2009

[S335](#)

Charitable Institutions Files

Circa 1/1/1906–31/12/1997

[S20333](#)

Public Trustee Office, Townsville

Indexes to Records of Public Curator (Townsville Office)

Circa 1/1/1898 – Circa 30/4/1996

[S10443](#)

Access: 30 years

Probate Files

Circa 1/1/1917 – Circa 31/12/1921

[S17796](#)

Will Files

Circa 1/1/1916 – Circa 29/4/2009

[S17793](#)

Intestacy Files

Circa 1/1/1898 – Circa 31/12/1979

[S17798](#)

Deceased Estate Files

Circa 1/1/1976 – Circa 31/12/1986

[S18962](#)

Public Curator Office, Rockhampton

Ledgers of Intestacy

1/2/1906 – 6/2/1917

[S9841](#)

Will files

Circa 10/1/1902 – Circa 31/12/1979

[S19414](#)

Intestacy Files

Circa 1/1/1925 – Circa 31/12/1979

[S19436](#)

Deceased Estate Files

Circa 1/1/1976 – Circa 31/12/1985

[S19437](#)

Public Trust Office, Redcliffe

Deceased Estate Files

Circa 1/1/1981 – Circa 31/12/2001

[S19321](#)

Public Trust Office, Toowoomba

Deceased Estate Files

Circa 1/1/1975 – Circa 31/12/1985

[S19324](#)

Other sources of information

Online indexes

Relevant [online indexes](#) compiled from records at Queensland State Archives include:

- Wills 1857-1940 (Southern District 1857–1940; Central and Northern 1857–1900)
- Equity files 1857-1895

Search procedures

These search procedures with step-by-step instructions for searching for records are available in our [Reading Room](#):

- Wills, Supreme Court, Southern District, Brisbane
- Wills, Supreme Court, Northern District, Townsville
- Wills, Supreme Court, Central District, Rockhampton
- Intestacies, Supreme Court, Southern District, Brisbane
- Intestacies, Supreme Court, Northern District, Townsville
- Intestacies, Supreme Court, Central District, Rockhampton
- Public Trustee Office files (wills, intestacies, deceased estates)

Transmission by death notices

Notices published in the *Queensland Government Gazette* (QGG) include the name of the deceased, date of death, occupation, name of claimant, description of land, and particulars of the will. These notices were also published in the local newspapers. Digitised copies of historical newspapers are available on [Trove](#) (National Library of Australia's free online research portal).

QGG - 1859 to 1900 - The full text is searchable by year as PDF files in [Text Queensland](#).

QGG - 1901 to 2002 - Available at the [State Library of Queensland](#).

QGG - 2003 onwards - PDFs of the Gazettes are on the [Queensland Publications portal](#).

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