

Migrant Files

1945 – 1982

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Records Location

These records are held by [Tasmanian Archives \(2011 - current\)](#)

Details

The Migrant Files, created by the Tasmanian Government Tourist and Immigration Department, date from 1945 to 1982. These records include information about evacuee children, child migrants, including their adoption, and British investigations into the situation of child migrants in Tasmania. They may include names of children. Some of the files in this series relate to Homes that received child migrants, including Hagley Farm School, Boys' Town, Tresca, St Joseph's Orphanage, Roland Boys' Home, and the Big Brother Movement.

Access Conditions

Closed C50 years

C50 means that, except to particular groups, these records are closed for 50 years from the date of the last entry in them. People wishing to access them should contact the Department of the Premier and Cabinet. Applicants will need to fill out a Personal Information Protection (PIP) form. Staff at the Tasmanian Archive and Heritage Office may be able to assist you in finding other relevant records. Records older than 50 years are open access. Many of these open access files have been digitised and are available online.

Records

The Migrant Files contain items or files that concern nominated migrants, the person who nominated them, enquiries from possible settlers, and, occasionally, files about specific topics.

The files have been culled. Letters of inquiry where the action only consisted of a reply were destroyed. In some cases, individual migrant names are not listed in the file title and the controlling series of cards (AA60) should be consulted.

The catalogue record for this series on the Tasmanian Archives website has a detailed listing of the items within this series. Tasmanian Archives also holds a set of indexes to the migrant files to assist with locating relevant records. The indexes are arranged by surname, and include other information about individuals including age, religion, place of employment/education, date they left England, date of arrival in Tasmania, and ship travelled on. Index cards for child migrants who disembarked somewhere other than Tasmania (e.g. Fremantle) are also included.

More info

Organisations in these records

Related Glossary Terms

- [Child Evacuee \(1940 - c. 1945\)](#)

Includes

- [M133 Legal Guardianship Migrant Children \(1945 - 1951\)](#)
- [M82 Mr.J.S. Maslin, Hagley Area School \(1946 - 1957\)](#)
- [M135 Hagley Area Farm School \(1946 - 1962\)](#)
- [M440 Young Men's Christian Association-Youth Migration Scheme \(1947 - 1950\)](#)
- [M1283 \[2\] St John Bosco Boys Town \(1948 - 1958\)](#)
- [M2181 St Joseph's Orphanage \(1949 - 1954\)](#)
- [M365 British Evacuee Children Nominated to Australia-Overseas League \(1950 - 1952\)](#)
- [M2726 Roland Boys Home - Sheffield \(1950 - 1951\)](#)
- [M2554 St Joseph's-Waterton Hall \(1951 - 1960\)](#)
- [M3157 John Moss \(Child Welfare Expert of U.K\) \(1951 - 1952\)](#)
- [M903 \[2\] Big Brother Movement of Tasmania \(1952 - 1960\)](#)
- [M1283 \[1\] St John Bosco Boys Town \(1953 - 1962\)](#)
- [M903 \[3\] Big Brother Movement of Tasmania \(1955 - 1969\)](#)
- [M3793 Fact Finding Mission on Child Migration \(1955 - 1956\)](#)
- [M3846 Fairbridge Society of Tasmania \(1956 - 1971\)](#)

Related Organisations

- [Tasmanian Government Tourist and Immigration Department, State of Tasmania \(1946 - 1982\)](#)
The Tasmanian Government Tourism and Immigration Department created the records in Migrant Files.
- [Department of Premier and Cabinet, State of Tasmania \(1985 - current\)](#)
The Department of Premier and Cabinet manages requests for access to records in the Migrant Files series.

Resources

- Council of Australasian Archives and Records Authorities (CAARA), [Child Migrants: Accessing records held by Commonwealth and State Archives](#), March 2010

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