

# Records of the Church of England Council for Empire Settlement [Council for Overseas Settlement]

1925 – 1981

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## Details

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Records of the Church of England Council for Empire Settlement [Council for Overseas Settlement] are held at the Lambeth Palace Library (formerly part of the Church of England Records Centre collection). The records include various committees' minutes, annual reports, operational registers, agreements, and correspondence. There may be records about child migration to Swan Homes in Western Australia.

## Records

The records of the Church of England Council for Empire Settlement [Council for Overseas Settlement] includes various committees' minutes, annual reports, operational registers, agreements, and correspondence produced by the council. The Lambeth Palace Library for these records is 'CECES'.

The council was also known as the Advisory Council of Empire Settlement, the Council for Commonwealth and Empire Settlement, and the Church of England Council for Overseas Settlement. It was responsible for advising and assisting the Church of England Assembly with migration of people from Britain to various parts of the British Commonwealth, including Australia. It corresponded with and coordinated the various Church of England societies engaged in migration activities. The records in this collection contain information about these and related activities. There may be records in this collection about the migration of children to Australia, and about Church of England agencies involved in child migration, such as Swan Homes.

Additional records relating to the Committee of Overseas Settlement dating from 1974-1981 can be found in the records of the Church of England Board of Social Responsibility, which are also held by Lambeth Palace Library (reference 'BSR').

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## More info

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### Organisations in these records

#### Related Organisations

- [Advisory Council of Empire Settlement, United Kingdom \(1925 - 1981\)](#)
- [Swan Homes \(1943 - 1959\)](#)

The Church of England's records centre in London may contain records about people who were sent as child migrants to Swan Homes in Western Australia after World War Two.

Date: 1947 - 1959

## Resources

- Database of Archives of Non-Governmental Organisations (DANGO), [Church of England Council for Empire \(later Commonwealth, then Overseas\) Settlement](#), 6 April 2009

## Records

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### Related Contact Details

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