



Archives ACT Finding Aid

What we don't & do have

The records designated as *Retain as Territory Archives* are the records of the Australian Capital Territory Government deemed to be of continuing value. The records date mostly from Self-Government in 1989, although some older records derive from the New South Wales and Commonwealth Governments.

We do not have records on:

- 19th-century Australian history, such as gold rushes, exploration or colonial administration;
- convicts;
- migration, passenger arrivals or shipping records;
- naturalisation;
- service dossiers, colonial militias or international conflict; or
- the Parliamentary Zone including the memorials on Anzac Parade, the National Carillon, Lake Burley Griffin, national land¹, Old Parliament House² and Parliament House.

The archives for the above topics are held by the State and Northern Territory archives, National Archives of Australia, the National Library, Heraldry & Genealogy Society of Canberra, Canberra & District Historical Society and other related associations. To locate information about these repositories go to the Archives of Australia website

<http://www.archivenet.gov.au/archives.html> or the Register of Australian Archives and Manuscripts website <http://www.nla.gov.au/raam/>

We do have records on ACT government services and functions:

- births, deaths and marriages;
- buses;
- court records, coroners' reports;
- education;
- environment, wildlife, domestic animals, weeds, pests, etc;
- natural and cultural heritage;
- land surveys, leasing, title or planning;
- memorials, public art and commemorative plaques;
- parks and reserves;
- public hospitals and community health; and
- roads, bridges and other traffic and transport matters.

¹ National Capital Authority website

http://www.natcap.gov.au/enhancing_and_maintaining/estate_overview.asp

² Old Parliament House website <http://www.oph.gov.au/>