

find your story...

Finding photographs

Photographs can bring a family tree to life. There are many collections of photographs of Aboriginal people and some tricks for tracking down photos of your family.

Finding photographs in the Battye Library

The Battye Library has hundreds of photographs of Aboriginal people, from the 1800's through to more recent years.

There are two ways of finding photographs in the library:

1. Using the card catalogue and albums

The card catalogue is arranged alphabetically by place name, personal name, subject etc. Each card refers to a number which correlates to an album where the photograph can be found.

A majority of the Aboriginal photographs are prefaced with the term 'Aborigines', followed by a place name or a keyword. For example:

Aborigines - Warburton
Aborigines - Art

2. Using the online catalogue

Hundreds of images of Western Australian Aboriginal people have been digitised and can be viewed online through our catalogue. For information on ordering an image, see one of our helpful staff.

Do a keyword search for a place name (eg. a mission or station) or any known personal names and limit your search to 'State Library Pictures'.

<http://henrietta.slwa.wa.gov.au/search~S2>

Please note:

Many photographs in our collection are unidentified. The State Library of Western Australia is working towards improving this. If you identify someone in a photograph and would like this information to be shared, please tell our Indigenous Subject Specialist librarian.

Finding photographs online

Picture Australia

Digital photograph collections from libraries around Australia.
www.pictureaustralia.org

Berndt Museum of Anthropology - University of Western Australia

Western Australian photographs and other material of cultural significance has been digitised and can be searched online via their online database.
www.berndt.uwa.edu.au/

AIATSIS Aboriginal Biographical Index

Provides references to photographs in published material.
www.aiatsis.gov.au/fhu/abi.html



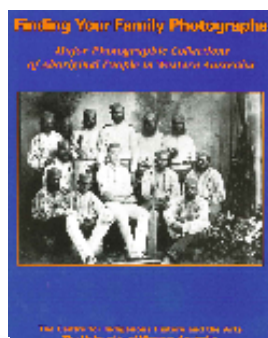
More collections of photographs

Department of Indigenous Affairs

The DIA also hold photograph collections, one of the most significant of which is the **Norman Tindale photograph collection** that includes photographic images from 46 communities or missions listed below. Contact DIA for more information on 1300 651 077.

1. Moore River Native Settlement	24. Derby
2. Anna Plains	25. Gogo Station
3. Balgo	26. Mt. Margaret (1939, 1953)
4. Brooking Springs	27. Mulga Queen (1953)
5. Nookanbah	28. Quanbun
6. Margaret River Station	29. Roebourne
7. Broome	30. Sturt Creek
8. Pilgangoora	31. Pilgangoora
9. Norseman	32. Laverton
10. Wiluna	33. La Grange
11. Jigalong	34. Cosmo Newberry
12. Warupuju	35. Cundeelee
13. Marble Bar	36. Southern Cross
14. Cookes Creek	37. Fitzroy Crossing
15. Christmas Creek	38. Flora Valley
16. Halls Creek	39. Forrest River
17. Thangoo	40. Gnowangerup
18. Wotjulum	41. Narrogin
19. Yeeda	42. Mt. Barker
20. Leopold	43. Borden
21. Mandora	44. Albany
22. Moola Boola	45. Collie
23. Christmas Creek	46. Meekatharra

For more information on finding photographs of your family, try this guide:



Finding Your Family Photographs: Major photographic collections of Aboriginal people in Western Australia

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Battye Library, 3rd floor pamphlet cabinet - Q 026.7792 FIN

This booklet aims to help Aboriginal people find photographs important to themselves, their families and their communities. Covers collections in the Aboriginal Affairs Department, the Berndt Museum, the Battye Library, and the WA Museum.

