

Genealogy Resources

Closed Collection request form, available from the Public Information Desk.

Please note that there is a retrieval fee of \$25 for some of the items held within the Bermuda National Library’s Closed Collection, which includes original documents and newspapers.

Newspapers

The Bermuda National Library holds several local newspapers on microfilm for use within the Library. The **Digital Collection** is available via a link at www.bnl.bm and this collection currently includes the *Royal gazette* from 1784-May 1944, the *Bermuda recorder* from July 1933-July 1975, and more!

Parliamentary Registers

Parliamentary Registers give the addresses and names of those who are allowed to vote. They are normally arranged by street within each parish. Current editions are available at the Bermuda National Library, Post Offices and online. Several of the older Registers can be seen upon request at the Bermuda National Library and at the Government Archives.

Land Title and Registration Office (LTRO):

Property registration was centralised to the Registrar General’s Office in 1972; records include parish records as far back as 1939. The **LTRO**, established in 2006, now holds all records. There is an hourly fee of \$25.00 for individuals using their records.
Hours: Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m.4:30 p.m.

Contact Information

Department of Land Title Registration,
1st Floor Milner Place,
32 Victoria Street,

Hamilton HM 12, Bermuda
Tel: 441-294-9260
Email: landtitlederegistryoffice@gov.bm

Registrar General’s Office

Please note that the Registrar General charges local researchers \$25 per hour (or any part thereof). Research done by a Registry officer costs \$58 per hour (or any part thereof).

Indexes and Certificates of Births, Marriages, Deaths

All births, marriages and deaths in Bermuda should have been registered with the local registrar. Information about Bermuda’s Registry General can be found at:
<https://www.gov.bm/department/registry-general>

Members of the public may search the Birth, Marriage and Death records at the Public Search Facility, located on the 1st floor of the Government Administration Building, Hamilton, on payment of an hourly fee.

Queries can be phoned in or emailed to:
General Enquires: 297-7739 taarchibald@gov.bm
Marriages: 297-7709 kminors@gov.bm
See <https://www.gov.bm/birth-and-death-registration> for more information.

Alternately, please contact the staff at:
The Registry General,
1st floor, Government Administration Building,
30 Parliament Street, Hamilton HM 12, Bermuda

For births, deaths and marriages prior to 1866 please contact the **Bermuda Archives** at 297-7737.
Email: reference.archives@gov.bm.

You can also use several books that have been created from those early sources. These books are available at the Bermuda Archives and at the Bermuda National Library.

Wills

Wills can be a very useful source of information for historians as they may give details of family circumstances and often indicate the transfer of property. Microfilm copies of the books of wills from the 1600s to the 1974 (probated wills) are available at the **Government Archives** in the public reference room.
Early Bermuda wills have also been transcribed and published by Dr. and Mrs. Hallett.

For probated wills dated after 1974 researchers are encouraged to contact the **Registry of the Supreme Court**.

Registry of the Supreme Court

The Supreme Court Registry is responsible for the administration of the Supreme Court and the Court of Appeal. It was established by the Supreme Court Act 1905 and the Rules of the Supreme Court 1985.

The Registry is vital to the functioning of these courts, and is responsible for:

- processing all court documents
- maintaining the secure custody and safety of all court records
- making relevant information available for court users
- collecting and accounting for all fees and fines received by the Courts
- providing support to the Justices of Appeal, Supreme Court Judges and the Registrar
- listing cases for hearing
- recording all events which take place during the course of a case
- Receiving and processing applications for the grant of Probate or the Administration of intestate estates
- managing the resources required for the effective functioning of the courts.

Contact Information

Supreme Court Registry,
(Family/Matrimonial Division, Probate Division & Criminal Division),
3rd Floor, Dame Lois Browne Evans Building,
58 Court Street,
Hamilton HM 12, Bermuda
Tel: 441-292-1350
Overseas patrons can email queries to:
supremecourt@gov.bm
Residents are asked to search records in person.

Supreme Court Registry Business Hours

At this time (2018) offices of the Judiciary are open 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and 2:15 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday, closing at 1 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, with the exception of Public Holidays and scheduled closures. Search fees do apply.

Telephone Directories

The Bermuda National Library has copies of the Bermuda Telephone Directory from 1950, 1957, 1966, and 1974-2016. For access, please fill in a Closed Collection request form, available from the Public Information Desk.



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