

Manilla's FAMILY HISTORY Archives

Everything the Museum has by way of family research material can be found in the Family History section in the Reference Room. There are contributed family history folders and family publications on the shelves.

- Our major resource is the compilation, "Manilla's Lost Folks" It's alphabetical, A4, and has a blue spine. The key for the Reference notes in each entry is at the front of the book.
- Find a family member's name in the list and check along the line for details such as Cemetery position and family connections. If you find an NP reference, it means there's a newspaper cutting in one of the accompanying 8 white folders on the bottom level.

*Here's a sample entry from the book...

MANILLA'S LOST FOLKS

SURNAME	FIRST NAMES	AGE	DIED	BURIED	REL	POR	ROW	REFERENCE	NOTES
BENSON	James W	18m	1933.07.10	1933.07.00	OP	063	3	HS-C	s/o Ernest & Lena
BENSON	Lucy Adelaide	60	1930.08.25	Tamworth 26	CE			CE-NP	twin of Mrs A Rodgers, d/o Jonathan & Lucy

- If there is an NP reference, take the person's date of death and find the corresponding date in one of the chronological folders. Each year has a name index which lists the page and number of articles kept for each person.
- Check the alphabetical filing cabinet which contains the contributed family history notes.
- A valuable resource only recently indexed, is A.R. Macleod's "The Transformation of Manellae" (The History of Manilla) published in 1949. Time has revealed some inaccuracies in the text, but it remains a most valuable chronicle of Manilla's development. The index has been compiled by Shirley Coote and Colin Rosewell and will shortly be available for purchase in A5 format. You can find the index in the family history section and the general history folders. Macleod's "The Transformation of Manellae" is available in the reference section of the Manilla Library and the Museum keeps a copy for public access in the reading room. Please ask at the counter.