



Tindale Collection

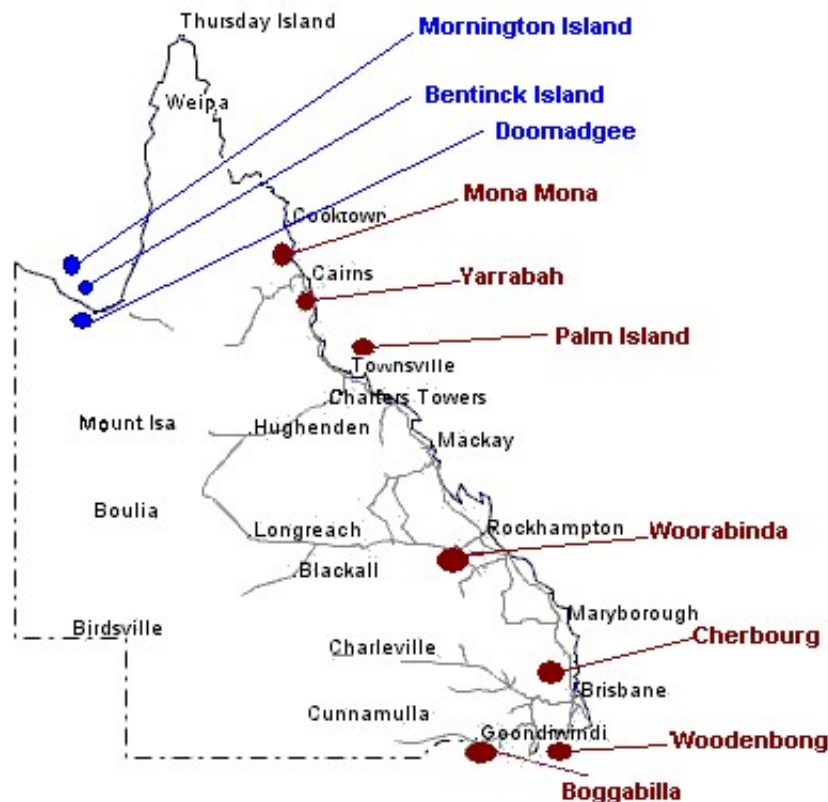
In 1928, Norman Tindale, an anthropologist and entomologist with the South Australian Museum, began visiting Aboriginal people living on missions and government stations. By the end of the 1950's he had photographed numerous Aboriginal people, collected cultural material and recorded a significant number of family trees (genealogies).

The South Australian Museum is the official custodian of the Norman Tindale Collection. It is advised that you view their internet site to find out more information <http://www.samuseum.sa.gov.au/collections/information-resources/archives/tindale-dr-norman-barnett-aa-338> .

In the late 1980s the State Library of Queensland were permitted to hold the Queensland and relevant New South Wales genealogical and photographic components of this Collection. <http://www.slq.qld.gov.au/resources/family-history/atsi/tindale>

An alphabetical Index has been created with the surnames of people listed within these sheets by the Heritage Collection of the State Library of Queensland. However, Surnames are searchable on the One Search Catalogue. http://onsearch.slq.qld.gov.au/primo-explore/search?vid=SLQ&sortby=rank&lang=en_US

Locations of Missions



Access Conditions

Although anyone can search the Tindale index, because much of the information is private or sensitive there are restrictions on who can access the full family tree information and photographs.

- Copies of genealogies and photographs are provided only to individuals or families who are researching their own family history.
- Copies of genealogies and photographs are provided to Land Councils for the purpose of Native Title Claims upon the provision of a request on official letterhead with names of families researching the claim and claims number.
- No copies of the material are to be reproduced in any form or published without prior written consent from appropriate Aboriginal families, communities and the South Australian Museum.
- Any use of the information other than for private and study use is the sole responsibility of the person making the request.

You can access information at our Southbank building or complete our online form with the Tindale Permission Form http://www.slq.qld.gov.au/_data/assets/word_doc/0019/229600/tindale-permission-form.doc.

Inaccuracies with the Tindale Collection

Tindale is a great resource for researching Aboriginal family history; however there are inaccuracies to the Tindale collection. Most of the inaccuracies occurred due to limited time to crosscheck the information he obtained in the field with other sources or return to the mission to re-check his previous information. It is advised that Tindale **should not be your only** source for family history.

If you require Tindale information for **another state**, it is advisable to contact the Indigenous Information Centre of the South Australian Museum.

Photographs & Drawings

There are over 900 photographs taken by Norman Tindale. The negative numbers or photographs are represented on the family sheet as numbers with an "N" in front of it (e.g. "N1329"). Photographs can be purchased from the Photographic Orders, Document Delivery, Collection Access <http://www.slq.qld.gov.au/services/copies-loans/image-orders> .

You must make sure you acknowledge that the photographs are from the **Tindale Collection**, otherwise you may be given an incorrect photograph.

Need help? Ask us

State Library of Queensland,
PO Box 3488, South Brisbane Qld 4101

Fill out our **Online enquiry** <http://askslq.altarama.com/ref100.aspx?key=RefAtt> if you have a research enquiry (we will endeavour to provide an answer within 10 working days).

Symbols

The following are the symbols and Abbreviations (with explanations) used by Norman Tindale on his family tree sheets.

*	Assumption of Surname	wh.	White – man or woman
♂	Male	a.	Stillborn/Miscarriage
♀	Female	b.	Born
○	Person's sex not specified	c.	Circa (Estimated at)
≠	Divorced/Separated	d.	Death
=	Married to (may be tribal marriage)	dist	District
a b	a & b are siblings	N1209	The "N" represents negative number
η	As "ng" in singer, not finger	fb.	Full Blood
MN	Mother's surname	F ₁	First generation cross eg. fb. x wh.
FN	Father's surname	F ₂	Second generation cross eg. F ₁ x F ₁ or F ₁ x wh.
Tr.	Tribe	F ₃	Children of F ₂
¾, ½	Racial admixture	Yrs.	Years
14 + 2	Means 14 years 2 months	N1345/27	Children Drawing
n.n.	Native Name	t.	According to the views of

State Library holds 821 genealogical [Family Tree] Sheets

Bentick Is. 33 Sheets	Cherbourg 110 Sheets	Doomadgee 67 Sheets	Mona <u>Mona</u> 49 Sheets
Mornington Is. 56 sheets	Palm Island 247 Sheets	Woorabinda 118 Sheets	Yarrabah 102 Sheets
Boggabilla 18 Sheets	Woodenbong 21 Sheets		