

Tutorial – Tasmanian Birth Records

These are the official birth records of the Tasmanian Registrar's Office. They were recently transferred to the Tasmanian Archives and are being transcribed and indexed so that they can be made available to the public for the first time.

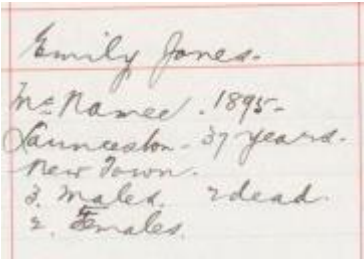
This is how a record will appear –

1901. BIRTHS IN THE DISTRICT OF Launceston										
Number	Birth— 1. When, and 2. Where, (State if first born.)	Name of child (if any)	Sex	PARENTS—		Rank or Profession of Father	Informant— 1. Signature, 2. Description, 3. Residence.	When registered.	Signature of Registrar.	Name, if added after Registration of Birth.
				Father— 1. Name and Surname, 2. Age, 3. Birthplace.	Mother— 1. Name and Surname, 2. Maiden Surname, 3. When and 4. Where Married, 5. Age, 6. Birthplace, * 7. Previous issue (living and deceased) (Children name and age of each).					
45 210. ✓	24 August 1901. 88. Cameron St.	Alick Raymond.	Male	Eric William Jones. 39 years. Westwood.	Emily Jones. Mrs. Nancy. 1895- Launceston. 37 years. New Town. 3. Male, 2 dead. 2. Females.	Dealer.	Eric Jones. Father. Invermay Road Launceston.	25 January 1902.	A. J. Smith A. J. Smith	A. J. Smith
46 211. ✓	14 December 1901. 118. Wallington St.	George Victor.	Male	George William Stebbings. 37 years. Longford.	Mrs. Harriett Stebbings. Wife - 1906. Launceston. 26 years. Longford. 2. Males dead. 1. Female.	Dealer.	Mrs. Stebbings. Mother. 118 Wallington St. Launceston.	28 January 1902.	A. J. Smith A. J. Smith	
47 212. ✓	23 December 1901. Victoria Hospital	Lizzie Everedina.	Female	William Claude Breaden. 37 years. Hagley.	Mrs. Katie Breaden. Wife. 1900. Launceston. 26 years. Launceston. 1. Female.	Miner.	Mrs. K. Breaden. Mother. Moosina.	28 January 1902.	A. J. Smith	
48 213. ✓	8 November 1901. Arden St.	Philip Charles.	Male	Charles Edgar Elliott. 41 years. Hobart.	Edith Mary Elliott. Alderson. 1901. 40 years. 25 years. Hobart. 1. Male dead. 4. Females.	Shoemaker.	E. G. Elliott. Father - Derby. Secretary to Arthur 19 of 59 Victoria Rd. 9.	12 January 1902.	A. J. Smith	Registered without fee at direction of Registrar General

* See Form Number and See only, until further instructions.

District

This will be found on the very top of the record. Examples include Launceston, Brighton, Bothwell.

Registration Numbers – Central and District*	<p>Central Registration Number – This is a stamped or handwritten number. It always appears on the right-hand side of the page or before the handwritten number.</p> <p>District Registration Number – This is always handwritten and appears on the left-hand side of the page.</p> <p>Both these numbers are to be recorded in separate fields marked – District and Central Registration No.</p>
Date of birth	Enter birth date in the format dd/mm/yyyy
Given Names	These can be found in the ‘Name of Child’ column and only includes the given names. If blank then leave the entry blank.
Surname	This must be taken from the Father’s Name details. An assumption but an educated one given the period in which the record is written. If no father is mentioned, use the mother’s maiden name.
Male or Female	This is written in the column titled ‘sex’.
Father Given Name	This can be found in the Parents, father details column. Only write the given name/s, leave out the surname as this is recorded in the previous field.
Mother Given Name	This can be found in the Parents, mother details column. Only write the given name/s, leave out the surname as this is recorded in the previous field.
Mother Maiden Name	<p>This can be found in the Parents, mother details column directly under the married name. In this example (right) the maiden name would be McNamee. Only record the surname as the mother’s given name is recorded in the previous field.</p> 

Parent Occupation	Enter the data as written. If 'Laborer' written, convert to 'Labourer'. Other examples of what/how to change below: Enginefitter = Engine Fitter Coalminer = Coal Miner
Registration Year	This can be found in the 'When Registered' column. Include the year only.

*Registration Numbers – Historically the reasons behind the two registration numbers lie in the entry of a birth into a local or 'district' register. Details of recent births, we think approximately every quarter, were then sent in to the 'central' register and details copied.

Here is an example of a slip of paper sent in from a District Registry Office to the Central Registry Office and included in the Volume –

189 BIRTHS in the DISTRICT of *Pearcefield*

Number	Date—		Name of Child (if any)	Sex	Father, Name and Surname	Mother—		Rank or Profession of Father	Information— 1. Signature, 2. Description, 3. Residence.	When registered	Signature of Registerer	Name, if added, after Registration of Birth
	1. When, and	2. Where				1. Where and Residence	2. Where and Residence					
1	290	December 5 th 1899	Estelance <i>Female</i> <i>Sidmouth</i>		George Albert <i>Farmer</i> <i>Griff</i>	Julia Stella <i>Farmer</i> <i>Griff</i>	Ann A. <i>Farmer</i> <i>Griff</i>		1900	1900	<i>Griff</i>	1
2	291	December 27 th 1895	<i>Williamwood</i>									2
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3	292	December 18 th 1899	William Harold <i>M</i>		William Thomas <i>Agnes</i> <i>William</i>	Agnes <i>Agnes</i> <i>William</i>	Agnes <i>Agnes</i> <i>William</i>		1900	1900	<i>Agnes</i>	3
4	293	December 27 th 1898	<i>Pearcefield</i>									4
5	294	December 27 th 1898	<i>Pearcefield</i>									5
I CERTIFY that the above is a true extract from the Register Book of Births for the District of <i>PEARCEFIELD</i> in the Island of Tasmania, kept in pursuance of the Act of the Parliament of the State.												
Given at the Register's Office at <i>PEARCEFIELD</i> this <i>14th</i> day of <i>October</i> 1922. <i>John Pearcefield</i> Register.												
7	295	December 1 st 1899	<i>Pearcefield</i>		<i>Alfred</i>	<i>Alfred</i>	<i>Alfred</i>		1900	1900	<i>Alfred</i>	7
8	296	December 8 th 1899	<i>Pearcefield</i>		<i>Alfred</i>	<i>Alfred</i>	<i>Alfred</i>		1900	1900	<i>Alfred</i>	8

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