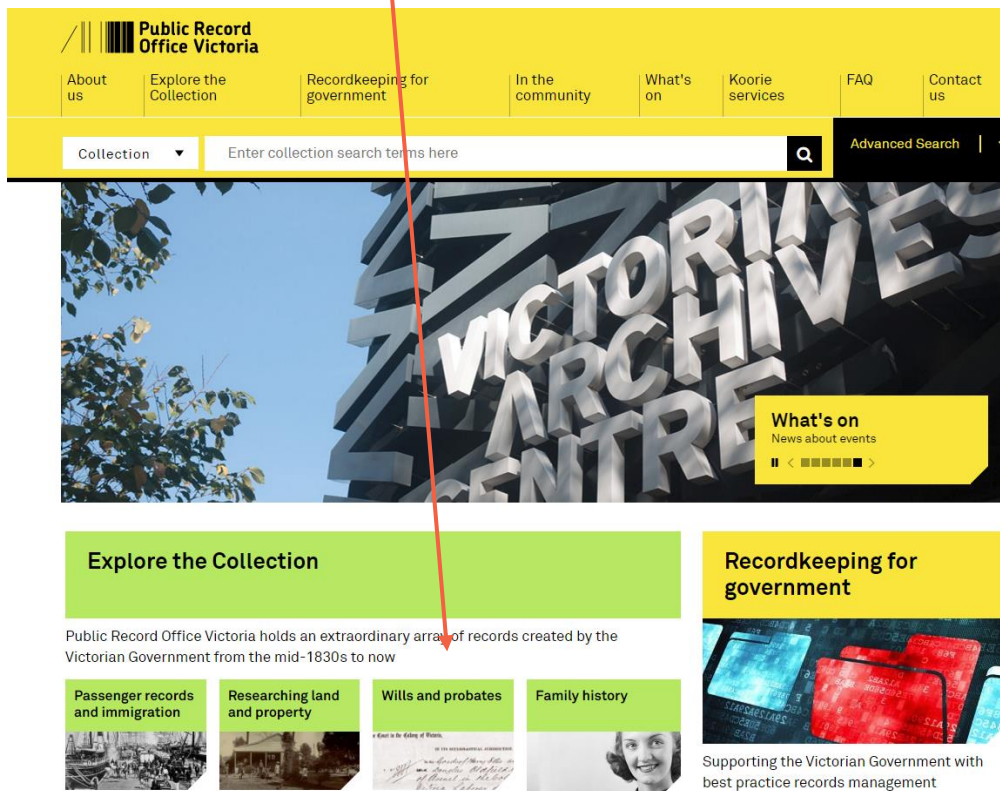


Wills, Probate and Administration records from 1841 – 1925 have been digitised and are available to view and print online.

Records from 1926 – 2009 are available to “Order” and view within PROV’s reading room at North Melbourne.

Go to : www.prov.vic.gov.au

Click on **Wills and probates**



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A search screen appears so you can fill in your information.

- records 1841-1925 can be viewed online;
- records 1926-2015 can be ordered to view at North Melbourne.
- View the records in the Reading Room for free;
- or, pay for a copy to be [emailed](#) to you or [posted](#) to you.

Search for Wills and Probate files by name

You only need a name to search. If you know a specific year of death, remember to enter it twice (from and to) to reduce the number of results.

FAMILY name

GIVEN name

Occupation

Residence

Year of death From

Year of death To

File no

The results page looks like this. You can use the filters on the left hand side to choose a date range.

A digitised file will have this icon beside it.

The screenshot shows a search results page. On the left, there are two filter panels: 'Date range' with options like '1840 - 1849 (2)', '1850 - 1859 (9)', '1860 - 1869 (9)', '1870 - 1879 (26)', and 'More'; and 'Series' with options like 'Probate and Administration Files (979)', 'Wills (664)', and 'Probate and Administration Files'. The main results area shows two entries. The first entry is for 'A/175', with details: 'VPRS 7592/P1 unit 1, item A/175', 'Samuel WEBSTER. Date of death: 25 Jun 1847; Residence: late of Tonbeet District of Port Phillip., 1847 to No date', and 'Wills and Probate and Administration Files'. The second entry is for 'S PRB 2012 06992 Webster Mark James Engineer', with details: 'VPRS 17379/P5 unit 234, item S PRB 2012 06992', '2012 to 2012', 'Probate and Administration Files (CourtView)', and 'Registrar of Probates, Supreme Court'. Red arrows point from the text above to a globe icon in the top right of the results area, and from the text below to a book icon next to the second entry.

A file that has this icon beside it



needs to be ordered from the PROV.

Click the underlined heading of the digitised file to open another screen where you can view the document. Click **view record** : The document will download and open in a pdf format so you can view, print or save.

If the date of death is after 1925, you can choose **Order item** and follow the instructions to visit and view the records at the PROV office in North Melbourne. You need to register with PROV before you order the record. You can register a public user account under the **I want to...** tab at the top of the bottom of home page.

The screenshot shows a yellow header with the text 'I want to...'. Below the header is a list of five menu items, each with a dotted line underneath: 'Login or create an account', 'Start my research', 'Explore by topic', 'Direct item order', and 'Request permission to publish'. A red arrow points from the text above to the 'Login or create an account' option.