

DIASPORIC AUSTRALIANS AT A
GLANCE (WWW.DAAAG.ORG): A
PILOT STUDY TO PRESERVE THE
CULTURAL HERITAGE OF
AUSTRALIA'S 210 ETHNIC
GROUPS

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Aims of the Project

The aim of the History Of Migration Experiences (**HOME Research Unit**) is to bring together national and international partners to **develop the collaboration** – working title:

Diasporic Australians At A Glance (DAAAG) Virtual Immigration Portal (VIP).

Why go digital?

High cost of traditional museum practices to reflect the nation's diversity and access to collections.

The American Family Immigration History Digital Center

Located in the Ellis Island Immigration Museum, the American Family Immigration History Center (AFIHC) allows visitors to digitally explore the extraordinary collection of immigrant arrival records stored in the Ellis Island Archives.

Launched at Ellis Island in 2000, the AFIHC receives **approximately 9 million hits per day**.

Launch 3rd Phase WA Welcome Walls. It's 40 degrees at 10am and still the interest!



Mutual Heritage

Australia's immigrants originate from 210 countries.

The migration process generates material and immaterial relics of the past which we collectively refer to as 'common cultural heritage' or mutual heritage.

The Nature of Migration

Migration is, by its very nature, a ‘mutual heritage activity’ since all migrants leave documentary traces of their past in the memory institutions of their country of origin and move records of their present and future into the archives and libraries of their receiving society.

Relevant Databases

Birth, death and immigration records, shipping lists, passport requests, health clearances, Alien registration, citizenship papers and school or business records.

Photographic and ephemeral databases plus any other documentary evidence.

Research Question 1

How can we best negotiate these traces and records in digital forms and enable access to the dual interacting histories they represent?

Research Question 2

What ethics and protocols pertaining to privacy and copyright issues do we need to inaugurate for the digital collection and accessibility of migration documentation for historical, sociological and family research?

The Challenge

The most significant challenge, therefore, is to establish or utilize an existing single digital resource and dedicate it to providing interoperable electronic access to relevant archival databases, in all relevant countries **currently not available or difficult to access for researchers and the public.**

Final Product

Our ultimate aim is to develop a
‘best practice’ dynamic, easily
navigable, multimedia easily
accessible single digital
eMigration collection.

Outcome

By maintaining, managing, using and highlighting our migrant heritage, we can foster a critical reflection on our past and a mutual understanding of past, present and future.

This can promote 'cultural diplomacy - cooperation between countries, both bilaterally and multilaterally whose history intersects with Australia's via immigration.

As well as serving the duty to remember, the focus of this initiative is to acknowledge, integrate and build awareness of the migration experience and obviate the tyranny of distance.

Acknowledge: The contributions made by migrants to their host societies; the diversity and wealth of the origin cultures and; the right to a dual-belonging.

Dutch Pilot Project

Partners:

- o Huygens ING Institute Dutch History
- o National Archives The Hague

Australian-Dutch Heritage Day 14 june 2012

Creating a theoretical framework: combining communities

From attic to database:

Migrant registration cards *Marijke van Faassen, Huygens ING*

From database to community:

DAAAG and Dutch Migration Heritage

Nonja Peters, HOME Center, Curtin University



Curtin University

Memory is the treasury and guardian of all things – [Marcus Tullius Cicero](#)

From attic to database

Migration registration cards

Registration cards of Dutch migrants to Australia

- o National Archives The Hague
- o 51.525 registration cards of emigrant units



Registration cards of Dutch migrants to Australia

◦ Characteristics

- 1946-1982
- cover about 135.000 Dutch emigrants (ca. 87%)
- made up by the Dutch migration officers abroad
- Contents
 - 'Hard facts' on composition of family, dates of birth, addresses, religion, marital status, date of arrival, carriers, port of entrance, scheme
 - 'Soft facts' on vocational training or profession, 'microstories' on problems (financial, divorce, juridical and the 'networks' of assistance)

Are there other sources?


- There is more information on the same persons in other Dutch archives
- The Australian government kept there own files on these migrants from the moment they decided to emigrate (applicationforms etc.)

Aarsse, A.J.

Naam	Barnes, H.J.		(258)		Doss. No.	Datum 16-4-'56	
Geb.	te	B.S.	Godsd.	Cat.	Kant. Brisbane.		
Gearr.	per	Gezin	per	Subs.			
				Adres			
				"H.O." Victoria Roanne Woody Point old 1966 196 Oakley Avenue, Ruffield Rd. Woody Point, Margate Radcliffe MS 1652			
Opleiding:							
Arbeidsverleden: 11-4-'56. Via Sydney schrijven ontv. inv. creditverleing door H. Dijk. 16-4-'56. Grants. Rodda nadere inlichtingen zijn ontv. zullen wij hem berichten. 2/12/58. Radio in kwintus voor Medulard (bete huisvrouw in A) door mij fol afgevens men by ABC. This is 2/12/58 Gen Kws. Barnes in brief leen tape, any Queensland.							

Example

- National Archives Australia: search for “Aarse”
- 17 hits; 5 results shown, two digitized files

 **NATIONAL ARCHIVES OF AUSTRALIA**

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BP25/1	AARSSE N K - DUTCH	Aarsse, Nelly Klazina born 1926 Nationality: Dutch [Birthplace -Naaldwyk Holland The Neteherlands] arrived Sydney on aircraft [PH TEP] 24 May 1951	Access status: Open	Location: Brisbane	1951 - 1956	
BP25/1	AARSSE H A - DUTCH	Aarsse, Henri Auguste born 1924 Nationality: Dutch [Birthplace - Petumbukan Sumatera Indonesia ex-Dutch East Indies] arrived Sydney on aircraft [VH ECA] 19 March 1963 - departed Sydney aboard Flavia 24 October 1963	Access status: Open	Location: Brisbane	1963 - 1963	
BP289/1	1000005	Aarsse [nee Schoggers], Henriette Jammy - Dutch - arrived 27 April 1959 in Sydney aboard SIBAJAK	Access status: Open	Location: Brisbane	1965 - 1970	
BP289/1	1000006	Aarsse, Nelly Klazima - Dutch - arrived 22 June 1956 in Sydney aboard ORONSAY	Access status: Open	Location: Brisbane	1956 - 1970	
J25	1971/1660	Aarsse Schoggers, Henriette Jammy	Access status: Not yet examined	Location: Brisbane	1967 - 1971	

Connection

- Klazina Nelly Aarse-Smit (NAA, item BP25/1) = spouse of Aarsse,

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- Henri Auguste Aarsse (NAA, item BP25/1) = brother of Aarsse, A.J.

[illegible]

Naam		Doss. No.		Datum	
Geb.		B.S.		Kant.	
Gestr.	to	Gestr.	Gestr.	Cat.	Subst.
per	per	per	per		Subst.
AARSSE <i>Alena Auguste</i>		<i>Bolsloeden</i>			
<i>Galang</i>					
		<i>v.c.</i>	<i>Anna de Haan 4 juni 1967</i>		<i>Adres</i>
		<i>m.k.</i>	<i>Beerd Taps 18-4-1958</i>		
		<i>m.k.</i>	<i>Lute Willy 9-10-1956</i>		
		<i>m.k.</i>	<i>Harvy Lier 28-5-1959</i>		
		<i>v.k.</i>	<i>Anna Janny 21-10-1961</i>		
		<i>v.k.</i>	<i>Hennidde Perard 21-10-1961</i>		

Opleiding: *Student of Hague Academy of Physical Education, The Hague Graduated 1968*

Arbeidsverleden:

- Aarsse-Schoggers, Henriette J. (NAA, item BP299/1) = mother

COMBINING COMMUNITIES

Two initiatives, several target groups, one site.

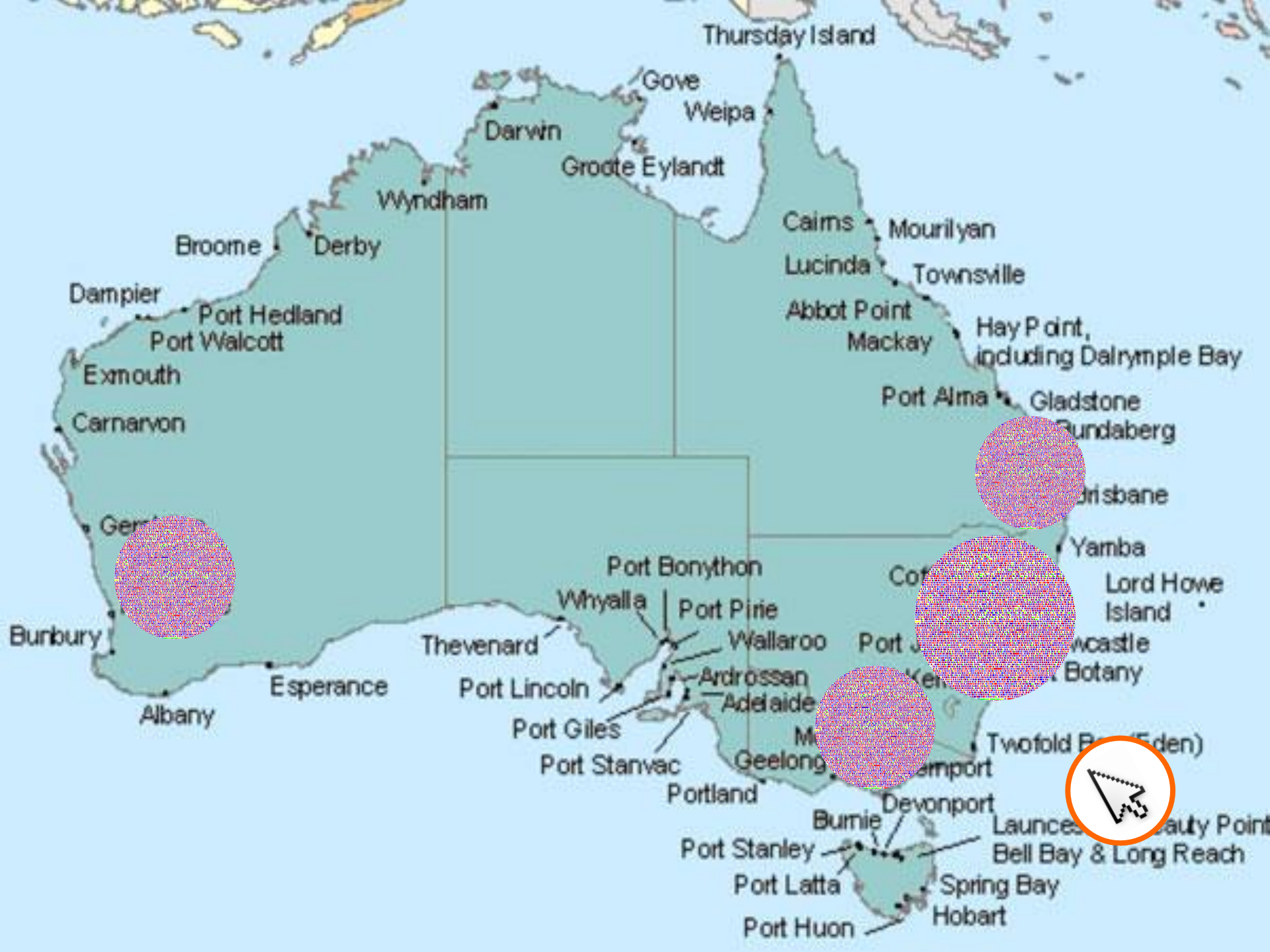
o **Research communities**

- Huygens ING: building an 'enriched' database on migrants registration cards
- Curtin University (and partners): developing

o **HOME**

- Migrant / research / commercial communities: using and enriching

What does it look like?



Aarsse, Henri Auguste

and his family

Personal information

- Date of arrival: 19xx
- Port of entrance:
- Carrier:

- Aarsse, Henri Auguste
- Head of family

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- Spouse >>
- Son >>
- Daughter >>



Archival information

Additional files can be found in:

Nationaal Archief
Den Haag

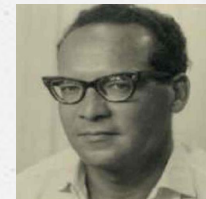


National Archives Australia
Brisbane, Canberra



Do you have extra information about Henri Auguste Aarsse and his family?

Add information in the Community:



Name		Date		Event	
AARSSE, Henri Auguste		1917		Arrival	
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NAME, Surname

and family

Personal
information

Archival information

Do you have
extra
information
about Name,
Surname and
his family?

Add information in the
Community

dead database

contains external
links, can be enriched
by research
community

virtual safe
function

Partners so far:

Curtin University, University West Sydney, ANU European Studies Centre, Huygens Institute Dutch History, The Hague, National Archives of the Netherlands, National Archives of Australia, Australia National Maritime Museum, Western Australian Museum, NLA, WA State Library, ANSWA (Dutch Community).

Currently pursuing:

- o Immigration Museum in Adelaide and Melbourne
- o National Library & Archives Ireland & England
- o National Library & Archives Germany
- o National Library & Archives Italy & Greece

CI & Partner Investigators criteria

In-kind contribution

Cash contribution

Project Management Board