

The Archives of Catholic Diocese Katolieke Bisdom Idayosisi yase-Katolike Port Elizabeth



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Thank you for your inquiry. The R80.00 charge covers a single name search in our records, per register search. We have no control as to the correctness of the information i.e. that it is the person/family you are researching. If you live in Port Elizabeth or are visiting the city we have a morning fee (9.00am to 12.30 pm) of R80.00 when you will be given assistance in researching the records. It is essential to book the time required.

The DVD's are not available for sale. The Archives do not supply copies of the certificates, but will give you the relevant information. Copies of certificates are available only through the parish office where the Sacrament was celebrated. This office is not equipped to do extensive non-specific research into family names, location or dates, for example by asking for a family name without first names, a specific date and in a general area of the Eastern Cape – Smiths in Port Elizabeth during the late 1800's.

We charge R80 per person per register per parish. To look up one person in one parish marriage register = R80.00 *(in the St. Augustine's registers this could mean reviewing over 2000 pages each with up to nine entries per page of just one register). If the records of two people are needed then double that; should you also need further information from the burial and/or baptism registers of one person = 2xR80.00. This applies to each person under review, as well as each parish register under review.

The following information is needed to facilitate the search: the *full name* of the person, *place of baptism* (parish and church name) and the *date of baptism* (month and year if possible); *parents names* and *where they lived* would be helpful. The more information received the easier the search!

Other places where names can be accessed are the national Births, Marriages and Deaths Register of the Home Affairs office. If the person owned property then these records can be accessed through the Deeds Office where all property sold is archived. Other useful sites are the National Census Archives housed in Cape Town and Prince Alfred's Guard archives for any military information, the Cory Library at Rhodes, the 1820 Settler Foundation and the Archives of the Port Authority of Port Elizabeth. Early East Cape/ Port Elizabeth/ Cape Colony Year books are very useful in tracking down the magisterial districts and residents of the 1820's, as well as local newspapers. We don't have copies of these but the main library in PE might have some of these early editions.

You can also do a simple preliminary search on Ancestry24.co.za or genealogy.com.

Other sites to consider for genealogy queries.

CousinConnect.com
Footnote.com
World Vital Records.
MyTrees.com
OneGreatFamily
DistantCousin.com
Inerment.net
MyCinnamonToast.com

Should you decide to use our facility, the banking details are as follows:

Catholic Diocese of Port Elizabeth
Standard Bank, Branch 050017, A/c no. 080006388
Label it: Archives

Please send notification of the payment to Fax 041 3743921 or a scanned copy of the payment to this email address.

Once again thank you for your inquiry. Please contact this office if we can be of any further assistance in this matter.

Your sincerely, Helena Glanville
for the Archives of the Catholic Diocese of Port Elizabeth