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Sample Research Report

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1. Introduction

This sample report demonstrates the structure, methodology, and presentation style used by Tansom Heritage Group Ltd when delivering genealogical research. It is based on a real case involving an individual—referred to here as Subject A—who was born and raised in India, travelled to Australia as a young adult, and later settled in the United Kingdom.

Subject A's early life is characterised by limited surviving documentation, two entirely different surnames used at different stages of life, and the absence of confirmed parental information. His movements across India, Australia, and the UK, combined with a documented legal incident and a subsequent surname change, make this case an excellent example of how structured genealogical analysis can resolve complex identity questions.

The purpose of this sample is to illustrate how findings are presented, how uncertainties are handled, and how recommendations are made when further research is required. All personal details have been anonymised.

2. Research Question

What can be established about the early life, identity, surname usage, and migration of "Subject A", including schooling in India, travel to Australia, arrival in the UK, and the subsequent adoption of a new surname?

3. Executive Summary

Research confirms that Subject A was born in India in the early 20th century and spent his entire childhood there. A school-issued Bible confirms his attendance and achievement in scripture, and full access to the relevant Indian school admission registers is available for further verification.

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As a young adult, Subject A travelled to Australia—believed to be his mother’s birthplace—before later migrating to the United Kingdom. Travel documents confirm his age and occupation at the time of each journey.

Upon arrival in the UK, Subject A continued to use the surname Surname A. A minor criminal incident recorded under this surname appears shortly before he adopted a completely different surname. Shortly thereafter, he enlisted in the military under the new name, which remained in use for the rest of his life.

Further research is recommended to locate Subject A within the Indian school admission registers, explore Australian records for maternal connections, and examine UK migration and military documentation to clarify the surname transition.

4. Evidence Log Reference

All searches, including negative searches, are recorded in the Evidence Log (not included in this sample). This report summarises the findings relevant to the research question.

5. Findings

5.1 Birth and Early Life (India)

- Subject A was born in India in 1914.
- No confirmed parental names are currently available.
- A school-issued Bible confirms his attendance at an Indian school and records a prize awarded for scripture.
- Early-life residence is believed to be in or near Bengal, India pending confirmation from school admission registers.

5.2 Schooling (India)

- Subject A attended school in India.
- The school Bible provides:
 - his name as used during childhood
 - evidence of academic achievement



- confirmation of schooling location
- Full access to the school admission registers is available, though Subject A has not yet been located within them.
- These records are likely to provide:
 - age at admission
 - father's name
 - residence
 - previous school (if any)

5.3 Surname Usage

Subject A used two completely different surnames during his lifetime:

- Surname A — used during childhood and early adulthood in India and Australia
- Surname B — adopted after arrival in the UK and used for military service and all later life events

These are not spelling variations but distinct names.

Possible explanations include:

- maternal vs paternal surname usage
- adoption or guardianship
- personal reinvention
- legal or social motivations
- response to the UK legal incident

Further evidence is required to determine the reason for the change.

5.4 Migration to Australia

- Travel documents confirm Subject A travelled from India to Australia as a young adult.
- His age and occupation are recorded.



- No next of kin is listed.
- Australia is believed to be his mother's birthplace, suggesting a potential family connection.

5.5 Arrival in the United Kingdom

- Subject A arrived in the UK as an adult, still using the surname 'Surname A'.
- A minor criminal incident (handbag theft) is recorded under this surname.
- Shortly after this event, Subject A adopted a new surname (Surname B).
- Military enlistment records confirm the new surname and provide additional biographical detail.

6. Analysis & Interpretation

Subject A's life presents a complex genealogical challenge involving:

- multiple countries
- two distinct surnames
- incomplete early-life documentation
- a behavioural event preceding a surname change
- migration across India → Australia → UK

The strongest evidence for constructing a timeline comes from:

- travel documents
- the school Bible
- military records
- UK legal documentation
- the availability of Indian school admission registers

The surname change is a key interpretive issue. The timing—shortly after the UK legal incident—suggests a possible motivation, though this cannot be confirmed without further evidence.



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The Indian school admission registers remain the most promising source for resolving early-life identity and parental information.

7. Recommendations / Next Steps

To strengthen the early-life timeline and resolve identity questions, the following steps are recommended:

1. Search Indian school admission registers to locate Subject A's entry.
2. Investigate Australian records, including passenger lists, naturalisation files, and local archives.
3. Search Indian civil registration or parish records for birth or baptism entries.
4. Review UK migration and naturalisation records to confirm surname usage at the point of arrival.
5. Examine UK legal records for additional context around the surname transition.
6. Analyse military service records for biographical details and next of kin.
7. Construct a full timeline integrating all known movements and surname usage.

8. Appendices (Optional)

Appendix A — [Travel Documentation \(Redacted\)](#)

Appendix B — [Timeline summary](#)

Appendix C — [Military Attestation Form](#)

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