

Special allowance – A family and social history source

An applicant's file dealing with a special allowance will provide details of marital status, dependants with their age and status, certificates of marriage, death, births, medical reports, total income and sources, land holdings where applicable, stock and fowl, and acreage/ground under crops, by type. From 1949 a social welfare inspectors report is found.

Periodic returns and assessment of means were carried out. Applicants for free electricity allowance and free travel granted to veterans by government decision can be found from 1968 onwards.

Data Protection legislation has closed some of this material to general researchers and they are available to proven family members only at this time.

The file will contain the administration record of payment to the death of the applicant and partial payment to the next of kin from 1973. Details of funeral expenses and invoices submitted in the case of the burial of the veteran from 1 July 1979 are also found. The burial allowance was extended to all medal holders by Government decision from that date.