Do you want to delve deeper into your family's past?

Explore your family history using the Library's diverse and extensive collections. We will have something for you whether you're a veteran family historian or just starting out.
We have a dedicated family history area where you will find family history records and resources, including:

- electoral rolls
- genealogy handbooks
- past newspapers.

Staff are also there to help you get started with your research and to guide you through the Library’s collections.

Search across the [Library's collections](https://www.sl.nsw.gov.au) to discover family history records available at the Library.

Can’t come to the Library? Check out the [family history research guides](https://www.sl.nsw.gov.au) we've developed or [Ask a Librarian](https://www.sl.nsw.gov.au) to get help with your family history research.

**Location**

The family history area is in the [Governor Marie Bashir Reading Room](https://www.sl.nsw.gov.au).

**Research guides**

We’ve developed online research guides to help you with researching your family history and navigating the Library's collections. These guides include tips, strategies and key resources.

- [Aboriginal Australians family history](https://www.sl.nsw.gov.au)
- [Births, deaths and marriages](https://www.sl.nsw.gov.au)
- [Convicts: Bound for Australia](https://www.sl.nsw.gov.au)
- [Convicts: Life in the colony](https://www.sl.nsw.gov.au)
- [Passenger records](https://www.sl.nsw.gov.au)
- [Shipping records](https://www.sl.nsw.gov.au).

We also have two getting started guides for a basic introduction to some family history material from the Library's collections.

- [Getting started: Births, deaths and marriages (210KB)](https://www.sl.nsw.gov.au)

**Workshops and talks**

We regularly run family history events where specialist staff introduce the Library’s family history collections and teach techniques to preserve family records.

Each August we run a number of family history events to celebrate [National Family History Month](https://www.sl.nsw.gov.au).

Check [What's on](https://www.sl.nsw.gov.au) to find out about upcoming family history events.

**Family history groups**

We can deliver tailored programs for family history groups at the Library.

[Contact us](https://www.sl.nsw.gov.au) to talk about organising a program for your group.
eresources


- [Ancestry Library Edition](http://ancestrylibrary.proquest.com/)
- [Findmypast](http://www.findmypast.com.au/)

You can access most eresources such as [past newspapers](http://www2.sl.nsw.gov.au/eresources/browse.cfm?subjects=6260) from anywhere, anytime if you’re a New South Wales resident. You just need a [Library card](https://www.sl.nsw.gov.au/research-and-collections/get-library-card) or a [registered NSW public library card](https://www.sl.nsw.gov.au/eresources-register). But some eresources such as Ancestry Library Edition and Findmypast can only be accessed while at the Library.

If you’re not a resident of NSW, you can access the complete eresources collection at the Library.


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