

U3A Family Research – Beginners: Family History Resources – Judy Barry

Using the Melbourne City Library and the State Library of Victoria

You will need to enrol in the Melbourne City Library and the State Library Victoria.

FAMILY HISTORY RESOURCES AT MELBOURNE CITY LIBRARY:

<https://www.melbourne.vic.gov.au>

Ancestry and **findmypast** are keys to discovering your family history. Find out how to access them and plan your visit to a Melbourne City Library branch—there's one in Flinders Lane.

- **Ancestry Library Edition**

Search births, deaths and marriages, passenger lists, census records and more from all over the world.

Now available at home. Log in to the catalogue with your library card number and PIN/password. (*Backup Link – <https://www.ancestry.com.au>*)

- **findmypast Australia**

Browse historical records with a focus on Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea and the Pacific Islands.

Now available at home. Log in to the catalogue with your library card number and PIN/password. (*Backup link - <https://www.findmypast.com.au>*)

- **findmypast UK**

Browse historical records with a focus on England, Wales, Scotland, Ireland, the US and other parts of the world.

Now available at home. Log in to the catalogue with your library card number and PIN/password. (*Back up Link: <https://www.findmypast.co.uk>*)

- **Victorian Births, Deaths and Marriages**

Search historical indexes of births, baptisms, marriages, burials and deaths dating back to as early as 1836.

- **Sands & McDougall directories**

The Sands & McDougall directories list surnames, addresses and professions, and are useful when researching people and houses. The directories were published from 1857 until 1974. Free digital access to a full set at North Melbourne Library, East Melbourne Library and Library at The Dock.

- **Trove digitised newspapers**

Search through hundreds of Australian titles from 1803 to 2007.

FAMILY HISTORY RESOURCES AT THE [STATE LIBRARY OF VICTORIA](#)

<https://www.slv.vic.gov.au>

- **British Library Newspapers (1732–1950)**

Search British metropolitan and regional newspapers from the British Library's newspaper collection, predominantly from the 19th century. Includes some titles into the 20th century.

- **British Newspaper Archive**

Search this free index to hundreds of British newspapers dating from 1800 to the present day. One million pages are free to view and download with a user account. You will need to purchase access to other full text. The British Newspaper Archive is a partnership between the British Library and Findmypast.

- **Gale News Vault**

Cross-search several British newspaper archives, including 19th Century British Newspapers, *The Times* Digital Archive, *The Sunday Times*, *The Times Literary Supplement* and *The Illustrated London News*.

- **Gale Primary Sources**

Access a single, integrated search across all primary source collections included in the *Gale Primary Sources* platform. The platform includes 17th, 18th and 19th century British newspapers and select periodicals as well as material related to 19th century British politics, theatre and music, children's literature, and maps and travel literature.

- **Government Gazettes (Trove) (1832-2012)**

Browse or search the officially published gazettes issued by the Commonwealth government (1901-2012) and the New South Wales government (1832-2001) as well as the Papua New Guinea government (1906-1942 & 1945-1975).

- **Guardian and Observer (1791-2003)**

Discover an archive of *The Guardian* (1821-2003) and its sister paper, *The Observer* (1791-2003), the world's oldest Sunday newspaper. Articles are full-text, fully searchable and viewable as images.

- **Irish Newspaper Archive (1738—)**

Read full-text Irish newspapers, including *The Irish Independent* (1905—) and *Freeman's Journal* (1763–1924).

- **Irish Times and Weekly Irish Times (1859-2019)**

Discover an archive of over 150 years of two major Irish newspapers. Articles are full-text, fully searchable and viewable as images.

- **irishgenealogy.ie**