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About David



David is an experienced family history librarian and researcher having worked at the State Library of NSW since 1997. David works in the library's Family History Service (State Reference Library) as well as the Mitchell Library assisting clients trace their origins.

David is a regular conference speaker and delivers seminars at the library and throughout NSW in support of family historians and the state-wide public library network. David supports the education programs of the Society of Australian Genealogists as well as local historical and family history societies.

David has international experience having worked in Britain, and more recently in Vancouver, Canada on exchange as a Family History Librarian.

David has a passion for family history and is inspired by the State Library's digitisation initiatives. The *Digital Excellence Program* has revolutionised access to one of the world's great libraries proving a boon for genealogists and family historians. David is keen to share the success story and the possibilities with a wider audience.

His topic

[Tracing your ancestors in the digital age: the digitisation of collections at the State Library of New South Wales.](#)

Summary

Digitisation projects improve the discovery of collections and there are many benefits for family history researchers. The State Library of New South Wales digitisation programs, including the current Digital Excellence Program (DEP), are making accessible the nation's most iconic and historically significant documents and objects. In the past few years, the DEP has digitised thousands of newspapers and also the library's collection of World War I personal diaries, and these projects can add valuable information to the search for your ancestors as well as paint a picture of the world they lived in.