

International Scope: Resources in the Archives of the Society of Australian Genealogists

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WHAT IS THE SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIAN GENEALOGISTS?

The Society of Australian Genealogists was formed in 1932 and is the oldest family history society in Australia. Among our many activities, we manage library and archive collections. The library collection contains our print and electronic resources, while the archive contains our unpublished manuscripts, photographs, and other materials. We run an extensive program of lectures, workshops, tours, and group meetings relating to genealogy and family history which are open to everyone. Our principal object is the advancement of genealogical education.

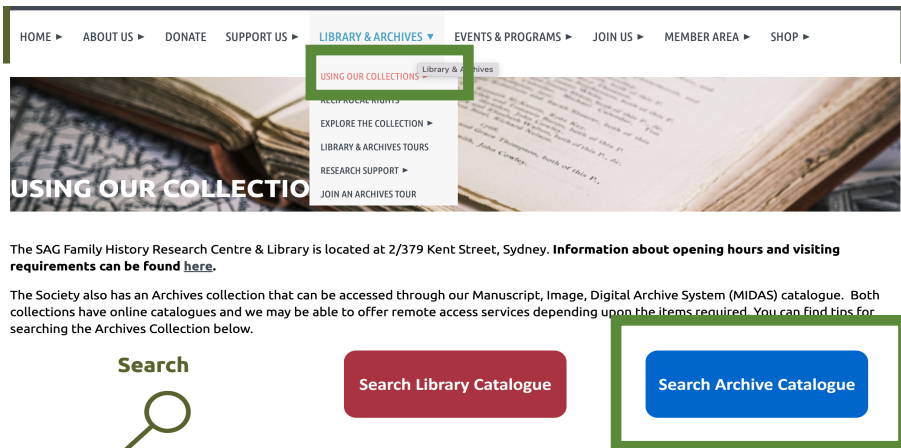
WHAT IS IN OUR ARCHIVAL COLLECTION?

The Society of Australian Genealogists has collected materials relating to Australia's family history since 1932 and now has approximately 65,000 items. The archives hold:

- family trees
- births, deaths and marriages documents
- family research albums
- migration records
- records of cemetery and grave site transcriptions
- original diaries, letters, wills, and biographies
- photographs, magic lantern slides, and daguerreotypes
- topographical, parish, naval, and orthophoto maps

You can search our online catalogue, MIDAS (Manuscript and Image and Digital Archive System) by using this URL: midas.sag.org.au

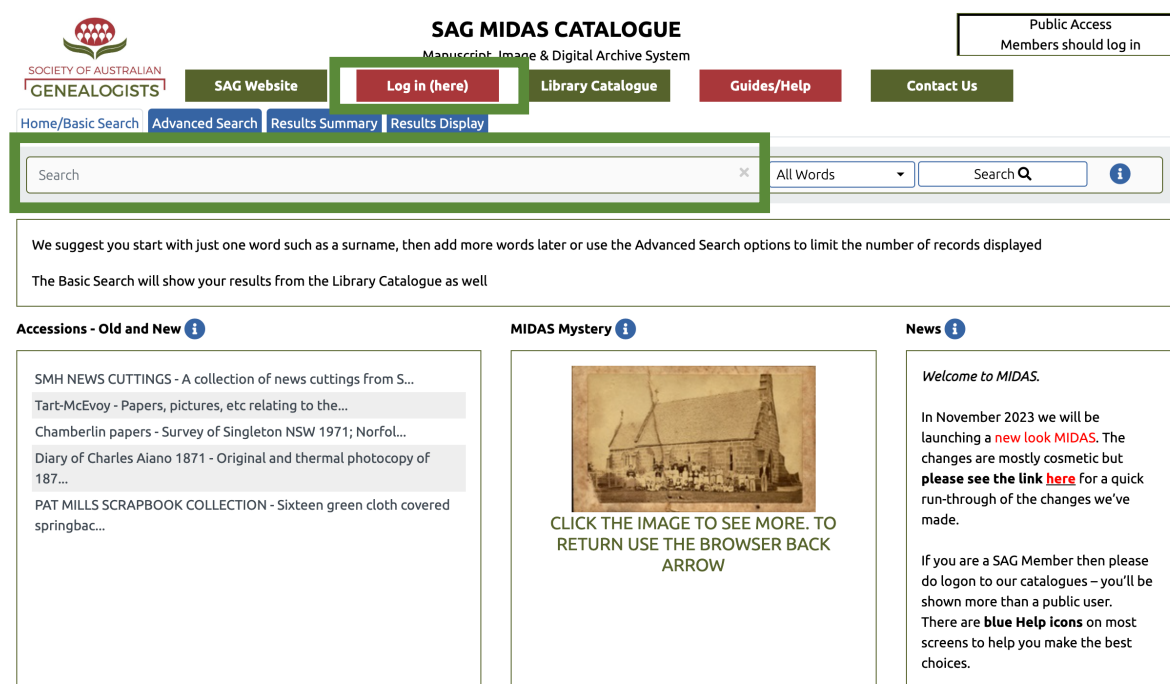
Or go to sag.org.au and access the catalogue through the “Using our Collections” drop down menu under “Library and Archives.”



The screenshot shows the website's navigation bar with links: HOME, ABOUT US, DONATE, SUPPORT US, LIBRARY & ARCHIVES (highlighted), EVENTS & PROGRAMS, JOIN US, MEMBER AREA, and SHOP. A dropdown menu for 'LIBRARY & ARCHIVES' is open, showing options: USING OUR COLLECTIONS (highlighted), RESEARCH SUPPORT, EXPLORE THE COLLECTION, LIBRARY & ARCHIVES TOURS, and JOIN AN ARCHIVES TOUR. Below the menu is a banner image with the text 'USING OUR COLLECTIONS'. Underneath the banner, there is text about the SAG Family History Research Centre & Library location and opening hours, and a link to find more information. Below this, there is text about the MIDAS catalogue and a link to find tips for searching. At the bottom, there is a search bar with a magnifying glass icon, and two buttons: 'Search Library Catalogue' and 'Search Archive Catalogue' (highlighted with a green box).

TO SEARCH THE COLLECTION

Use the search bar in the middle of the page to type in your request. Members can log in with their membership details using the Log In button on the top banner on the webpage. Members are able to see the full catalogue of our materials, while non-members are given a limited view.



The screenshot shows the SAG MIDAS CATALOGUE website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the Society of Australian Genealogists logo, the title 'SAG MIDAS CATALOGUE', and the subtitle 'Manuscript, Image & Digital Archive System'. To the right, a box indicates 'Public Access Members should log in'. The navigation bar includes buttons for 'SAG Website', 'Log in (here)', 'Library Catalogue', 'Guides/Help', and 'Contact Us'. Below this, there are tabs for 'Home/Basic Search', 'Advanced Search', 'Results Summary', and 'Results Display'. A search bar is prominently displayed with a placeholder 'Search' and a search button. To the right of the search bar is a dropdown menu for 'All Words' and a search button with a magnifying glass icon. Below the search bar, a message states: 'We suggest you start with just one word such as a surname, then add more words later or use the Advanced Search options to limit the number of records displayed. The Basic Search will show your results from the Library Catalogue as well'. The main content area is divided into three columns: 'Accessions - Old and New' with a list of items including 'SMH NEWS CUTTINGS', 'Tart-McEvoy', 'Chamberlin papers', 'Diary of Charles Aiano', and 'PAT MILLS SCRAPBOOK COLLECTION'; 'MIDAS Mystery' featuring an image of a ship and the text 'CLICK THE IMAGE TO SEE MORE. TO RETURN USE THE BROWSER BACK ARROW'; and 'News' with a 'Welcome to MIDAS' message and information about a new look for MIDAS in November 2023.

ARCHIVE TERMINOLOGY TO HELP SEARCH

- **Accession:** An accession is the group of materials donated together. An accession is processed into one or more items.
- **Items:** An item is the group of materials in a particular catalogue entry. Each item has a unique identifying number in the catalogue.

TIPS TO NAVIGATE THE COLLECTION

- The cataloguing is designed for family historians, indexed by **name**, **place**, and **record type**.
- **To search by name**, simply enter the name of the ancestor you are hoping to find. Additional biographical details, like date of birth, death, or marriage, have been included when possible to assist with identifying the right ancestor.
- **To search by place**, search MIDAS by location, such as county, cemetery, parish, state, or country.
- **To search by type**, enter the material you are hoping to examine, such as letters, diaries, passports, or certificate.

After entering the search terms, you will be brought to a landing page that sorts the search results.

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All Words

Search

MIDAS Collection Results

		Item Title & Desc	Name and Notes	Accession Title & Desc	
Manuscript & Image	All	4	58	0	More detail
Newscutting Series	All	0	90	0	More detail
Library & Other	All	0	15	0	More detail
Held Elsewhere	All	0	0	0	More detail

Library Collection Results

Click [here](#) to check results for a similar search in our Library collection

All (26)
Book (15)
CD ROM (4)
Microfilm (5)
Pamphlet (2)

- The number of **item title & desc** refers to the search terms found in the title or description of the item. We recommend you start your search here, as this means the entire item is related to your search.
- The number of **name and notes** refers to the search terms found in the index references of the item. We recommend you search by index second, as it means the search terms might be found on a single page of the item.
- The number of **accession title & desc** refers to the search terms found in the accession title and description. If you have an accession that matches your search term, you could be very lucky and have a large number of items related to your search!

TO ACCESS THE COLLECTION

- You can visit our archive in person, at the historic Richmond Villa at 120 Kent St, Millers Point, New South Wales. Appointments are required to view items and these are normally available on Wednesdays and Thursdays between 10.00am - 4.00pm.
- You can also request a digital copy of an item. Click on the 'Request View or Copy' tab, then click on the 'Order a copy' button. We will send you a quote and after payment your copies will generally be provided via a Dropbox link.

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Item Record

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Email/Citation

ItemNo: 04/009040 **Site:** Richmond Villa **Medium:** M13 Research papers **Stored:** H01 Foolscape Folder
Title: SMITH DAVID & IAN
Description: Extract, Mill Hill School Magazine Dec 1983 re David & Ian Smith

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View Options

Request to view at Richmond Villa 120 Kent St, Sydney, which is open by appointment only on Wednesdays and Thursdays between 10am and 4pm. For non-Members a Day Fee of \$20 will

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