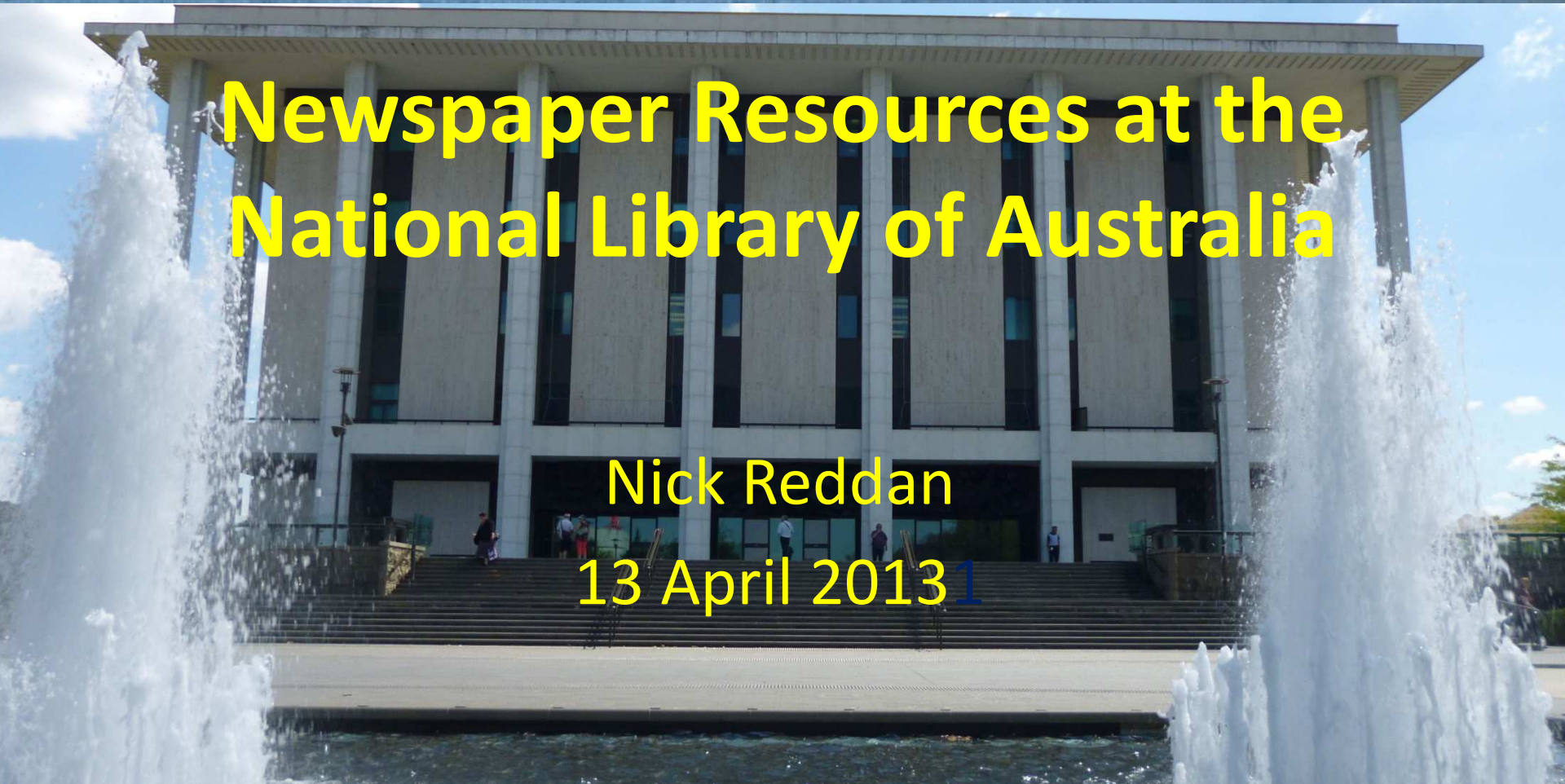




# Newspaper Resources at the National Library of Australia

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# Why look at newspapers?

- Newspapers are a source of:
  - stories about individuals
  - social history context to what your ancestors did
  - local history and great events of the time
  - advertisements
- You are unlikely to find much about a poor, but law abiding person





# What is in old newspapers?

- Advertisements
- Local news
- The social goings on of the wealthier classes
- Assizes and other court reports
- Criminal activity and the committals of suspects
- The quirky and unusual



# The National Library of Australia

- When I started my family history research I was fortunate enough to work across the road from the NLA
- While it holds many gems, I have spent most of my time at the NLA in the newspaper room looking at kilometres of microfilm





# Irish newspaper abstract collections

- Rosemary ffolliott – Index to biographical notices
- O'Kief, Coshe Mang, Slieve Lougher, and Upper Blackwater in Ireland
- and others



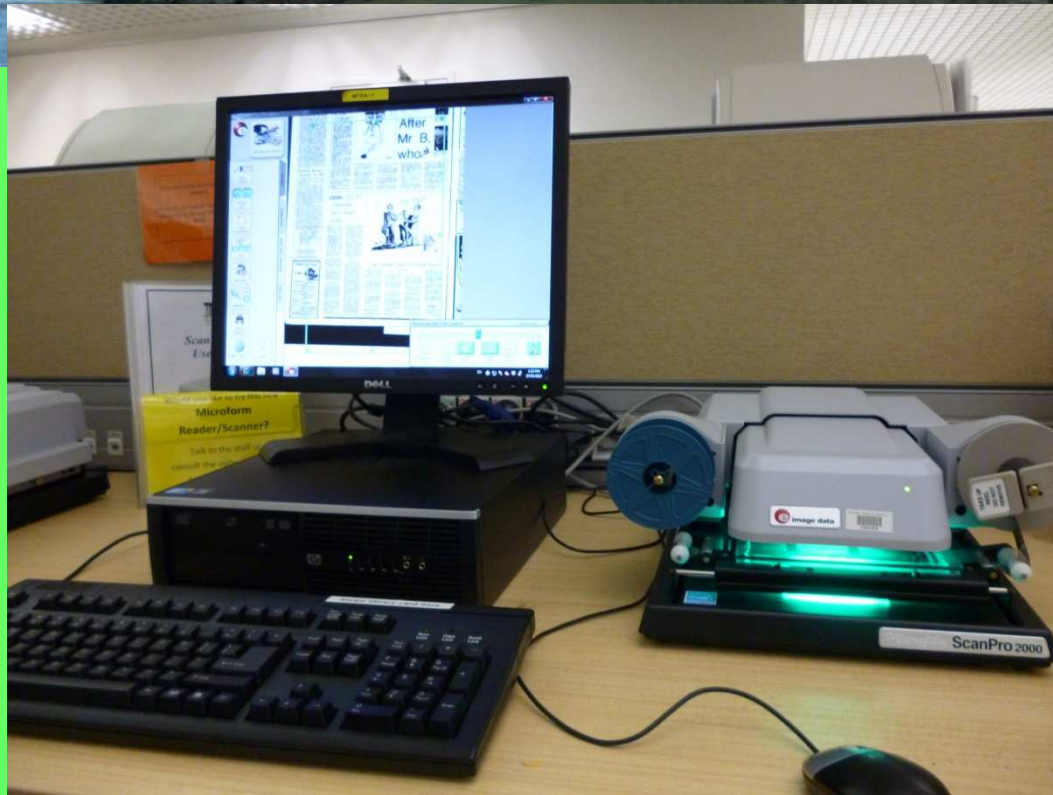
# How do I find out about Irish newspapers

- National Library of Ireland newspaper database
- This tells you when papers were published and whether there are extant copies and microfilms
- The next stop is the NLA catalogue





# Latest of many microfilm readers



# Some Irish newspapers in the NLA

- Freeman's Journal (Dublin 1763–1924)
- Limerick General Advertiser (1804–1820)
- Limerick Chronicle (1768– )
- Cork Constitution (1825–1873)
- Limerick Reporter and Tipperary Vindicator (1839–1896) part of Ireland : politics and society through the press, 1760-1922 ; reels 26-35.





# Isn't it all on the Internet now?

- Irish Newspaper Archive
- Gale news-vault
- British Library Newspapers (Brightsolid)
- These are fantastic sites and their coverage is getting better but is still incomplete



# Internet Irish newspapers

- The internet is a great starting point with a number of significant papers being OCR'd and searchable on the internet
- Local papers may however only be available on microfilm
- OCR is far from perfect—see Trove!!





# British Newspaper Archive Includes some Irish Newspapers

- Genealogists Magazine March 2013
  - British Newspaper Archive a Subjective Review of a New Genealogical Resource
  - Barney Tyrwhitt-Drake



# Remote access to some newspaper sites for registered NLA readers

- The starting point is eResources
- <http://www.nla.gov.au/app/eresources>

Use eResources to locate indexes, full-text ejournals, websites and guides available through the National Library of Australia on a range of topics.

## Freely available resources



Websites freely available to anyone over the Internet

## Licenced resources



Databases available by logging in with your library card

## Onsite resources



Resources available inside the National Library of Australia building

- Communication and Media
  - Newspapers (O/seas)





# Microfilms of newspapers in unusual places

- Many history researchers have obtained microfilms of newspapers for their research and the films have ended up in university libraries
- Melbourne University has for example a run of Berrow's Worcester Journal



# NLA microfilms are available for inter-library loan

- If you cannot make a trip to beautiful Canberra you still may be able to use their resources





# State Library of Victoria

- In the catalogue they list 29 Irish newspapers

