

## Family History on the Internet

*I have listed a number of web sites to further your family history, but you do need to go back to the original sources for verification. I have included a little information about each site, but you will discover that they include far more information than I have alluded to. Remember that they are only tools and correct identification is subject to your judgement. There are literally thousands of web sites of benefit, so no list could be complete.*

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### **1837 Online**

Names Family Research Link the site states that on the 10th February, after almost three years of our ongoing discussions and negotiations with the General Register Office, the decision was made to relax access to index information less than 100 years old. These changes are due to take effect from 1st April 2003, at which date they will be pleased to open their site to you with the indexes from 1837 to 2001. They hope that you will be as thrilled as we are with this outcome, which we believe benefits the genealogical community worldwide.

This site will enable you to search and browse the birth, marriage and death indexes for England and Wales, from 1837 to 2001. There is a modest charge for viewing, printing or saving copies of the indexes. Their minimum charge will be £5 GBP, for 50 page views.

[www.1837online.com](http://www.1837online.com)

### **1901 Census**

This is the English 1901 census which is now available. I have been onto this site and have searched several of my ancestors but do not get carried away it does cost.

[www.census.pro.gov.uk](http://www.census.pro.gov.uk)

### **A2A – Local Government Archives**

This site contains details of the contents of Archives throughout the UK. Although primarily designed for the Archivist its search facilities enable you to find documents in local archives that it would have taken you hours to find normally. It is also a boon when trying to find information and you do not know what actually exists. Once you have your information you do then have to visit the necessary archives to view the documents.

[www.a2a.pro.gov.uk](http://www.a2a.pro.gov.uk)

### **Archive CD Books**

This company is producing rare and old books on CD. They are reasonably priced and worth looking at.

[www.archivecdbooks.org](http://www.archivecdbooks.org)

### **British Columbia Vital Statistics Agency**

Genealogy is the science or study of family descent. Many people are interested in family history research and Vital Statistics records are an important source of information for the family historian. Our genealogy certificates are intended to provide more information than a regular birth, marriage, or death certificate

The Vital Statistics Agency has records of birth, marriage, and death occurring in British Columbia since 1872. These records are available to qualified applicants and the disclosure of this information is in compliance with the *Vital Statistics Act* and the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

Vital Statistics will release birth registrations containing a notation of adoption and adoption records only to birth parents and adopted persons. Under the provisions of the province's new *Adoption Act*, individuals wanting to receive adoption record information are required to make an application to the

Vital Statistics Agency (See their [Genealogy - Adoption](#) Event for more information about ADOPTION records).

They have links to the following full release details of available Genealogy services.

- [Genealogy - Birth](#) Event
- [Genealogy - Adoption](#) Event
- [Genealogy - Marriage](#) Event
- [Genealogy - Death](#) Event

[www.vs.gov.bc.ca/genealogy](http://www.vs.gov.bc.ca/genealogy)

### **British Isles Genweb**

British Isles Genweb is part of Rootsweb. Here you will find information about mailing lists, message boards and county pages for the British Isles. A good place to view and find the links you want within the local county environment.

[www.britishtislesgenweb.org](http://www.britishtislesgenweb.org)

### **British Library**

Access to the records of the British Library. You can order documents on line.

[www.bl.uk/catalogues/blpc.html](http://www.bl.uk/catalogues/blpc.html)

### **Cambridge Registrars Office BMD**

The Cambridge Registrars Office, in conjunction with CFHS, have started the task on putting online an index for all the Births, Marriages and Death for the county.

It is early days and currently has 178,000 Births, 230,000 Marriages and 55, Deaths. By clicking on the link you can print out an application form to send to the Superintendent Registrar with your cheque for £6.50.

At present a lot of the data is 20<sup>th</sup> Century, but no doubt earlier records will be available in time.

[www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/sub/register/cambsindex.htm](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/sub/register/cambsindex.htm)

### **Cambridgeshire Collection**

The Cambridgeshire Collection houses a very large collection of newspapers, trade journals, photographs and much more relating to Cambridgeshire. This site not only contains details of what is available to you but has also added information from the collection to create "Cambridgeshire History on the Net". This section contains photographs and details from various Trade Directories to help you gain a view of old Cambridgeshire.

[www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library/cambcoll.htm](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library/cambcoll.htm)

### **Cambridgeshire County Council**

The county council web site has many links within it. Not only can you find details of the Heritage Department including the Huntingdon and Cambridge Record offices but there are link to many local village websites, details of libraries, and archives information.

[www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk)

### **Cambridgeshire FHS**

The web site of the Cambridgeshire Family History Society. This is a packed relating to not only Society matters, but is a must for anyone with Cambridgeshire based research.

There are some databases you can search, the latest being the one for the 1841 census. Once you know where your ancestors were in the county you can order the order the census transcription from the Bookstall.

[www.cfhs.org.uk](http://www.cfhs.org.uk)

## Cambridgeshire History

Cambridgeshire History is a portal for Cambridgeshire and has links and information about old Cambridgeshire and parts of Huntingdonshire. Not fully enabled there is still enough here to keep you browsing for a few hours.

[www.cambridgeshirehistory.com](http://www.cambridgeshirehistory.com)

## Commonwealth War Graves Commission

A wonderful site for those who had relatives who died in either World War 1 or World War 2. Sometimes you are lucky and find additional information such as names of parents, age, address etc, which will assist in locating the correct individual.

[www.cwgc.org](http://www.cwgc.org)

## Cyndis List

Cyndis list has been up and running for several years now and contains a categorised and cross-referenced index to genealogical resources on the Internet. These are a list of links that point you to genealogical research sites online and is a free jumping-off point for you to use in your online research. In essence it is a "card catalogue" to the genealogical collection in the immense library that is the Internet. Basically your genealogical research portal onto the Internet.

[www.cyndislist.com](http://www.cyndislist.com)

## Diocese of Ely

The Bishop of Ely is the President of the Cambridgeshire FHS and has a keen interest in what we do. When researching in the Cambridgeshire, Huntingdonshire and parts of Bedfordshire, Essex, Hertfordshire and Norfolk you may wish to visit or find out more about the church, if it falls under the Diocese of Ely then this is the place to visit for local information.

[www.ely.anglican.org](http://www.ely.anglican.org)

## Ellis Island

This site deals with immigration into the United States via Ellis Island (New York). Your registration with this Website is free and once you have registered, you can, access passenger records during a Passenger Search, save searches in Your Ellis Island File and resume them at any time, save passenger records, ship images, and ship manifests in Your Ellis Island File. As a Registered user you can also join the Foundation online. With a one-year Foundation membership, you can create and maintain your Family History Scrapbook, annotate passenger records in the Community Archives and order one free copy of your initial Scrapbook (print or CD-ROM).

Really for those who have families that emigrated to the USA but very useful all the same.

[www.ellisland.org](http://www.ellisland.org)

## English Origins

English Origins is very different to Scots Origins. However some very useful information is available. You can order original documentation online.

Marriage Licence Allegations Index	1694-1850	670,000 names
Boyd's Marriage Index	1538-1840	East Anglia & Yorkshire 2 million+
Bank of England Will Extracts Index	1717-1845	61,000 names
Archdeaconry Court of London Wills Index	1700-1807	5,000 names
London Apprenticeship Abstracts	1568-1850	170,000 names
London Consistory Court Depositions Index	1700-1713	3,200 names

[www.englishorigins.com](http://www.englishorigins.com)

## **Family History On-Line**

New in January of this year this site is part of the Federation of Family History Societies. Its aim is to house as many records as possible in one place from the various member societies to allow you to search and find as many family members as possible from a variety of sources, covering the various counties. These range from parish records, census transcripts, burial indexes and through all the various transcriptions carried out by the various societies. Still in its infancy the intent is their and the idea a brilliant one. Searching is free, accessing the detail costs according to the content but the prices are in the pence not pounds.

[www.familyhistoryonline.net](http://www.familyhistoryonline.net)

## **Family History Societies**

This will take you to the links for Family History Societies in the UK. Family History Societies produce a wide range of publications to further your research. However it does depend on their volunteer support as to what is available. Look out for Parish Register Transcriptions, Census Indexes and Monumental Inscriptions.

[www.genuki.org.uk/Societies/index.html](http://www.genuki.org.uk/Societies/index.html)

## **Family Records Centre**

The Family Records Centre is primarily the home to the Registration Indexes for England and Wales.

They also hold census returns for 1841 - 1901 amongst other things.

[www.familyrecords.gov.uk](http://www.familyrecords.gov.uk)

## **Family Search (LDS)**

Family Search is the web site of the Church of Latter Day Saints. Records up to about 1874 are available for searching and the site is free. It should be noted that the information may not always be accurate. Look for references that start with C or M, Christening or Marriage as these should have come from the Parish Registers. However it is a very useful tool and may help you obtain a lead on that illusive ancestor. This now includes the information that was available on the 1881 Census CD.

[www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org)

## **Federation of FFHS**

The Federation of Family History Societies is the central point where most family history societies join to be one body. It is an overseeing, not controlling, body and provides much material on how you can go about your research, details of the various member societies and more about what is happening with family history research. It is the main sponsor of GENUKI.

[www.ffhs.org.uk](http://www.ffhs.org.uk)

## **FreeBMD**

The problem in England is that you are unable to purchase Birth Marriage and Death Certificates unless you have the reference. This site is reliant on volunteers who aim to index all the BDM held at the Family Records Centre up to 1900. Once armed with the reference you can order the certificate by telephone at a cost of £8. Otherwise you need to take a trip to the Family Records Centre where you can order for £6.50. You do need to be aware that if the certificate is incorrect you have no come back, it could have been a transcription error or you just picked the wrong one. I have ordered about 20 or so and they have been spot on. At present the site as 28,000,000 records available, but don't be disheartened if you can't spot the one you are looking for. There are still millions more records to transcribe.

[freebmd.rootsweb.com](http://freebmd.rootsweb.com) or [www.freebmd.rootsweb](http://www.freebmd.rootsweb)

## **General Register Office NI**

Registers of births and deaths            From 1864

Registers of Marriages                    From 1845

You can order on line, but no search facilities available.

[www.groni.gov.uk](http://www.groni.gov.uk)

## **GENUKI – United Kingdom and Ireland**

The aim of GENUKI is to serve as a "virtual reference library" of genealogical information that is of particular relevance to the UK & Ireland. It is a non-commercial service, provided by an ever-growing group of volunteers in cooperation with the Federation of Family History Societies and a number of its member societies.

In the main, the information that is provided in GENUKI relates to primary historical material, rather than material resulting from genealogists' ongoing research, such as GEDCOM files. (Its role is thus very different from Internet-based services such as GenServ, Roots Surname List, and the soc.genealogy.surnames.britain / soc.genealogy.surnames.ireland newsgroups with associated FAQ, that help genealogists find others researching the same family, and to exchange their research results with them.)

Throughout the British Isles and Ireland the various counties are individually maintained. Here you can read about individual parishes, find details of information county by county, see neighbouring parishes by searching, locate churches with a radius of a given place and follow the links to the genealogical sites available. This site is rated highly throughout the world and its content is second to none. With over 50,000 pages to its name it is highly likely you will find reference to something you are looking for.

[www.genuki.org.uk](http://www.genuki.org.uk)

### **Google Search Engine**

Currently, but arguably, rated as the most used search engine this is the best way of finding information on the Internet but beware too little information input to the search engine will result in thousands of pages being returned. Tricks to use are including ".uk" to narrow down to UK sites enclosing statements in double quotes (") to search for the string of words in its entirety and order. Using the advanced options allows you to eliminate various words you do not want to use. It is staggering when putting in a name how many personal family history pages you can find in one search. Sometimes it is better to enter a search string and then enter another straight afterwards to search within the results already obtained thus narrowing down the items in the list.

[www.google.co.uk](http://www.google.co.uk)

### **Historical Manuscripts Commission**

HMC is the UK's central advisory body on archives and manuscripts relating to British history. Established in 1869 they are the principal source of information on the nature and location of records and the leading provider of advice on matters relating to them.

Their website describes their wide range of services and provides access to their online resources. Here you will find the Nation Archives Register, the Manorial Documents Register, ARCHON,

**Searchers should note that the Historical Manuscripts Commission is not itself a repository and that the NRA does not hold any manuscripts or historical records it is purely a reference library.**

[www2.hmc.gov.uk](http://www2.hmc.gov.uk) or [www.hmc.gov.uk](http://www.hmc.gov.uk)

### **Hospitals Records Database**

This is a joint project of the Wellcome Trust and the Public Record Office

This database provides information on the existence and location of the records of hospitals in the U.K. Currently over 2,800 entries can be found by searching the database using the simple enquiry screen. The information has been obtained mainly from questionnaires completed by local authority record offices, supplemented by further research. A small number of hospitals which maintain their own archives have been included, but coverage of records still held by hospitals is limited. Information held on the database includes:

The administrative details of the hospitals, and their status or type

The location and covering dates of administrative and clinical records

The existence of lists, catalogues or other finding aids

Some hospital records are subject to closure periods, for example, access is not usually granted to the records of individual patients less than 100 years old, except via a doctor or social worker. It is always advisable to contact the archivist at the relevant repository before you visit.

[hospitalrecords.pro.gov.uk/scripts/SearchScreen.asp](http://hospitalrecords.pro.gov.uk/scripts/SearchScreen.asp)

## **Huntingdonshire FHS**

Huntingdonshire as it was ceased to be in 1972 and became part of Cambridgeshire in the main. Many researchers are confused nowadays as the county does not exist but in family history terms it is an independent area and covered by its own Family History Society. Their web site has much complimentary content to the Cambridgeshire FHS site. Here you can find details of the parishes, small write ups and links that may help you as well as the bookstall with its multiplicity of content.

[www.huntsfhs.org.uk](http://www.huntsfhs.org.uk)

## **IGI Batch Numbers**

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (often referred to as the LDS) has made the International Genealogical Index (the "IGI") available on the internet at [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org) and provided a very effective searching capability. However, it is not always easy to locate your ancestors (even if they are there in the IGI) using the search mechanisms provided at that site. This is because a search by last name only is not permitted unless you search within a single batch of records at a time or, at minimum, across the entire country (not even a single county let alone a town). If you have a rare name this might be OK but what if you are looking for Smith or Jones?

This site provided by Hugh Wallis allows you to quickly and easily access the information you require when referencing the IGI and thus cuts down the hard slog of working out the batch numbers required. Try it you will see.

[freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~hughwallis/IGIBatchNumbers.htm](http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~hughwallis/IGIBatchNumbers.htm)

## **Immigrant Ships Transcribers Guild**

This is a site provided by a group of volunteers dedicated to making the search for our ancestors immigration easier. They grew out of a need to find ships passenger lists on-line. Many people who are searching do not have the strength of body to leave their homes and find this information. Many do not have the eyesight to search microfilms. Many with small children need to be at home with them while others do the leg work and some of us, to be sure, just want to do it the easy way. Be advised that this is a newish project. Although there are over 5000 ships transcribed, it is a small number in the overall picture, there are thousands more to be done.

[istg.rootsweb.com](http://istg.rootsweb.com)

## **Imperial War Museum**

The Imperial War Museum is unique in its coverage of conflicts, especially those involving Britain and the Commonwealth, from the First World War to the present day. It seeks to provide for, and to encourage, the study and understanding of the history of modern war and 'war-time experience.' The Museum spans a huge range of activities not only at its main London location but also at its four further branches. You can choose a site from the links provided.

[www.iwm.org.uk](http://www.iwm.org.uk)

## **The Borthwick Institute of Historical Research**

The Borthwick has a great deal of information of interest to family historians, particularly those with an interest in Yorkshire and the northern part of England. They welcome those who wish to visit them to use their archives but because they can get very busy it is important to ring and make an appointment before you plan a visit. If you are not able to visit in person you may be interested in their Postal Reprographic Service (for copies of probate records and marriage bonds and allegations), and their Searching Service. The Mormon Church has also microfilmed their probate indexes and many of their parish registers - contact you nearest Mormon Family History Library for details.

The main sources include Records of baptisms, marriages and burials (parish registers, and Bishops' Transcripts (parish register transcripts), Probate Records (wills and administrations) and Marriage Bonds and Allegations.

[www.york.ac.uk/inst/bihr/famhist.htm](http://www.york.ac.uk/inst/bihr/famhist.htm)

## List of Mailing Lists

Here you will find mailing lists that cover To assist you in locating a mailing list of interest, they have been broken down into the following categories: Channel Islands, England, Gibraltar, Ireland, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales. A mailing list is a place where you submit your email address in either list or digest mode. List mode send you messages as they are posted, digest mode summarises the message into one email. Here you can ask questions of other researchers, just watch the messages to and fro or post your family interests. The mailing lists are secure and the messages to and from you are not open to spam or viruses.

[www.britishislesgenweb.org/maillinglists.html](http://www.britishislesgenweb.org/maillinglists.html)

## Local Ancestors

Local Ancestors started as a site containing details of people and research in Cambridgeshire but contains more than that. If you have no wish or no knowledge of how to create a web site then Local Ancestors will do this in a limited fashion for you. Your email address will be published on the web page for people to contact you directly. Basically you have one page of information with summarised details of your family possibly with the odd photograph is you wish although these must be limited in size.

[www.localancestors.com](http://www.localancestors.com)

## Maritime Information Gateway

Port is a subject gateway with a maritime focus. Subject gateways are online services and sites that provide searchable and browseable catalogues of Internet based resources. In the traditional information environment human intermediaries, such as publishers and librarians, filter and process information so that users can search catalogues and indexes of organised knowledge as opposed to raw data and disparate information. Subject gateways work on the same principle - they employ subject experts and information professionals to select, classify and catalogue Internet resources to aid search and retrieval for the users. Users are offered access to a database of Internet resource descriptions which they can search by keyword or browse by subject area. They can do this in the knowledge that they are looking at a quality controlled collection of resources. A description of each resource is provided to help users assess very quickly its origin, content and nature, enabling them to decide if it is worth investigating further.

National Maritime Museum staffs are actively involved in cataloguing and recording quality controlled online resources. When you use Port to locate online resources you know that it has the professional qualities and rigorous standards usually associated with such an institution as the National Maritime Museum.

Subject matter of interest to genealogy includes, International Relations & Migration, Military Affairs & Naval Forces, Biographies, Historical Periods from Ancient time to present, Ships Names and now the National Maritime Museum has recently launched Maritime Memorials, a new online database of over 4000 church, cemetery and public memorials to seafarers and victims of maritime disasters. Collections Online, the Museum's online database of its collections is also available, including many items currently not on display in the Museum.

[www.port.nmm.ac.uk](http://www.port.nmm.ac.uk)

## MyFamily

MyFamily is another free site from Ancestry.com. The Cambridgeshire FHS have their secure members site here and you can use this site to create your own family site admitting only those you want to enter and allowing the interchange of family information, news, documents and more with the knowledge that it is secure from those not permitted to access the site. You can also use their email facilities and include as much as you wish within the site.

[www.myfamily.com](http://www.myfamily.com)

## **National Archives of Canada**

The National Archives is a treasure house of the memory of Canada. They care for and share millions of documents of all kinds — films, maps, diaries, treaties, journals, art, government records, photographs, sound recordings and more. Many are of unique value and exceptional beauty. Some are centuries old. All reveal how we have lived in this place called Canada and enable Canadians to better understand the story of their country and of their fellow citizens. Through its services to researchers and government, its exhibitions and other initiatives, the National Archives of Canada seeks to connect Canadians to the sources of these stories. To preserve the collective memory of the nation and the government of Canada, and to contribute to the protection of rights and the enhancement of a sense of national identity, by acquiring, conserving and facilitating access to private and public records of national significance, and serving as the permanent repository of records of federal government institutions and ministerial records; by facilitating the management of records of federal government institutions and ministerial records; and by encouraging archival activities and the archival community.

This site allows you access to Genealogical Sources in Canada some of which is in the form of searchable databases and includes Census records, Birth, marriage, death, divorce and adoption records, Land records, Métis records, Wills and estate records, Military records, Immigration records, Home children, Citizenship (naturalization) records, Loyalist sources, Acadian sources, LI-RA-MA (Russian Consular records), Employment Records, School Records and Newspapers

[www.archives.ca](http://www.archives.ca)

## **National Archives of Scotland**

The National Archives of Scotland are based in Edinburgh. It is the repository for the public and legal records of Scotland but also holds many local and private archives.

At present it is not possible to search, locate and order records online, but the site will give you good idea of whether you need to make the trip to Edinburgh.

[www.nas.gov.uk](http://www.nas.gov.uk)

## **Occupations**

Very often it is difficult to relate an occupation to those in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. This is a helpful web site.

[cpcug.org/user/jlacombe/terms.html](http://cpcug.org/user/jlacombe/terms.html)

## **PRO Online - Wills**

Documents Online (formerly PRO-Online) allows you online access to the Public Record Office's collection of digitised public records, including both academic and genealogical sources. Searching the index is free, and it costs £3 to download a digital image of a document. *They have completed the first phase of enhancements and they will continue to improve the website over the next few months.*

Find your ancestors last will and testament from their collection of more than 700,000 PCC Wills from the period 1670-1858. If you want to find out about the availability of the wills for each 10, 20 or 30 year period, have a look at their wills overview. Discover the records that have recently opened up to the public after 30 year's closure, and other academic papers, including Churchill's wartime telegrams and T.E. Lawrence papers. Start searching straight away by typing keywords into the Quick Search box, or use the Advanced Search to specify a detailed criteria for all types of document. If you are a new user, they do recommend you take a look at the FAQ page for some tips on getting started, and try out the system by downloading Shakespeare's will. You should also look at the technical help to check what settings you need to use this site.

[www.documentsonline.pro.gov.uk](http://www.documentsonline.pro.gov.uk)

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## **PROCAT – PRO Catalogue Search**

This is the Public Record Office's online catalogue of archives of central government, courts of law and other national bodies. If you are already registered with them, you can **login** using your registration number. Once registered, you can also place advance orders to see documents when you visit Kew; however if you are not registered you can still use the online catalogue. From these searches you can drill down to various documents and even order copies on-line. This can be done by credit card, I know I have just ordered and received £420 worth!!!!

[catalogue.pro.gov.uk](http://catalogue.pro.gov.uk)

### **Public Record Office**

Based at Kew, the PRO holds the Service Records of the Military. You can order these documents to view at Kew, or request an estimate for copying.

The Public Record Office is the national archive of England, Wales and the United Kingdom. It brings together and preserves the records of central government and the courts of law, and makes them available to all who wish to consult them. The records span an unbroken period from the 11th century to the present day. Their brief history of the Public Records gives more information, or to see some of the treasures of the PRO visit the Virtual Museum.

Today the PRO advises government departments on best practice in records management as well as selecting records which will be kept in perpetuity. These documents are opened for public inspection thirty years after the file was closed, except in a few cases where the closure period is longer. See The Public Records System for information about access to Public Records or Advisory Council meeting summaries.

[www.pro.gov.uk](http://www.pro.gov.uk)

### **Ranks, Professions and Occupations**

Much like the site for occupations this site details ranks, professions and occupations. A true bible of all those terms that went before that have occurred throughout your research. Now you can find out what they really mean.

[www.gendocs.demon.co.uk/trades.html](http://www.gendocs.demon.co.uk/trades.html)

### **Roll of Honour**

This site contains details of the majority of the war memorials in Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Huntingdonshire plus surrounding counties. There are photographs of the men and the memorials plus details of the men drawn from many sources mainly the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, the Soldiers Died in the Great War CD, The army Roll of Honour – World War II and the National Roll of the Great War. There are also sections on various regiments, airfields from World War II and several searchable databases.

[www.roll-of-honour.com](http://www.roll-of-honour.com)

### **Rootsweb**

Rootsweb is the free service supplied by Ancestry.com. Here there are thousands of pages containing family trees, message boards, web pages relating to various counties, mailing list information and much, much more.

[www.rootsweb.com](http://www.rootsweb.com)

### **Scotlandspeople**

(GROS online - Not Scots Origins anymore. Look at what's available)

[www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk/holding\\_page.htm](http://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk/holding_page.htm)

## Scots Origins

This is the site of the GROS run by Origins It is a pay to view site costing £6 for 30 credits. Very easy to use and good value for money. From here you can either purchase online the official certificate (£10), note the references to look up for yourself in Edinburgh, or obtain a copy through a researcher by providing them with the correct reference.

Births & Christenings (1553-1901) Old Parish Register Index & Statutory Register Index

Marriages (1553-1901) Old Parish Register Index & Statutory Register Index

Death records (1855-1926) Statutory Register Index

1881 Census

1891 Census + images

1901 Census + images

[www.scotsorigins.com](http://www.scotsorigins.com)

## Scottish Genealogy Society

The Scottish Genealogy Society based in Edinburgh. To use their facilities, membership is required otherwise a daily charge is payable. They have an extensive range of publications all of which you can order over the Internet, covering most of Scotland.

[www.scotsgenealogy.com](http://www.scotsgenealogy.com)

## Scottish Wills

If you are researching your family history, or have always wanted to find out more about Scots in past centuries, [www.ScottishDocuments.com](http://www.ScottishDocuments.com) is the site for you!

They offer free access to a fully searchable index of over 350,000 Scottish wills and testaments dating from **1500 to 1875** (soon to be extended to **1901**). Purchase high quality colour digital images of related documents for only 5GBP each.

Scottish wills and testaments are a fantastic resource for the genealogist and historian alike. Why not browse their website to find out more about them and the information they contain? Also consider registering with them to receive advance notice of new additions to their website.

[www.scottishdocuments.com/content/default.asp](http://www.scottishdocuments.com/content/default.asp)

## Society of Genealogists

Based in London the SOG holds a large collection of family histories, civil registration and census material, and the widest collection of Parish Register copies in the country (over 9,000). They are arranged with local histories, poll books and directories, other topographical material, and the publications of county records and archaeological societies. Sections relate to the professions, schools and universities, the services, religious denominations, the peerage and heraldry, and to British citizens living abroad, in the Commonwealth and USA.

You can use the Library free if a member, or for a charge in non member.

[www.sog.org.uk](http://www.sog.org.uk)

## Streetmap UK

How many times do you come across a place name and wonder where it is? Here you can enter the name of a place, a a street or a postal code and get a map showing you exactly where it is as this site uses the Ordnance Survey maps of the UK. You can pan in and pan out to see exactly where you are or where the local church is for instance.

[www.streetmap.co.uk](http://www.streetmap.co.uk)

## **The British Library**

The British Library is the national library of the United Kingdom and one of the world's greatest libraries. Their vision is to make the world's intellectual, scientific and cultural heritage accessible, and to bring the collections of the British Library to everyone's virtual bookshelf - at work, school, college, home

They receive a copy of every publication produced in the UK and Ireland . The collection includes 150 million items, in most known languages, 3 million new items are incorporated every year. They house manuscripts, maps, newspapers, magazines, prints and drawings, music scores, and patents. The National Sound Archive keeps sound recordings from late 19th century cylinders to the latest CD, DVD and minidisc recordings. They house 8 million stamps and other philatelic items. These require over 625 km of shelves, and grow 12km every year. If you see 5 items today, it would take you 80,000 years to see the whole of the current collection. The earliest dated printed book, the Diamond Sutra, can be seen in our exhibition galleries alongside many other national treasures.

Visit: [www.bl.uk](http://www.bl.uk) to see what they do

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## **The London Gazette**

The old London Gazette site was a comprehensive and detailed information resource, and it was ideal for users who knew what they wanted and where to find it. However, it became clear that for those users who may not already be familiar with the printed Gazette, the site was not organised in a way which was always easy to follow, and some users may have found this off-putting. The redesigned site aims to provide the best of both worlds. All the detailed information from the old site is still here, but it's been reorganised, with additional companion sites for the Edinburgh Gazette and the Belfast Gazette, plus a growing historical archive, which will be of particular interest to genealogists and historians.

[www.gazettes-online.co.uk/index.asp?webType=0](http://www.gazettes-online.co.uk/index.asp?webType=0)

## **Workhouses & Poor Law**

Workhouse is a word that often conjures up the harsh and squalid world of *Oliver Twist*. The workhouse could be a grim and brutal place, but its story is also a fascinating mix of social history, politics, economics and architecture.

[www.workhouses.org.uk](http://www.workhouses.org.uk) is dedicated to the workhouse — its buildings, its inmates, its staff and administrators, and even its poets...

Learn more about the laws, the people and the buildings.

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## **World War 11 Nominal Rolls - Australia**

The World War Two Nominal Roll was created to honour and commemorate the men and women who served in Australia's defence forces and the Merchant Navy during this conflict. This site contains information from the service records of some one million individuals who served during World War Two. You may search for service record details by specifying name, service number, honours, place (of birth, of enlistment, or residential locality at enlistment). Once you find an individual service record you can print a certificate of service, if you wish.

[www.ww2roll.gov.au](http://www.ww2roll.gov.au)