



Useful Websites for Family History Research

Below is a list of some of the most useful websites used for family history research. They have been split under various headings.

1. **Three Main Subscription Websites for England & Wales.**
2. **Subscription Websites for Scotland.**
3. **Irish – Non Subscription.**
4. **Birth, Marriage & Death - Non Subscription.**
5. **Parish Records – By Place – Subscription & Non Subscription:**
6. **Certificate Ordering from GRO.**
7. **Maritime.**
8. **Military.**
9. **Air Force.**
10. **Newspapers.**
11. **Emigration.**
12. **Criminal.**
13. **History.**
14. **History Societies.**

1. Three Main Subscription Websites for England & Wales:

<http://www.ancestry.co.uk/> - This site contains many records including Census (not 1911 yet but coming shortly), GRO Births, Marriages & Deaths, Parish Records, Military Records, Immigration Records MD & Wills & Probate etc. There are 3 subscriptions prices:-

Essentials Membership - Includes all the important records to get you started. Find births, marriages and deaths, access census records and discover military records and more – This costs £49.00 per 6 months, or £9.99 a month. (Oct 2013).

Premium Membership - Access to all Essentials records and also go even further back, beyond official government records which began in 1837. Plus, search Irish record collections, immigration records and new historical record releases. This costs £79.00 per 6 months, or £14.99 a month. (Oct 2013).

Worldwide Membership - Access all Essentials and Premium records plus explore all records on Ancestry worldwide including immigration records for Australia, the US and Canada. Perfect if you have ancestors from overseas. This costs £99.00 per 6 months, or £19.99 a month. (Oct 2013).

<http://www.findmypast.co.uk/> - This site contains many records including all available Census Records, GRO Births, Marriages & Deaths, Parish Records, Military Records & Migration Records MD etc. There are 3 subscriptions prices:-

Foundation Subscription - Access to 1911 Census, 1841/1901 Census and GRO Births, Marriages & Deaths. This costs £79.95 a year, or £49.95 for 6mths. (Oct 2013).

Full Subscription - Access to Foundation and Parish Records, Migration Records, Military Records & Specialist Records. This costs £109.95 a year, or £69.95 for 6mths. (Oct 2013).

World Subscription – Access to all records including USA, Australia/New Zealand and Ireland. This costs £159.95 a year, or £99.95 for 6mths. (Oct 2013).

<http://www.thegenealogist.co.uk/> - This site contains many records including Census (not 1911yet but coming shortly), GRO Births, Marriages & Deaths, Parish Records, Military Records, Wills & Probate, Directories, Electoral Records & Poll Books, There are 3 subscriptions prices:-

Starter – Access to Census (not 1911yet but coming shortly), GRO Births, Marriages & Deaths. This costs £54.95 a year, or £28.95 for 6mths. (Oct 2013).

Gold – Access to starter plus Wills & Probates, Some Parish Records, Some Military Records & Some Electoral/Poll Records. This costs £68.95 a year, or £44.95 for 6mths. (Oct 2013).

Diamond – Access to Starter & Gold, plus all Parish Records, all Military Records, all Electoral/Poll Records & Specialist Records. This costs £109.95 a year (Aug 2013).

2. Subscription Websites for Scotland:

<http://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk> – This site contains Scottish Census Records, Scottish Births, Marriages & Deaths and Scottish Wills & Testaments. This site can only be viewed by pay-to-view, which costs £7 for 30 credits.

3. Irish – Non Subscription:

<http://www.census.nationalarchives.ie/> - This site contains the 1901 & 1911 Census for Ireland.

4. Birth, Marriage & Death - Non Subscription:

<http://www.freebmd.org.uk> - a voluntary project providing access to the General Register Offices for indexes (1837 -1984).

<http://www.ukbmd.org.uk> - This site provides links to county web sites that offer on-line transcriptions of UK births, marriages, deaths and censuses.

<http://www.bmdregisters.co.uk/> - Non-Conformists

5. Parish Records – By Place – Subscription & Non Subscription:

Anglesey

www.familysearch.org

www.findmypast.co.uk

Amlwch- www.amlwchdata.co.uk

Australia

Queensland BMD – www.bdm.wa.gov.au

Ayrshire

www.ancestry.co.uk

Banffshire

www.ancestry.co.uk

Brecknockshire

www.familysearch.org

www.findmypast.co.uk

Caernarvonshire

www.familysearch.org

www.findmypast.co.uk

www.ancestry.co.uk

Cambridgeshire

Peterborough Cathedral Burial Records- www.deceasedonline.com

www.findmypast.co.uk

Canada

www.familysearch.org

Census- www.ancestry.ca

<http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/index-e.html>

Cardiganshire

www.familysearch.org
www.findmypast.co.uk

Carmarthenshire

www.familysearch.org
www.findmypast.co.uk

Cheshire

Cheshire Parish Register Project- www.csc.liv.ac.uk/~cprdb/
www.ancestry.co.uk

Clackmannanshire

www.ancestry.co.uk

Cornwall

Cornwall OPC- www.cornwall-opc.org
Cornwall Parish Register Index- www.cornealleng.com
www.findmypast.co.uk
www.ancestry.co.uk

Cumbria/Cumberland

www.cumberlandarchives.co.uk
Cumberland Roots- www.cumberlandroots.co.uk
Parish Maps – www.maps.familysearch.org
www.ancestry.co.uk

Denbighshire

www.familysearch.org
www.findmypast.co.uk

Derbyshire

South Derbyshire Parish Register Transcripts-
freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~brett/parregs.htm
www.findmypast.co.uk

Devon

Devon OPC- genuki.cs.ncl.ac.uk/DEV/OPCproject.html
www.ancestry.co.uk

Dorset

www.ancestry.co.uk
Dorset OPC- www.opcdorset.org
www.findmypast.co.uk

Durham

Durham County Record Office- www.durhamrecordoffice.org.uk/Pages/Advancedsearch.aspx
Durham University Library- familyrecords.dur.ac.uk
www.findmypast.co.uk

Essex

Essex OPC- essex-opc.org.uk
<http://www.sturnidae.com/Essex/Marriages.htm>

Flintshire

www.familysearch.org
www.findmypast.co.uk

France

www.thisfrenchlife.com

Glamorgan

www.familysearch.org
www.findmypast.co.uk

Gloucestershire

www.familysearch.org

Forest of Dean Trust- www.forest-of-dean.net
Gloucestershire Genealogical Database-
www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/archives/article/107400/Genealogical-database

Hampshire

Hampshire OPC- www.knightroots.co.uk/parishes.htm

Hertfordshire

www.findmypast.co.uk

Hertfordshire Names Online-

www.hertsdirect.org/services/leisculture/heritage1/hals/indexes/indexes

Ireland

www.ancestry.co.uk

www.familysearch.org

www.census.nationalarchives.ie

Antrim – www.ancestryireland.com

Belfast City Council Burial Records – www.belfastcity.gov.uk

Down – www.ancestryireland.com

Dublin:-

[Glasnevin Cemetery – www.glasnevintrust.ie](http://www.glasnevintrust.ie)

[RC Pro-Cathedral Baptisms – www.irishgenealogy.ie](http://www.irishgenealogy.ie)

[St Mary's Pro-Cathedral – www.procathedral.ie](http://www.procathedral.ie)

Emigration (USA & Canada 1700-1900) – www.ied.dippam.ac.uk

Griffith's Valuation – www.askaboutireland.ie/griffith-valuation/index.xml

Northern Ireland – www.proni.gov.uk

Petty Sessions Court Registers – www.findmypast.co.uk

Ship Passenger Lists – www.rootsireland.ie

Kent

www.findmypast.co.uk

Medway Ancestors- cityark.medway.gov.uk

Kent OPC- kent-opc.org

Lancashire

Lancashire OPC- www.lan-opc.org.uk

Liverpool- www.ancestry.co.uk

Manchester - www.ancestry.co.uk

Manchester Burial Records Stretford/Hale Cemeteries- www.deceasedonline.com

www.ancestry.co.uk

Leicestershire

Leicestershire OPC- www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~engleiopc

Lincolnshire

Lincs to the Past- www.lincstothepast.com

<http://mi.lincolnshiremarriages.org.uk/>

London

www.ancestry.co.uk

Brentford Burial Registers- www.ancestry.co.uk

Brompton Cemetery – Kensington & Chelsea- www.deceasedonline.com

Clandestine Marriage & Baptism Registers (unlicensed) 1667-1754- www.ancestry.co.uk

Ealing Burial Registers- www.ancestry.co.uk

Merionethshire

www.familysearch.org

www.findmypast.co.uk

Monmouthshire

www.familysearch.org

www.findmypast.co.uk

Montgomeryshire

www.familysearch.org

www.findmypast.co.uk

Norfolk

<http://www.genealogy.doun.org/transcriptions/index.php>

Norfolk Baptism Project- freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~tinstaaf/

Northumberland

Newbiggin-by-the-Sea- www.myheritage.com

www.findmypast.co.uk

Nottinghamshire

www.ancestry.co.uk

Oxfordshire

Oxfordshire Marriage Bonds- whipple.org/oxford/marriagebonds.html

Pembrokeshire

www.familysearch.org
www.findmypast.co.uk

Perthshire

www.ancestry.co.uk

Radnorshire

www.familysearch.org
www.findmypast.co.uk

Scotland (also see individual counties)

Scotlands Family- scotlandsfamily.com

Shropshire

www.familysearch.org
www.ancestry.co.uk

<https://archive.org/details/shropshireparish04asapshro> - Volume IV Shropshire parish register society Diocese of St Asaph, Oswestry 1558 - 1669

<https://archive.org/details/shropshireparish05asashro> - Volume V Shropshire parish register society Diocese of St Asaph, Oswestry 1669 – 1750

<https://archive.org/details/shropshireparish06asapshro> - Volume VI Shropshire parish register society Diocese of St Asaph, Oswestry 1727 - 1812

<https://archive.org/details/shropshireparish07asapshro> - Volume VII Shropshire parish register society Diocese of St Asaph, Oswestry 1750 - 1812

Somerset

www.familysearch.org
www.Freereg.rootsweb.com

Bath Ancestors-

www.batharchives.co.uk/what_we_hold/records_for_family_history/bath_ancestors_database.aspx

Somerset OPC- wsom-opc.org.uk

Suffolk

www.findmypast.co.uk

Surrey

www.ancestry.co.uk

Sussex

Sussex OPC- www.sussex-opc.org

www.ancestry.co.uk

United States

www.ancestry.co.uk

www.family-search.org

New York:

German – www.germangenealogygroup.com

Marriages 1864-1937 – www.italiengen.org

Wales (also see individual counties)

www.familysearch.org

www.findmypast.co.uk

National Library of Wales- www.llgc.org.uk

Warwickshire

www.ancestry.co.uk

Nonconformist Registers – www.bmdregisters.co.uk

Warwickshire OPC- www.hunimex.com/warwick/opc/opc.html

Birmingham – www.ancestry.co.uk

Cemetery Records – www.findmypast.co.uk

West Bromwich

All Saints – Marriages- www.freefamilytreetools.com/allsaintsmarriages.php

Westmorland

www.cumberlandarchives.co.uk

Wiltshire

Wiltshire OPC- www.wiltshire-opc.org.uk

Wiltshire Wills Project- www.wshc.eu/wiltshire-wills-project.html

www.findmypast.co.uk

www.ancestry.co.uk

Worcestershire

www.findmypast.co.uk

Yorkshire North/West

www.ancestry.co.uk

Burial Records – West Yorkshire- www.deceasedonline.com

Sheffield Indexers- www.sheffieldindexers.com/ParishBaptismIndex.html

Wakefield Parish Transcripts- www.wakefieldfhs.org.uk/Registers.htm

Yorkshire OPC- www.yorkshire-opc.org.uk

www.findmypast.co.uk

6. Certificate Ordering from GRO:

<http://www.gro.gov.uk> - The General Register Office website for ordering your certificates.

7. Maritime:

<http://www.welshmariners.ork.uk> - Welsh Master Mariners, Mates and Engineers 1800-1945.

<http://www.lascars.co.uk> - Information about Lascars and other foreign seamen on British ships. Last updated Sunday 13th July, 2003.

<http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/records/royal-naval-seamen.htm> - Naval Records.

www.royalnavalmuseum.org – Royal Naval Museum Portsmouth.

www.nmm.ac.uk – National Maritime Museum Greenwich, London

www.veterans-uk.info/service_records/royal_navy.html - Naval Records after 1925 :- download a Service Access Request (SAR)

8. Military:

<http://www.cwgc.org> - Commonwealth War Graves Commission contains 1.7 million men and women who died 1914-1921 and 1939-1947.

<http://discovery.nationalarchives.gov.uk> – WWI Medals, War Diaries &, Service Records for Officers.

www.gazettes-online.co.uk – More WWI Medals.

www.armymuseums.org.uk - Military Museums.

<http://www.westernfrontassociation.com/about-the-wfa/175-pension-records/2961-pension-record-cards-manual-lookup-request.html> – WWI army pensions.

www.icrc.org – Prisoners Of War (coming soon).

www.soldierswills.nationalarchives.ie – Irish Soldiers Wills.

<http://www.operationwardiary.org/> - The story of the British Army on the Western Front during the First World War is waiting to be discovered in 1.5 million pages of unit war diaries

9. Air Force:

<http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/records/air-force.htm> - RAF records.

10. Newspapers:

<http://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk> – Various newspapers from around this country, some going back to the 1700's. Searching is free but there is a charge to view the pages.

http://www.yournotices.co.uk/?source=nwnm_bca – Boarder Counties Advertizer family notices going back 4/5 years. Free to use.

<http://papuraunewyddcymru.llgc.org.uk/en/home> - This website contains old newspapers from all over Wales, including Cambrian News and Merionethshire Standard 1869-1919. Free to use.

<http://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/cgi-bin/paperspast> - Papers Past contains more than three million pages of digitised New Zealand newspapers and periodicals. The collection covers the years 1839 to 1945 and includes 83 publications from all regions of New Zealand.

11. Emigration.

<http://mormonmigration.lib.byu.edu/> - It marks a dramatic turning point in the lives of early Latter-day saint converts who left their homelands and sailed for America. Discover stories, letters, journal entries, and other accounts of their voyage

12. Criminal.

<http://www.oldbaileyonline.org/> - The Proceedings of the Old Bailey, 1674-1913

13. History

<http://www.oswestry-history.co.uk/site-map.html>

<http://www.postalheritage.org.uk/page/collections>

[https://openlibrary.org/books/OL20516153M/The history of Oswestry collected from various authors with much original information by W](https://openlibrary.org/books/OL20516153M/The_history_of_Oswestry_collected_from_various_authors_with_much_original_information_by_W) - The history of Oswestry from its earliest times its antiquities and customs published by William Price, 1815.

[https://openlibrary.org/books/ia:historyofoswestr00cath/The history of Oswestry comprising the British Saxon Norman and English eras the topography of the b](https://openlibrary.org/books/ia:historyofoswestr00cath/The_history_of_Oswestry_comprising_the_British_Saxon_Norman_and_English_eras_the_topography_of_the_b) - The history of Oswestry, comprising the British, Saxon, Norman, and English eras; the topography of the borough; and its ecclesiastical and civic history; with notices of botany, geology, statistics, angling, and biography: to which are added sketches of the environs. Pages 356 Published by William Cathrall, 1855.

14. History Societies:

<http://www.sfhs.org.uk/> - Shropshire Family History Society.

<http://www.clwydfhs.org.uk/> - Clwyd Family History Society.

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wlspfhs/> - Powys Family History Society.

<http://www.oswestry-history.co.uk/oswestry-organisations.html> - This is a list of History Organisations in the Oswestry Area.

www.lincolnshirefhs.org.uk – Lincolnshire Family History Society

<http://sfrshistory.wordpress.com/projects/> - Shropshire Fire & Rescue Service History Society.