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.
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 1911 yet 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 1911 yet 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.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

**Bannfshire**

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](http://www.knightroots.co.uk/parishes.htm)

Hertfordshire

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

Hertfordshire Names Online - [www.hertsdirect.org/services/leisculture/heritage1/hals/indexes/indexes](http://www.hertsdirect.org/services/leisculture/heritage1/hals/indexes/indexes)

Ireland

[www.ancestry.co.uk](http://www.ancestry.co.uk)
[www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org)
[www.census.nationalarchives.ie](http://www.census.nationalarchives.ie)

Antrim - [www.ancestryireland.com](http://www.ancestryireland.com)

Belfast City Council Burial Records - [www.belfastcity.gov.uk](http://www.belfastcity.gov.uk)

Down - [www.ancestryireland.com](http://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](http://www.ied.dippam.ac.uk)
- Northern Ireland – [www.proni.gov.uk](http://www.proni.gov.uk)
- Petty Sessions Court Registers – [www.findmypast.co.uk](http://www.findmypast.co.uk)
- Ship Passenger Lists – [www.rootsireland.ie](http://www.rootsireland.ie)

Kent

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

Medway Ancestors - [cityark.medway.gov.uk](http://cityark.medway.gov.uk)

Kent OPC - [kent-opc.org](http://kent-opc.org)

Lancashire

Lancashire OPC - [www.lan-opc.org.uk](http://www.lan-opc.org.uk)

Liverpool - [www.ancestry.co.uk](http://www.ancestry.co.uk)

Manchester - [www.ancestry.co.uk](http://www.ancestry.co.uk)

Manchester Burial Records Stretford/Hale Cemeteries - [www.deceasedonline.com](http://www.deceasedonline.com)

[www.ancestry.co.uk](http://www.ancestry.co.uk)
Leicestershire

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

Lincolnshire

Lincs to the Past- www.lincstothepast.com
http://mi.lincolnshireremarriages.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/~tinstaalf

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)

Scotland's 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.italiangen.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:


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


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


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


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:


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

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