

# *Oswestry Family & Local History Group*

## 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 Registers - Non Subscription.**
- 6. Certificate Ordering from GRO.**
- 7. Maritime.**
- 8. Military.**
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### **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 subscription 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 £83.40 a year, or £10.95 a month. (Aug 2011).

**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 £107.40 a year, or £12.95 a month. (Aug 2011).

**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 £155.40 a year, or £18.95 a month. (Aug 2011).

<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 subscription prices:-

**1911 Census Only Subscription** – This costs £59.95 a year, or £39.95 for 6mths. (Aug 2011).

**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. (Aug 2011).

**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. (Aug 2011).

<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 £49.95 a year, or £28.95 for 6mths. (Aug 2011).

**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. (Aug 2011).

**Diamond** – Access to Starter & Gold, plus all Parish Records, all Military Records, all Electoral/Poll Records & Specialist Records. This costs £119.95 a year (Aug 2011).

## **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.

## **5. Parish Registers - Non Subscription:**

<http://freereg.rootsweb.com/cgi/Search.pl> - a voluntary project providing access to the U.K. Parish Register Information (Incomplete).

<http://mi.lincolnshiremarriages.org.uk/> - These marriage indexes contain the names of Brides and Grooms, their fathers, full date and the name of the parish. All information is transcribed from the parish registers deposited at the Lincolnshire Archives. (Incomplete).

<http://seax.essexcc.gov.uk/displayParishContents.asp?selAlphabet=NONE&selParish=0&selChurch=0> - a voluntary project providing access to the Parish Registers for Essex (Incomplete).

<https://www.familysearch.org/> - the International Genealogical Index and much more. Parish Records from all over the world provided by the Church of The Latter Day Saints.

<http://www.cornwall-opc-database.org/> - a voluntary project providing access to the

Parish Registers for Cornwall. Part of Online Parish Clerks project.

<http://www.csc.liv.ac.uk/~cprdb/> - a voluntary project providing access to the Parish Registers for Cheshire (Incomplete).

<http://www.lan-opc.org.uk/> - a voluntary project providing access to the Parish Registers for Lancashire. Part of Online Parish Clerks project.

<http://genuki.cs.ncl.ac.uk/DEV/OPCproject.html> - a voluntary project providing access to the Parish Registers for Devon. Part of Online Parish Clerks project.

<http://www.opcdorset.org> - a voluntary project providing access to the Parish Registers for Devon. Part of Online Parish Clerks project.

<http://wsom-opc.org.uk> - a voluntary project providing access to the Parish Registers for Somerset. Part of Online Parish Clerks project

<http://knightroots.co.uk/parishes.htm> - a voluntary project providing access to the Parish Registers for Hampshire. Part of Online Parish Clerks project.

<http://www.sussex-opc.org> - a voluntary project providing access to the Parish Registers for Sussex. Part of Online Parish Clerks project.

## **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.

## **8. Military:**

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

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

## **10. 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.