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## ***Our Really Useful North American Information Leaflet 2018***

Do you have British Isles ancestry? If so, this North American version of our leaflet is for you. It runs through how to get started and then take your tree further back.

With an ever-increasing amount of information available on the Internet, provided by commercial, as well as volunteer organisations, there has never been a better time to research your family history. Take a look at our list of useful websites on pages 4 to 6 to get an idea of just how much information is available to you.

Another great resource to tap into is family history societies – you might be surprised by how much you can benefit from joining one! Family history societies are full of friendly, knowledgeable experts who will be delighted to talk to you about your tree and help you when you face challenges. They have a great deal of experience in researching and will have lots of tips for when you get stuck. They often know about resources of particular interest to those researching in the society's area. For example, if you talk to a society from a particular part of the British Isles, they will know about many local resources that exist in local archives that you might never come across, certainly online. Often they have transcribed records of use to genealogists, or they might offer a look up or research service to members. They also keep lists of surnames that are of interest to their members, so may be able to put you in touch with someone who is also researching your family.

The Federation of Family History Societies has over 170 member societies throughout the world. In addition to our UK-based member societies we have other international, regional, specialist and one-name groups. The names and web addresses of all our members are included in this leaflet, on pages 7 and 10 to 14. They will be happy to share their knowledge and come up with ideas for you to pursue. They may also have produced transcriptions of the more unusual records that as yet are unavailable online. Why not consider joining a society today? It could be just what you need to kick-start your research!

***A UK Edition of Our Really Useful Information Leaflet, an essential guide to researching family history in the British Isles, is available FREE online at [www.ffhs.org.uk](http://www.ffhs.org.uk)***

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# DISCOVERING YOUR FAMILY HISTORY

If you are just embarking on researching your family history you will probably be aware that an ever-increasing amount of information is available on the Internet, provided by commercial as well as volunteer organisations. In fact, there has never been a better time to start your research! You might be researching on your own or with other family members. Perhaps you have a friend who wants to trace their family history and you are going to help each other. Whatever your situation, it is true to say that in the early stages of research, quite a bit of progress can be made using online resources, however, there might be times when you need some guidance or you are not sure what to do next. The following questions and answers may help you to decide on your next step.

## **Q. Where do I start?**

**A.** Always start with yourself and work backwards, from generation to generation. Begin by filling in the family tree chart on pages 8 and 9. As well as including yourself, your parents, grandparents and great grandparents you could also make a note of other relatives, such as cousins, uncles and aunts. Question older relatives, they might be able to fill in some of the gaps with their knowledge of ancestors you may not know or have forgotten. And don't forget to ask if they have any photographs, certificates or a family bible. Sometimes until you ask they won't think to tell you! As your tree grows you might want to use a family history software package. There are a number available and the advantage of using them from the start is that it gives you greater flexibility when you want to print out charts and share information. There are also a number of websites such as **familysearch.org**, **findmypast.com**, **ancestry.com** and **myheritage.com** which offer the facility to build your family tree online. However, do remember that you need to be sure your information is correct before you share it with others.

## **Q. I've recorded everything I can. Where do I go next?**

**A.** From the information you've already gathered, hopefully you'll know which geographical area your family lived in. This will help you find 'vital records' – civil and church records that could give you details such as place of origin, date of birth, names, including maiden names, and names of parents and spouse. Church recorded baptisms, marriages and burials back to the early 1600s whereas civil registration only started in some areas in the 20th century. To find these records, it helps if you have an idea of the date and location of the event. Often it is more effective if you start trying to find out the latest event first, which is usually the death. You might be able to work this out from family stories, the family bible, newspaper obituaries, memorial inscriptions or census records, for example. See the FamilySearch Wiki page: **www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/United\_States\_Vital\_Records** on Vital Records which gives links to the different state archives. Follow the links to find out which certificates are available. Some records are indexed at **familysearch.org** and you could also try searching for your relative there. Commercial websites such as **findmypast.com** also have databases that you can search for free, though you may be charged for looking at an image of the record. To find church records for the US or Canada, try **familysearch.org**, which has an extensive database of church baptism, marriage and burial records from around the world. In Canada, civil registration in some provinces started in the 1860s but was not undertaken countrywide until the 1920s. You can search an index of Canadian birth, marriages and deaths at **familysearch.org**. Some records are digitised online or you may have to contact the local Provincial office to obtain a copy. The FamilySearch wiki at **www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Category:Canada\_Vital\_Records** gives links to the various province offices.

## **Q. What information can I expect to obtain from a certificate?**

**A.** Information varies across states and provinces, but can be very useful, enabling you to get back a stage further. For example a death certificate indicating how old the person was, could lead to you finding their birth certificate. The death may be registered by a family member, giving you the name of another relative. A birth certificate could give the mother's maiden name, helping you to track down her marriage certificate, and so on.

## **Q. My family history is mainly names and dates; how do I find out more about my ancestors?**

**A.** A resource not to overlook are census returns. A census has been taken every 10 years in the US since 1790. It is a treasure trove of information on ancestors and their families, with details such as place of birth, age, occupation, military service information and immigration date. Due to privacy laws, the most recent censuses taken in the USA and Canada are not yet available. FamilySearch.com provides free online indexes to all the censuses that are open and some images. Internet Archive (**https://archive.org/details/us\_census**) has scans of all census images from 1790—1930, which are available for free. The 1940 census is at **https://1940census.archives.gov/**. In Canada, a national census was taken every 10 years from 1851. The most recent census that is available to view is the 1921 census. Note Newfoundland was not part of Canada until 1949. Most of the available census information is digitised at the Library and Archives Canada website: **www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/census/Pages/census.aspx**.

**Q. How else can I find about my ancestors who lived in North America?**

**A.** An excellent source of information on ancestors that you think were from the British Isles are passenger lists. Many of them are online at sites such as [ellisland.org](http://ellisland.org), [ancestry.com](http://ancestry.com) at [familysearch.org](http://familysearch.org). The databases give birthplace, date of arrival, occupation, physical description and the name of the ship your relative sailed on. There are many other sources of information too, from newspapers, military records and naturalisation records, to memorial inscriptions, probate and occupation records. To find out more see the [familysearch.org](http://familysearch.org) wiki or [www.cyndislist.com/us/](http://www.cyndislist.com/us/).

**Q. What if my ancestor was an immigrant from the British Isles?**

**A.** Use the record trail you have built up working backwards from yourself to identify whereabouts in the British Isles your ancestor came from. Your search will be much easier if you know the year he or she arrived and which area of their birth country they lived in. Once you have an idea of their place and time of birth there are a variety of records to look for, which are detailed below.

**Q. How do I find civil registration documents from the British Isles?**

**A.** Civil registration began in England and Wales in 1837 and you can search the index online at [www.freebmd.org.uk](http://www.freebmd.org.uk) and The General Register Office website: [www.gro.gov.uk/gro/content/certificates/login.asp](http://www.gro.gov.uk/gro/content/certificates/login.asp). Certificates can be ordered from the General Register Office. Go to [familysearch.org](http://familysearch.org) and [www.freereg.org.uk](http://www.freereg.org.uk) to search their collection of parish registers. While not all parishes and dates are included, it is a good place to start. Some images are available at [ancestry.com](http://ancestry.com) and [findmypast.com](http://findmypast.com). Civil registration began in Scotland in 1855. You can search for and obtain a certificate from [www.scotlandsppeople.gov.uk](http://www.scotlandsppeople.gov.uk). Again, go to [familysearch.org](http://familysearch.org) to search parish register information. The General Register Office of Ireland holds records of Irish births, deaths and marriages from 1864 and all non-Catholic marriages from 1845. An index can be viewed at <https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/civil-search.jsp>. This website also tells you how to obtain a certificate. Some are being made available free online in an ongoing initiative.

**Q. How do I find census information from the British Isles?**

**A.** Family history information is available from British censuses taken every 10 years from 1841 to 1911. They can be searched on [familysearch.org](http://familysearch.org), [ancestry.com](http://ancestry.com) and [findmypast.com](http://findmypast.com). The 1921 census is expected to come online in 1922. It is presently closed.

**Q. Who else can help me with my British Isles ancestors?**

**A.** The Federation of Family History Societies has over 170 member organisations from around the world which are listed at [www.ffhs.org.uk/members2/alpha.php](http://www.ffhs.org.uk/members2/alpha.php). If you know that your ancestors came from a particular part of the British Isles, it will save you a great deal of time if you contact the relevant society. They will often have indexed all the relevant local records and will be able to provide a 'one-stop-shop' for your research. Other societies focus on, for example, Quaker, Jewish or Catholic ancestry, or are one-name studies. Again if these are relevant to your family, they will be very useful to you. Family history societies all have volunteers available to assist you with your research. They tend to be people who've already done a lot of research into their own family history, so they know what records you need to use and the pitfalls you might face. They can often show you more economical ways to find the information you need and can help you determine if someone has already done work on a line you are tracing. We all find brick walls in our family history, and as the saying goes, 'a problem shared is a problem solved'. Sometimes you can't find something because you don't know where to look or which record to consult next – a visit to a family history society will often help you break down that barrier.

**Q. I've heard that wills can be useful; how do I go about using them?**

**A.** If you want to find a will from England or Wales that was proved from 1858 to the present day you can search online at [www.gov.uk/search-will-probate](http://www.gov.uk/search-will-probate). Included are the records of some soldiers who died in active military service between 1860 and 1982. Before 1858 there was no national probate registry and research is more complicated as a result. Church Courts administered the system from the 14th century until 1858. A considerable number of indexes are online and available from commercial organisations enabling you to obtain copies of the documents from appropriate record offices. Wills proved at the Prerogative Court of Canterbury are available to download for a fee on [discovery.nationalarchives.gov.uk](http://discovery.nationalarchives.gov.uk) and at [www.ancestry.co.uk](http://www.ancestry.co.uk).

**Q. How can I be sure this family hasn't already been traced?**

**A.** It's important to check to see if others have already done research – they may have purchased certificates or obtained documentation that could be useful to your research. Before you reinvent the wheel, check online through the major websites and also with the relevant society. Remember that people have been tracing family history long before the Internet came along, so a local or family history society or the major genealogical organization in your state might hold a book published 50 years ago that contains the information you are looking for.

## USEFUL WEBSITES

Most of these websites are free to access. The sites that charge to view some or all of their records are highlighted with a £ symbol.

- 192.com: People-finder site (pay-per-view), including a comprehensive database of current UK residents **[www.192.com/people](http://www.192.com/people)** £
- Adoption Search Reunion: First port of call for anyone searching for, or making contact with, birth and adopted relatives, or researching an adoption that took place in the UK **[www.adoptionsearchreunion.org.uk](http://www.adoptionsearchreunion.org.uk)**
- AIM25: Provides access to collection-level descriptions of the archives of over 100 UK higher-education institutions, learned societies, cultural organisations and livery companies within the Greater London area **[www.aim25.ac.uk](http://www.aim25.ac.uk)**
- Ancestry: Over 1 billion searchable worldwide records, including censuses; birth, marriage and death records; passenger lists; phone books, military and parish records plus AncestryDNA service **[www.ancestry.com](http://www.ancestry.com)** £
- AncientFaces: Collaborative online tool for building online biographies of ancestors **[www.ancientfaces.com](http://www.ancientfaces.com)**
- Archives: Large database of US records, some in partnership with The National Archives and Records Administration; free digital access to the 1940 US Federal Census **[www.archives.com](http://www.archives.com)** £
- Archives Hub: Descriptions of archives in over 250 UK universities and colleges; name search facility **[www.archiveshub.ac.uk](http://www.archiveshub.ac.uk)**
- Archives Network Wales: Information about more than 7,000 collections of historical records in the holdings of 21 archives in Wales **[www.archivesnetworkwales.info](http://www.archivesnetworkwales.info)**
- Army Museums Ogilby Trust: Details of UK regimental museums **[www.armymuseums.org.uk](http://www.armymuseums.org.uk)**
- Billion Graves: Growing collaborative resource for searchable GPS cemetery data; participants collect headstone images and transcribe the personal information **[billiongraves.com](http://billiongraves.com)**
- Borthwick Institute for Archives: UK repository of a large number of archives of regional, national and international importance **[www.york.ac.uk/borthwick](http://www.york.ac.uk/borthwick)**
- British History Online: Digital library of primary and secondary sources for the history of Britain and Ireland, with a primary focus on the period between 1300 and 1800 **[www.british-history.ac.uk](http://www.british-history.ac.uk)**
- British Library: Catalogue of over 12 million books, serials, printed music and maps; newspaper catalogue of over 52,000 newspaper and periodical titles; India Office Select Materials **[www.bl.uk](http://www.bl.uk)**
- Children's Homes: The institutions that became home for Britain's children and young people **[www.childrenshomes.org.uk](http://www.childrenshomes.org.uk)**
- Clergy of the Church of England Database: References to the careers of Anglican clergy from 1540 to 1835; approximately 155,000 clergymen appear **[theclergydatabase.org.uk](http://theclergydatabase.org.uk)**
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Debt of Honour Register and online index to CWGC archive **[www.cwgc.org](http://www.cwgc.org)**
- Connected Histories: Currently includes 25 major British history digital resources for the period 1500–1900 and allows searching of names, places and dates **[www.connectedhistories.org](http://www.connectedhistories.org)**
- Cyndi's List: Long-established genealogical research portal **[www.cyndislist.com](http://www.cyndislist.com)**
- Daughters of the American Revolution: The DAR Genealogical Research System includes free online databases containing information on Revolutionary patriot ancestors, their descendants, as well as the genealogical resources from the DAR Library **[www.dar.org](http://www.dar.org)**
- Deceased Online: UK burial and cremation records **[www.deceasedonline.com](http://www.deceasedonline.com)** £
- Ellis Island: Searchable database and copies of passenger manifests of ships arriving at Ellis Island from 1892–1924 **[www.ellislandrecords.org](http://www.ellislandrecords.org)**
- FamilySearch: The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints' baptism, marriage and burials index; census; Family History Centres and more **[www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org)**
- Family Tree DNA: DNA service, including autosomal, Y-chromosome and mtDNA testing, provides a relative-matching service and information on ancestral origins **[www.familytreedna.com](http://www.familytreedna.com)** £
- FamilyTreeNow: Database of historical records including census, vital and military records; free family tree builder **[www.familytreenow.com](http://www.familytreenow.com)**
- Federation of Family History Societies: Long-established genealogy charity that supports ancestry research and family-history societies around the world; bimonthly newsletter **[www.ffhs.org.uk](http://www.ffhs.org.uk)**
- Find a Grave: Searchable database of graves **[www.findagrave.com](http://www.findagrave.com)**
- Findmypast.com: Comprehensive collection of worldwide family-history and military records; including Mocavo collection **[www.findmypast.com](http://www.findmypast.com)** £



- Fold3: Features collections of original military records. These records include the stories, photos and personal documents of the men and women who served in the military, drawn from the US National archives, the National Archives of the UK and other international records [www.fold3.com](http://www.fold3.com)
- Forces War Records: British military genealogy resources. Over 10 million individuals' researched plus supplementary military data [www.forces-war-records.co.uk](http://www.forces-war-records.co.uk) £
- FreeBMD: Search birth, marriage and death GRO index for England and Wales [www.freebmd.org.uk](http://www.freebmd.org.uk)
- FreeCEN: Search UK census data [www.freecen.org.uk](http://www.freecen.org.uk)
- FreeREG: Indexes transcribed from millions of parish and non-conformist registers of England, Scotland and Wales [www.freereg.org.uk](http://www.freereg.org.uk)
- Gazetteer of British Place Names: Place Name Index to Great Britain [www.gazetteer.co.uk](http://www.gazetteer.co.uk)
- GEDmatch: Provides DNA and genealogical analysis tools for amateur and professional researchers and genealogists. Most tools are free with some premium paid-free tools for users [www.gedmatch.com](http://www.gedmatch.com)
- GenealogyBank: Database including an obituary collection, over 300 years of US newspaper coverage, 7000 newspaper titles from 50 US states, and birth, marriage and engagement notices [www.genealogybank.com](http://www.genealogybank.com) £
- Genealogy.com: A source for family historians to find genealogical research originally posted in GenForum or in articles [www.genealogy.com](http://www.genealogy.com)
- Genealogy in Time: Online magazine and website with search facility, news and newsletter [www.genealogyintime.com](http://www.genealogyintime.com)
- General Register Office (GRO): Order England and Wales birth, marriage and death certificates online for a fee; search birth and death indexes for free, which are newly updated with age at death and mothers' maiden name; official site [www.gro.gov.uk/gro/content/certificates/](http://www.gro.gov.uk/gro/content/certificates/) £
- Genes Reunited: Online family-tree-linking website; census; birth, marriage and death entries from GRO indexes 1837–2004; military records; passenger lists; parish records [www.genesreunited.co.uk](http://www.genesreunited.co.uk) £
- GENfair: Online retailer selling family history products including transcription and index CDs £ [www.genfair.co.uk](http://www.genfair.co.uk)
- Geni: Users can add their relatives to join a 'definitive online worldwide family tree'; subscribe to find matching trees [www.geni.com](http://www.geni.com) £
- GENUKI: Virtual reference library of genealogical information of particular relevance to the UK and Ireland; forthcoming genealogical events on GENEVA [www.genuki.org.uk](http://www.genuki.org.uk)
- Guildhall Library: Holds a variety of genealogy resources relating to London and beyond <https://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/things-to-do/guildhall-library/Pages/default.aspx>
- Guild of One-name Studies: Various online indexes, including marriage and probate [one-name.org/the-guild-indexes/](http://one-name.org/the-guild-indexes/)
- Historical Directories of England and Wales: A digital library of local and trade directories 1750–1919 [cdm16445.contentdm.oclc.org/cdm/landingpage/collection/p16445coll4](http://cdm16445.contentdm.oclc.org/cdm/landingpage/collection/p16445coll4)
- London Metropolitan Archives: Includes Middlesex wills [www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/things-to-do/london-metropolitan-archives/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/things-to-do/london-metropolitan-archives/Pages/default.aspx)
- Lost Cousins: Matches you with others researching the same ancestor [www.lostcousins.com](http://www.lostcousins.com)
- Measuring Worth: Valuations of British money, from 1270 to present [www.measuringworth.com/ppoweruk/](http://www.measuringworth.com/ppoweruk/)
- MooseRoots: Website that draws on its extensive database of census, vital, immigration and military records to provide related information to family historians for free [www.mooseroots.com](http://www.mooseroots.com)
- MyHeritage.com: Build your family tree; search millions of international records [www.myheritage.com](http://www.myheritage.com)
- National Archives of Ireland: Census 1901 and 1911; census survivals 1821–51; census search forms 1841–51; tithe applotment books 1823–1837; soldiers' wills 1914–1917; calendars of wills and administrations 1858–1922 [www.genealogy.nationalarchives.ie/](http://www.genealogy.nationalarchives.ie/)
- National Library of Ireland: Online searchable catalogue including books and periodicals, photographs, prints, drawings, manuscripts and newspapers; plus online images of Catholic parish registers [www.nli.ie](http://www.nli.ie)
- National Library of Scotland: Scotland's legal deposit library; catalogue, Scots Abroad, plus ONS digitised UK maps resource [www.nls.uk](http://www.nls.uk)
- National Maritime Museum: Over 1.5 million items relating to seafaring, navigation, astronomy and time measurement. Many available to view online [www.rmg.co.uk/discover/researchers](http://www.rmg.co.uk/discover/researchers)
- National Railway Museum: WWI resources and exhibition; free searchable database of over 20,000 railway employees [www.nrm.org.uk/RailwayStories/worldwarone.aspx](http://www.nrm.org.uk/RailwayStories/worldwarone.aspx)
- National Records of Scotland: Research guides plus relevant links; also see Scotland's People [www.nrscotland.gov.uk/research/family-history](http://www.nrscotland.gov.uk/research/family-history) [www.naval-history.net/#ww1](http://www.naval-history.net/#ww1)
- Naval Biographical Database: People, places, ships, organisations and events associated with the Royal Navy since 1660 [www.navylist.org](http://www.navylist.org)
- Newspaper Archive: Newspaper archives, obituaries and family history records [www.newspaperarchive.com/](http://www.newspaperarchive.com/) £



- Newspapers.com: Over 340 million newspaper pages are available to browse on this site from across the United States and beyond [www.newspapers.com](http://www.newspapers.com) £
- Old Bailey: Proceedings at the Old Bailey 1674–1913; nearly 200,000 London criminal trial records [www.oldbaileyonline.org](http://www.oldbaileyonline.org)
- Old Maps: Historical map archive covering England, Wales and Scotland [www.old-maps.co.uk](http://www.old-maps.co.uk)
- Parish Chest: Online family history store with census records, maps, military records and parish registers [www.parishchest.com](http://www.parishchest.com) £
- Probate: Access to post-1858 England and Wales wills; index of wills for soldiers who died on active service from 1860–1982 [www.gov.uk/search-will-probate](http://www.gov.uk/search-will-probate)
- Public Record Office of Northern Ireland: Deposit for public records in Northern Ireland [www.proni.gov.uk](http://www.proni.gov.uk)
- Railway, Work, Life & Death: Spreadsheet database with details of UK railway accidents, gathered during a project led by the University of Portsmouth and the National Railway Museum [www.railwayaccidents.port.ac.uk/the-accidents/](http://www.railwayaccidents.port.ac.uk/the-accidents/)
- Register of One-Place Studies: Online studies of the history of particular places [one-place-studies.org](http://one-place-studies.org)
- Roll of Honour: War memorials from counties across the UK [www.roll-of-honour.com](http://www.roll-of-honour.com)
- Rootsweb.ancestry.com: Largest and oldest free genealogy information website; host to mailing lists, news groups, message boards, volunteer projects, websites, etc [www.rootsweb.ancestry.com](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com)
- S & N Genealogy: Broad range of family-history-research material, software and related products; online databases, including non-conformist registers [www.genealogysupplies.com](http://www.genealogysupplies.com) £
- ScotlandsPeople: Early BMD indexes; early parish registers; censuses 1841–1901; Scottish wills and testaments 1500–1901 [www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk](http://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk)
- Society of Genealogists: a National UK Library and Education Centre for Family History; online search [www.sog.org.uk/index.shtml](http://www.sog.org.uk/index.shtml)
- The British Newspaper Archive: Vast treasure trove of historical newspapers [www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk](http://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk)
- The British Postal Museum & Archive: Online resource of British postal heritage [www.postalmuseum.org/research](http://www.postalmuseum.org/research)
- The Gazette: Official UK Government notices, including wills, probate, civilian and military awards, insolvency planning and transport notices [www.thegazette.co.uk](http://www.thegazette.co.uk)
- The Genealogist: Wide variety of online resources [www.thegenealogist.co.uk](http://www.thegenealogist.co.uk) £
- The National Archives: Searchable resources to help you find UK records; catalogue; digitised records; WWI records, including a vast collection of letters, diaries, maps and photographs [discovery.nationalarchives.gov.uk/](http://discovery.nationalarchives.gov.uk/)
- The National Library of Wales: Online catalogue containing over 4 million printed volumes books, periodicals, newspapers, maps, and music; WWI programme of remembrance [www.llgc.org.uk](http://www.llgc.org.uk)
- The Scottish Archive Network: Single electronic catalogue of more than 20,000 collections of historical records held by 52 Scottish archives [www.scan.org.uk](http://www.scan.org.uk)
- The Scottish Association of Family History Societies: Find societies that have an interest in the same subject, surname or topic as you [www.safhs.org.uk](http://www.safhs.org.uk)
- The Western Front Association (WFA): Aims to perpetuate the memory, courage and comradeship of all those on all sides who served their countries in France and Flanders and their own countries during The Great War [www.westernfrontassociation.com](http://www.westernfrontassociation.com)
- The Workhouse: Dedicated to the workhouses of Britain; buildings, inmates, staff and administrators, even poets [www.workhouses.org](http://www.workhouses.org)
- University Research Libraries (COPAC): Merged catalogues of 24 of the largest university research libraries in the UK and Ireland, plus the British Library, National Library of Scotland, and National Library of Wales [www.copac.ac.uk](http://www.copac.ac.uk)
- UKBMD Project: Family-history-society initiative to publish local registrars' indexes online [www.ukbmd.org.uk](http://www.ukbmd.org.uk)
- USGenWeb Archives: Since 1996, this digital library has been compiling a collection of online transcriptions of public domain records; including census records, marriage bonds, wills and many more [usgwarchives.net](http://usgwarchives.net)
- War Memorial Archive (formerly UK National Inventory of War Memorials): Free searchable location database of war memorials [www.ukniwm.org.uk](http://www.ukniwm.org.uk)
- War Memorials Online: Participate in creating the UK's most comprehensive understanding of the condition of war memorials; some images available [www.warmemorialsonline.org.uk/about-us](http://www.warmemorialsonline.org.uk/about-us)
- WikiTree: Free online community using DNA and traditional genealogical sources to grow a single family tree [www.wikitree.com](http://www.wikitree.com)
- World Vital Records: Search worldwide datasets containing more than 4 billion names in historical records [www.worldvitalrecords.com](http://www.worldvitalrecords.com)

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[www.familyhistoryact.org.au](http://www.familyhistoryact.org.au)

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

### QUEENSLAND FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

[www.qfhs.org.au/about-us/research-service](http://www.qfhs.org.au/about-us/research-service)

### SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIAN GENEALOGISTS

[www.sag.org.au](http://www.sag.org.au)

### SOUTH AUSTRALIAN GENEALOGY & HERALDRY SOCIETY

[www.saghs.org.au](http://www.saghs.org.au)

### TASMANIAN FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY INC

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

### THE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF VICTORIA INC

[www.gsv.org.au](http://www.gsv.org.au)

### WAGGA WAGGA AND DISTRICT FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

[www.waggafamilyhistory.org.au](http://www.waggafamilyhistory.org.au)

### WESTERN AUSTRALIAN GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY INC

[www.wags.org.au](http://www.wags.org.au)

## CANADA

### ALBERTA FAMILY HISTORIES SOCIETY

[www.afhs.ab.ca](http://www.afhs.ab.ca)

### BRITISH COLUMBIA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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

### BRITISH ISLES FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY OF GREATER OTTAWA

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

### ONTARIO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY, THE

[ogs.on.ca](http://ogs.on.ca)

## CHANNEL ISLANDS

### CHANNEL ISLANDS FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

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

### LA SOCIÉTÉ GUERNESAISE

[www.societe.org.gg/sections/familyhistory.php](http://www.societe.org.gg/sections/familyhistory.php)

## ENGLAND

### A

### ALDE VALLEY SUFFOLK FAMILY HISTORY GROUP

[www.aldevalleyfamilyhistorygroup.onesuffolk.net](http://www.aldevalleyfamilyhistorygroup.onesuffolk.net)

### B


### BARNESLEY FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

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

### BEDFORDSHIRE FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

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

E: [bfhs@bfhs.org.uk](mailto:bfhs@bfhs.org.uk)

 [www.facebook.com/BedfordshireFamilyHistorySociety/](http://www.facebook.com/BedfordshireFamilyHistorySociety/)  
BFHS publish a quarterly journal; hold monthly meetings; provide research; publish CDs of Bedfordshire Parish Registers; publish monumental inscriptions from churchyards and cemeteries within Bedfordshire; run a library; and provide a range of lookup services. New members welcome.

### BIRMINGHAM AND MIDLAND SOCIETY FOR GENEALOGY AND HERALDRY

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

### BRADFORD FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

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

### BRISTOL & AVON FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

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

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The Society's services include an excellent research room, quarterly journal, monthly meetings at three locations, the sale of society and local-interest publications. We provide advice and guidance at local and regional events. We undertake various local transcription projects.

### BUCKINGHAMSHIRE FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

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

### BURNTWOOD FAMILY HISTORY GROUP

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

## C

### CALDERDALE FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

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

### CAMBRIDGESHIRE FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

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

### CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY HERALDIC AND GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

[www.societies.cam.ac.uk/cuhags](http://www.societies.cam.ac.uk/cuhags)

### CHESHIRE, THE FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY OF

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

### CHESTERFIELD AND DISTRICT FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

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

### CITY OF YORK AND DISTRICT FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

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

### CLEVELAND, NORTH YORKSHIRE & SOUTH DURHAM FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

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

### CORNWALL FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

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

### COVENTRY FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

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

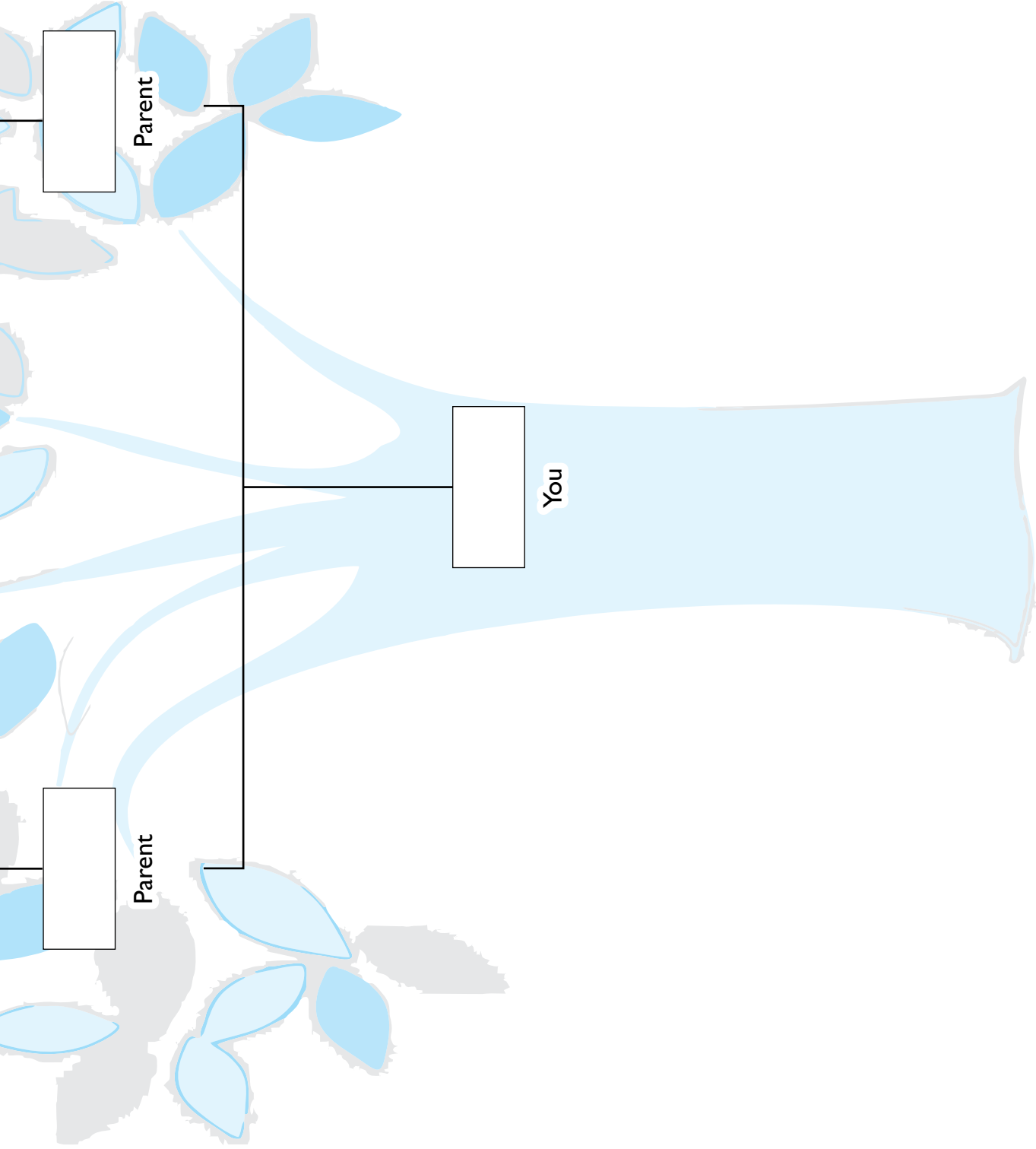
### CUMBRIA FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

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









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**D****DERBYSHIRE FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY**

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

**DEVON FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY**

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 [www.facebook.com/groups/devonfhs/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/devonfhs/)

Online E-membership available. Share Devon interests with 3,500 members via the quarterly Devon Family Historian. Search for Devon surnames, browse 500 registers on our Members' Area. Online shop with many publications. Devon FHS's strength lies in its local and specialist knowledge.

**DONCASTER AND DISTRICT FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY**

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

**DORSET FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY**

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

**E****EASTBOURNE & DISTRICT (FAMILY ROOTS) FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY**

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

**EAST OF LONDON FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY**

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

**EAST SURREY FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY**

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

**EAST YORKSHIRE FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY**

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

**ESSEX SOCIETY FOR FAMILY HISTORY**

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

**F****FELIXSTOWE FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY**

[www.felixstowefhs.onesuffolk.net](http://www.felixstowefhs.onesuffolk.net)

**FENLAND FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY**

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

**FOLKESTONE & DISTRICT FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY**

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

**FURNESS FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY**

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

**G****GLOUCESTERSHIRE FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY**

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

**H****HAMPSHIRE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY**

[www.hgs-familyhistory.com](http://www.hgs-familyhistory.com)

**HARROGATE AND DISTRICT FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY**

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

**HASTINGS & ROTHER FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY**

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 [www.facebook.com/Hastings-and-Rother-Family-History-Society-674714822620131/](https://www.facebook.com/Hastings-and-Rother-Family-History-Society-674714822620131/)

The society was formed in 1986 to encourage the research of family history in the historical area of Hastings & Rother in East Sussex, which includes Battle, Beckley, Bexhill, Bodiam, Northiam, Rye and other nearby villages.

**HEREFORDSHIRE FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY**

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

**HERTFORDSHIRE FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY**

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

**HILLINGDON FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY**

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

**HUDDERSFIELD & DISTRICT FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY**

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

**HUNTINGDONSHIRE FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY**

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

**I****ISLE OF AXHOLME FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY**

[www.axholme-fhs.org.uk](http://www.axholme-fhs.org.uk)

**ISLE OF WIGHT FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY**

[www.isle-of-wight-fhs.co.uk](http://www.isle-of-wight-fhs.co.uk)

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 [www.facebook.com/groups/iw.fhs/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/iw.fhs/)

Annual membership £6 for 4 electronic journals, variable rates for printed copies, BMD index for Isle of Wight and other databases on website. Help with research online and at Heritage Resource Centre. See website for further information.


**K****KEIGHLEY & DISTRICT FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY**


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

**KENT FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY**

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 [twitter.com/kentfamhist](https://twitter.com/kentfamhist)

KFHS has six branches in Kent, England; A worldwide membership; members-only online forum; members' quarterly electronic or paper journal; a US agent for subscription and publication payments in \$, details on website; plus an online shop and an ongoing transcription programme.

**L****LANCASHIRE FAMILY HISTORY & HERALDRY SOCIETY**

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The LFHS is an active society with a worldwide membership, and holds meetings in 12 Lancashire centres and London. We are committed to helping our members through our email forum; mentoring service; surname interests; pedigree database; helping hands and two Research Centres.

**LANCASHIRE PARISH REGISTER SOCIETY**

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

E: [jr.corrie@ntlworld.com](mailto:jr.corrie@ntlworld.com)

LPRS has published 188 volumes of parish records, a unique source of information about our ancestors' lives dating from the 16th century. The highest degree of accuracy is guaranteed; many registers include precious information about place of residence or occupation.

**LANCASTER & DISTRICT FAMILY HISTORY GROUP**

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

**LEICESTERSHIRE & RUTLAND FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY**

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

**LETCHWORTH & DISTRICT FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY**

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

**LINCOLNSHIRE FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY**

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

## LIVERPOOL & SOUTH WEST LANCASHIRE FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

[www.liverpool-genealogy.org.uk](http://www.liverpool-genealogy.org.uk)

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[www.facebook.com/groups/lswlfhs/about/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/lswlfhs/about/)

[www.twitter.com/LSWLancsFHS](https://www.twitter.com/LSWLancsFHS)

A welcoming society with a wealth of experience. Membership includes: monthly meetings; weekly help desks; quarterly journal; online bookshop. See website for full details. You can be sure 'you'll never walk alone' in your quest for that elusive ancestor.

## LONDON GROUP OF YORKSHIRE FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETIES

[www.yorkslondongroup.tumblr.com](http://www.yorkslondongroup.tumblr.com)

## LONDON WESTMINSTER & MIDDLESEX FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

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

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[www.facebook.com/LWMFHS/?ref=br\\_rs](https://www.facebook.com/LWMFHS/?ref=br_rs)

Established in 1978, our society covers the cities of London and Westminster, plus much of Middlesex. We offer friendly help and encouragement via our website, Facebook and *Metropolitan*, our quarterly journal. For details of overseas membership options please visit our website.

## M

## MALVERN (WORCESTERSHIRE) FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

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<https://www.facebook.com/MalvernFamilyHistorySociety/>

<https://twitter.com/MalvernFHS>

An enthusiastic group providing support in research, irrespective of county or country; monthly meetings; quarterly journal; use of our indexes Worcestershire Parish Records 1500s/1839 and local monumental inscriptions. See our prize-winning website to get full details.

## MIDLAND ANCESTORS

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[twitter.com/BMSGH](https://twitter.com/BMSGH)

Covers the pre-1974 counties of Staffordshire, Warwickshire, Worcestershire and West Midlands. Six branches, including one in London. Reference library open weekdays in Birmingham. Online bookshop. Publications available on CD or downloads. Quarterly journal. See website for details.

## MID-NORFOLK FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

[www.tsites.co.uk/sites/mnfhs](http://www.tsites.co.uk/sites/mnfhs)

## MORLEY & DISTRICT FAMILY HISTORY GROUP

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

## N

## NORFOLK FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

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

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[www.facebook.com/groups/familyhistorynorfolk](https://www.facebook.com/groups/familyhistorynorfolk)

Members have access to Norfolk Online Record Service (NORS) with over 3.6 million transcribed records and a library including parish records, family trees, monumental inscriptions, etc. manned by friendly, helpful volunteers. NFHS produces a quarterly publication full of interesting articles.

## NORTH MEOLS (SOUTHPORT) FHS

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T: (+44) (0)1772422808

NMFHS (Southport) is a small, friendly society, formed in November 1990. The group meet locally providing support and encouragement to those people with an interest in family history in the area of North Meols, as well as helping with genealogical research.

## NORTH WEST KENT FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

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Covering South East London and North West Kent plus Sussex parishes previously in Tunbridge Wells Family History Society's area. Membership £10/£12. Research service, twice monthly information email, CDs available, quarterly journal, access to members with similar interests. Links with US societies welcomed.

## NORTHAMPTONSHIRE FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

[www.northants-fhs.org](http://www.northants-fhs.org)

## NORTHUMBERLAND & DURHAM FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

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

## NOTTINGHAMSHIRE FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

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

## NUNEATON & NORTH WARWICKSHIRE FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

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

## O

## ORMSKIRK & DISTRICT FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

[www.odfhs.website](http://www.odfhs.website) and [www.boatfamilies.website](http://www.boatfamilies.website)

## OXFORDSHIRE FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

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

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<https://twitter.com/oxfamhistory>

OFHS offers an award-winning journal; help & search services; DNA and surname projects; online wills library; surname interests and more. OFHS sells parish registers, monumental inscriptions, and census transcripts. Members can access discussion forums and additional online material (including journal archive).

## OXFORDSHIRE RECORD SOCIETY

[www.oxfordshire-record-society.org.uk](http://www.oxfordshire-record-society.org.uk)

## P

## PETERBOROUGH & DISTRICT FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

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

## PONTEFRACT & DISTRICT FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

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

## R

## RODBOURNE COMMUNITY HISTORY GROUP

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

## ROTHERHAM FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

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

## RUGBY FAMILY HISTORY GROUP

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

## RYEDALE FAMILY HISTORY GROUP

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[www.facebook.com/Ryedale-Family-History-Group-147270825334589/](https://www.facebook.com/Ryedale-Family-History-Group-147270825334589/)

<https://twitter.com/ryedalefamilies>

Our aim is to help members to further their research and local history. We can help with not just the Ryedale area in Yorkshire but wherever ancestors may be. The research room is open every Thursday in the village of Hovingham, volunteers are on hand to help. Ryedale Roots our informative journal is produced quarterly. We have a growing range of resources available in different formats, CDs to download.

## S

### ST HELENS TOWNSHIPS FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

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

### SELBY & DISTRICT FAMILY HISTORY GROUP

[www.selbydistrictfamilyhistory.btck.co.uk](http://www.selbydistrictfamilyhistory.btck.co.uk)

### SHEFFIELD & DISTRICT FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

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

### SHROPSHIRE FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

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

### SOMERSET AND DORSET FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

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

### STEVENAGE FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

[www.stevenagefhs.site88.net](http://www.stevenagefhs.site88.net)

### SUFFOLK FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

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A friendly society that holds monthly meetings throughout Suffolk, as well as in West London. SFHS offers local expertise and regularly issues birth, marriage and death CDs, plus a quarterly journal: Suffolk Roots. For further details visit the website.

### SUSSEX FAMILY HISTORY GROUP

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[www.facebook.com/SussexFamilyHistoryGroup/](https://www.facebook.com/SussexFamilyHistoryGroup/)

We can help you research your Sussex (England) ancestors. Membership brings free access to our online searchable Sussex records, which includes many transcribed parish registers, documents, databases, mailing list and Facebook, plus four Journals each year. More on the website.

## T

### TOLLESBURY ANCESTRY GROUP

[www.facebook.com/groups/1104938112910002/about/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/1104938112910002/about/)

## W

### WAKEFIELD AND DISTRICT FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

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

### WALTHAM FOREST FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

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

### WEST MIDDLESEX FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

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[www.facebook.com/westmiddlesexfhs](https://www.facebook.com/westmiddlesexfhs)

<https://twitter.com/westmiddlesexfh>

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### WESTON-SUPER-MARE & DISTRICT FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

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

### WEST SURREY FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

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

### WIGAN FAMILY & LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

[www.wiganworld.co.uk/familyhistory](http://www.wiganworld.co.uk/familyhistory)

### WILTSHIRE FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

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### WOOLWICH & DISTRICT FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

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

## Y

### YORKSHIRE ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY – FAMILY HISTORY SECTION

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

## GERMANY

### DEUTSCHE ARBEITSGEMEINSCHAFT GENEALOGISCHER VERBÄNDE E.V. (DAGV)

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

## IRELAND

### GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF IRELAND

[www.familyhistory.ie](http://www.familyhistory.ie)

### IRISH FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

[www.ifhs.ie](http://www.ifhs.ie)

### IRISH GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH SOCIETY, THE

[www.irishancestors.ie](http://www.irishancestors.ie)

## ISLE OF MAN

### ISLE OF MAN FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

[www.iomfhs.im](http://www.iomfhs.im)

## NEW ZEALAND

### FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND INC

[www.fhfs.org.uk/members2/overseas/newzealand.php](http://www.fhfs.org.uk/members2/overseas/newzealand.php)

### NEW ZEALAND SOCIETY OF GENEALOGISTS INC

[www.genealogy.org.nz](http://www.genealogy.org.nz)

## NORTHERN IRELAND

### NORTH OF IRELAND FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

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

## SCOTLAND

For details of all Scottish societies, see the Scottish Association of Family History Societies (SAFHS)

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

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We help researchers trace links back to Scottish origins and manage a searchable database of Scots who have married overseas. Go to [www.anglo-scots@mfhs.org.uk/smi/smi.php](mailto:www.anglo-scots@mfhs.org.uk/smi/smi.php) to add your own contribution. We hold monthly meetings at Manchester Central Library. Visitors always welcome.

## WALES

### CARDIGANSHIRE FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

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

### CLWYD FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

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

### DYFED FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

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

**GLAMORGAN FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY**  
[www.glamfhs.org](http://www.glamfhs.org)

**GWENT FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY**  
[www.gwentfhs.org.uk](http://www.gwentfhs.org.uk)

**GWYNEDD FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY**  
[www.gwyneddffhs.org](http://www.gwyneddffhs.org)

**MONTGOMERYSHIRE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY**  
[www.montgomeryshiregs.org.uk](http://www.montgomeryshiregs.org.uk)

**POWYS FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY**  
[www.powysfhs.org.uk](http://www.powysfhs.org.uk)

## USA

**FEDERATION OF GENEALOGICAL SOCIETIES**  
[www.fgs.org](http://www.fgs.org)

**INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR BRITISH GENEALOGY AND FAMILY HISTORY**  
[www.isbgfh.org](http://www.isbgfh.org)

**WALES, IRELAND, SCOTLAND, ENGLAND FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY**  
[www.wise-fhs.org](http://www.wise-fhs.org)

## ONE-NAME SOCIETIES

**ALABASTER SOCIETY, THE**  
[www.alabaster.org.uk](http://www.alabaster.org.uk)

**ALDERSON FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY**  
[www.afhs.org](http://www.afhs.org)

**BADHAM ONE NAME SOCIETY**  
[www.badham.org.uk](http://www.badham.org.uk)

**BERESFORD FAMILY SOCIETY, THE**  
[www.beresfordfamilyociety.org](http://www.beresfordfamilyociety.org)

**BLISS FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY**  
[www.blissfhs.wordpress.com](http://www.blissfhs.wordpress.com)

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**BLO(O)R(E) SOCIETY, THE**  
[www.bloor.org](http://www.bloor.org)

**BROOKING SOCIETY, THE**  
[www.brookingsociety.org.uk](http://www.brookingsociety.org.uk)

**BUNTING SOCIETY, THE**  
[www.buntingsociety.org.uk](http://www.buntingsociety.org.uk)

**CAVE FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY**  
[www.cavefhs.com](http://www.cavefhs.com)

**CHANDLER FAMILY ASSOCIATION**

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

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T: 901-355-5614

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**CLAN DAVIDSON ASSOCIATION**  
[www.clan davidson.org.uk](http://www.clan davidson.org.uk)

**COURTENAY SOCIETY, THE**  
[www.courtenaysociety.org](http://www.courtenaysociety.org)

**DALTON GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY, THE**  
[www.daltongensoc.com](http://www.daltongensoc.com)

**ENTWISTLE FAMILY HISTORY ASSOCIATION**  
[www.entwistlefamily.org.uk](http://www.entwistlefamily.org.uk)

**FILBY ASSOCIATION, THE**  
[www.filby.org](http://www.filby.org)

**GUILD OF ONE NAME STUDIES**  
[www.one-name.org](http://www.one-name.org)

**KAY FAMILY ASSOCIATION (UK), THE**  
[www.kayfamilyassociationuk.com](http://www.kayfamilyassociationuk.com)

**LEATHER FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY, THE**  
[www.ffhs.org.uk/members/leather.htm](http://www.ffhs.org.uk/members/leather.htm)

**METCALFE SOCIETY, THE**  
[www.metcalfe.org.uk](http://www.metcalfe.org.uk)

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

**PALGRAVE SOCIETY, THE**  
[www.ffhs.org.uk/members/palgrave.htm](http://www.ffhs.org.uk/members/palgrave.htm)

**RELF SOCIETY, THE INTERNATIONAL**  
[www.relfsociety.org](http://www.relfsociety.org)

**RIX FAMILY ALLIANCE**  
[www.rix-alliance.com](http://www.rix-alliance.com)

**SILVERTHORN(E) FAMILY ASSOCIATION**  
[www.silverthornefamily.co.uk](http://www.silverthornefamily.co.uk)

**SOLE SOCIETY, THE**  
[www.sole.org.uk](http://www.sole.org.uk)

**STONEHEWER TO STANIER SOCIETY, THE**  
[freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~stanier](http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~stanier)

**SWINNERTON FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY**  
[www.swinnerton.org](http://www.swinnerton.org)

**WITHERIDGE GENEALOGY & FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY, THE**  
[www.witheridgefhs.com](http://www.witheridgefhs.com)

## OTHER SOCIETIES

**ANGLO-ITALIAN FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY**  
[www.anglo-italianfhs.org.uk](http://www.anglo-italianfhs.org.uk)

**ASSOCIATION OF GENEALOGISTS AND RESEARCHERS IN ARCHIVES (AGRA), THE**  
[www.agra.org.uk](http://www.agra.org.uk)

**BRITISH ASSOCIATION FOR CEMETERIES IN SOUTH ASIA**

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

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### **CATHOLIC FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY**

<http://catholicfhs.online>

Blog: [catholicfhs.wordpress.com](http://catholicfhs.wordpress.com)

E: [cfsrecords@gmail.com](mailto:cfsrecords@gmail.com)

[www.facebook.com/CatholicFHS](https://www.facebook.com/CatholicFHS)

We can advise on research to find Catholic ancestors in England, Wales and Scotland, but not Ireland. Overseas membership rate is £20 per year, payable online through GENfair. Three issues of *Catholic Ancestor* and access to members' section and members' interest on website.

### **FAMILIES IN BRITISH INDIA SOCIETY**

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

### **FAMILY & COMMUNITY HISTORICAL RESEARCH SOCIETY**

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

E: [membership.secretary@fachrs.com](mailto:membership.secretary@fachrs.com)

T: (+44) (0)7765028641

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### **FAMILYSEARCH**

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

### **HERALDRY SOCIETY, THE**

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

### **IHGS – THE SCHOOL OF FAMILY HISTORY**

[www.ihgs.ac.uk](http://www.ihgs.ac.uk)

### **JEWISH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF GREAT BRITAIN**

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The society promotes and encourages study and research into Jewish genealogy in the UK. It helps with the provision of facilities and activities including a nationally important library, the organisation of conferences, seminars and workshops, etc.

### **PEDIGREE USERS GROUP**

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

### **QUAKER FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY**

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

### **ROMANY AND TRAVELLER FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY**

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[www.facebook.com/Romany-and-Traveller-Family-History-Society-RTFHS-183224701701220/](https://www.facebook.com/Romany-and-Traveller-Family-History-Society-RTFHS-183224701701220/)

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### **SCOTSLOT**

[www.ffhs.org.uk/members2/others.php#SCOTSLOT](http://www.ffhs.org.uk/members2/others.php#SCOTSLOT)

## **Scottish Association of Family History Societies**

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

The SAFHS promotes and encourages the study of Scottish family history, and provides a forum for the exchange of information among

members. Our membership includes all established family-history societies in Scotland, as well as several national and regional bodies throughout the world.

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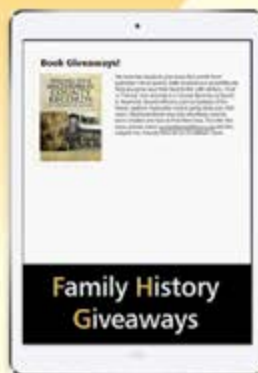
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