



Jersey Archive Information Leaflets

USEFUL WEBSITES FOR FAMILY HISTORY RESEARCH

Starting Family History

The following websites include useful information and advice from the experts for individuals starting their Family History.

- www.bbc.co.uk/history/familyhistory
- www.sog.org.uk/leaflets/leaflets.shtml
- www.ffhs.org.uk/tips/first.php
- www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/gettingstarted

www.genuki.org.uk

Genuki is a great starting point for family historians. It has links to thousands of websites and is arranged by area of country. The site also includes useful 'how to' information.

www.familysearch.org

Online versions of the International Genealogical Index, Ancestral File, Pedigree Resource File and free 1881 Census records. [Material found on this website should always be double checked as it is added by individual researchers and cannot be verified as correct]

Pay-Per View sites

There are a number of pay-per view sites that have been established for Family Historians. Payment is either by annual subscription or by purchasing a certain number of credits.

www.ancestry.co.uk

Ancestry has a large number of resources and is particularly useful for Jersey based researchers as it includes scans of all census material for the UK and Channel Islands from 1841 – 1901. The site also contains First World War pension records including some details of soldiers from Jersey.

www.findmypast.com

Another useful website particularly if you have ancestors that emigrated. This site contains details of passenger lists for UK shipping departures to destinations around the world covering the period 1890-1960.

www.bmdregisters.co.uk

BMD Registers is the Official Non-Parochial on-line service for records of birth, baptism, marriage, death and burial taken from non-parish sources. The site is extremely useful if you have UK Methodist, Baptist, or other Non Conformist Ancestors.

<http://www.britishorigins.com/>

British Origins offers access to England and Wales Gazetteer maps, burial records, court depositions, apprenticeship records and wills.

<http://www.thegenealogist.co.uk/>

The Genealogist is a general family history website with searchable databases that include Census records, Birth, Marriage and Death Record Indexes and Directories.

Immigration and Emigration

The development of passenger transport services during the 19th and 20th centuries allowed mass movement of people across the British Isles and around the globe. The following sites give details of sources available to researchers who have ancestors that came to the UK during this time or left for a new life overseas.

<http://www.ellisland.org/>

Ellis Island situated in New York Harbour was the main port of entry for the majority of migrants travelling to the United States of America. Between 1892 and 1924 over 20 million people passed through the immigration process. This website contains a searchable database of passenger names.

www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk

The official resource for Scots research including officially recorded birth, marriage and burial information and a searchable database of baptisms, marriages and burials digitised from parish records.

<http://www.scotsorigins.com/>

This website contains links to the IGI [International Genealogical Index] with particular reference to baptisms, marriages and burials in Scotland.

<http://www.movinghere.org.uk/>

Find out about immigration to Britain from around the World. The site contains links to sources which may be of interest to people tracing ancestors outside the UK.

www.census.nationalarchives.ie

A website which contains the 1901-1911 censuses for Ireland.

www.irishroots.net

Includes links to Heritage Centre websites for individual counties.

www.irishgenealogy.ie

This site has links to the 33 county genealogical centres across Northern and Southern Ireland.

Searching the catalogues of other Archives

Other archives may contain information that will be useful for research. The following websites will provide information about holdings in other repositories.

- The National Archives www.nationalarchives.gov.uk
- National Archives of Ireland www.nationalarchives.ie/index.html
- National Archives of Scotland <http://www.nas.gov.uk/>
- Public Record Office of Northern Ireland www.proni.gov.uk
- Access to references to over 150,000 corporate bodies, persons and families held in UK Archives <http://www.nra.nationalarchives.gov.uk/nra/>
- A2A Access to Archives, featuring catalogues from UK Archives www.a2a.org.uk

Military Information

The majority of researchers will find that they have ancestors who served in a military capacity. The following websites give useful information for research in this area.

www.cwgc.org

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission website gives personal information relating to the fallen of both world wars. Where information is available the name and address of the parents or spouse is included. This may be a useful website for

primary research as the database generally includes the name of the regiment and service number of individuals, essential information when conducting further research.

www.memoiredeshommes.sga.defense.gouv.fr/

A website recording France's war dead.

www.1914-1918.net

1914 – 1918 includes information about tracing details relating to WW1 soldiers.

www.worldwar1atsea.net and www.navalhistory.net

Both these sites are dedicated to information relating to the naval history of both the First and Second World War.

www.iwm.org.uk

The Imperial War Museum website.

<http://www.greatwarci.net/>

This site relates to the impact of the First World War on the Channel Islands.

Other Useful Sources

Criminals

www.OldBaileyOnline.org

The Old Bailey website includes transcriptions of trials that took place between 1674 and 1799.

Charles Booth

<http://booth.lse.ac.uk/>

The Charles Booth online archive results from the survey into life and labour in London 1886 to 1903. Charles Booth interviewed the residents of London and recorded his findings. He divided London into areas according to wealth and social class. You can read his notebooks and see his online maps on this site.

Family Tree Magazine

www.family-tree.co.uk

The Family Tree Magazine offers useful advice and includes articles on different types of records that can be used by Family Historians. The site contains indexes to back issues, links to websites mentioned in articles and an online bookshop.

Free BMD

<http://freebmd.rootsweb.com/>

This site contains a searchable name database of official indexes to births, marriages and deaths in England and Wales 1837 – 1900.

General Register Offices

General Register Offices were established in 1837 in England and Wales to record all births, marriages and deaths. The following sites have searchable indexes to these records for England, Wales, Scotland and Ireland.

- England and Wales: <http://www.gro.gov.uk/gro/content/certificates/>
- Ireland: www.groireland.ie
- Northern Ireland: www.groni.gov.uk/index.htm
- Scotland: www.gro-scotland.gov.uk

Libraries

The following National Libraries hold archival and printed material that may be of use to Family Historians. The British Library site includes details of newspapers that the BL hold that may be of use to Family Historians.

- British Library: www.bl.uk
- National Library of Ireland: www.nli.ie
- National Library of Scotland: www.nls.uk
- National Library of Wales: www.llgc.org.uk

Maps

Maps can be useful in locating a specific parish or area in which your family lived. The following sites contain details of Ordnance Survey maps. The Genuki site includes a Parish locator.

- www.ordnancesurvey.co.uk/
- www.old-maps.co.uk
- www.genuki.org.uk/big/parloc/search.html

Peerage

<http://www.thepeerage.com/>

This site contains details of the genealogy of the peerage and royal families.

Society of Genealogists (SoG)

www.sog.org.uk

The official website of the society which contains a searchable list of copies of parish registers held by the SoG and an online bookshop.

Palaeography [The study of old handwriting]

As research progresses it may become necessary to study sources where handwriting can prove to be a challenge. The following websites can provide help and advice in this area.

- www.amberskyline.com/treasuremaps/oldhand.html
- http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/palaeography/where_to_start.htm

Photographs

www.imagesofengland.org.uk

Images of England includes illustrations from various parts of the Country.

<http://www.city-gallery.com/>

The City Gallery site will assist Family Historians who wish to date and old photographs that they have in their collections.

The purpose of the Jersey Archive is to identify, select, collect, manage, preserve and provide access to the Island's records on behalf of the whole community, promoting Jersey's culture, heritage and sense of place, both within its shores and beyond.

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Opening Hours: 9am to 5pm, Tuesday to Thursday. The Reading Room and Help Desk are closed between 1-2pm
 Late night till 7pm the last Thursday of the month.

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