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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Fax: +44 (0)1534 833101
E-mail: archives@jerseyheritage.org
Internet: www.jerseyheritage.org

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, Saturday opening on the third Saturday of the month 9am to 1pm - sponsored by Appleby.

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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](http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/familyhistory)
- [www.sog.org.uk/leaflets/leaflets.shtml](http://www.sog.org.uk/leaflets/leaflets.shtml)
- [www.ffhs.org.uk/tips/first.php](http://www.ffhs.org.uk/tips/first.php)
- [www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/gettingstarted](http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/gettingstarted)
- [www.genuki.org.uk](http://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](http://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](http://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 - 1911. The site also contains First World War service records including some details of soldiers from Jersey. It also holds a number of immigration records.
- [www.findmypast.com](http://www.findmypast.com) - Includes census records that can also be found on ancestry. This site contains immigration records including details of passenger lists for UK shipping departures to destinations around the world covering the period 1890 - 1960. It is excellent when searching for military records.

**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.ellisisland.org/](http://www.ellisisland.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 though the immigration process. This website contains a searchable database of passenger names.
- [www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk](http://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 - 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
- National Archives of Scotland
  http://www.nas.gov.uk/
- Public Record Office of Northern Ireland
  www.nron.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
- Manche Departmental Archives
  http://archives.manche.fr/
- Côtes d’Armor Departmental Archive
  http://archives.cotesdarmor.fr/

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 record of 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.
http://www.veterans-uk.info - Information on obtaining copies of service records from more recent conflicts.
http://ciojersey.org.uk/ - Channel Islands Occupation Society website. Includes details of events and activities.

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.rootweb.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.
- www.ordnancesurvey.co.uk/
- www.old-maps.co.uk
- http://www.genuki.org.uk/big/Maps.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.

Channel Islands Links
- www.jerseyheritage.org - Jersey Heritage
- http://search.jerseyheritage.org/ - Jersey Heritage and Archive Catalogue
- http://www.jerseyfamilyhistory.org/ - Channel Islands Family History Society
- http://www.societe-jersiaise.org/ - Société Jersiaise Library and Photo Archive
- www.priaulklibrary.co.uk - Priaulx Library Guernsey
- http://www.theislandwiki.org/index.php/-Jerripedia

French Ancestors