

The Best Websites for Genealogy (Family History) Research

- www.freebmd.org.uk – Free access to Civil Registration index of births, marriages and deaths for England and Wales, 1837-1983
- www.freecen.org.uk – free **census records**, over 30 million records 1841-1891
- www.freereg.org.uk – free **parish records**, over 35 million parish records but first check the **TRANSCRIPTIONS** link at the top of the home page, to see if the Parish Records you need have been transcribed
- www.ukbmd.org.uk - links to websites that offer on-line transcriptions of UK births, marriages, deaths and censuses plus other indexes and transcriptions, including parish records, wills, monumental inscriptions etc.
- www.familysearch.org/ - free access to UK & World records Plus a genealogy and family history guide that lists websites, provides research strategies, and suggests records and resources to help you find ancestors from all over the world.
- www.ancestry.co.uk – subscription records
- www.findmypast.co.uk – subscription records with over 116 million Irish Records
- www.thegenealogist.co.uk – subscription records
- www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk – subscription **bmd / census / parish records**
- www.irishgenealogy.ie – free **Irish record links**
- www.billiongraves.com world's largest resource for searchable GPS cemetery data
- www.deceasedonline.com central database for UK burials and cremations
- www.gro.gov.uk General Register Office – Certificate ordering service and searchable on-line indexes of births and deaths

- www.nationalarchives.gov.uk – Research guides, collections and access to records via the Discovery catalogue
- www.nationalarchives.ie National Archives of Ireland
- www.scan.org.uk Scottish Archive network
- www.sog.org.uk Society of Genealogists
- www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk – subscription newspaper records (also included in a Find My Past subscription)
- www.genuki.org.uk – free **record links**
- www.cyndislist.com – free global record links

Social/sharing websites

- www.genesreunited.co.uk Build a family tree and keep in touch with others researching the same family. Search historical records –pay as you go or by subscription
- www.rootschat.com – Non-subscription genealogy forum.
- www.lostcousins.com - automatically matches you with others searching the same family via census data. Your information stays hidden, and family trees are not shared.

Military websites

- www.ukmfh.org.uk - links to websites for Military Family History Research
- www.cwgc.org Commonwealth War Graves Commission - search war dead & cemeteries.
- www.forces-war-records.co.uk access to military records and other historic documents – subscription only
- www.livesofthefirstworldwar.org Life stories of over 8 million service men and women. Free to search, subscription required to view digitised images.

Miscellaneous websites

- <https://www.oldbaileyonline.org/index.jsp>
- <https://www.gov.uk/search-will-probate>
- <https://www.esfh.org.uk/>
- <http://essexrecordoffice.co.uk/>