

# Family History and Local History Source Sheet

## Family History Websites: a selective list

**Genuki** <http://www.genuki.org.uk/>

The best place to start for those new to family history research; a portal listing hundreds of links to other sites plus advice and information. FREE

**1901 Census** <http://www.1901censusonline.com>

Now has all censuses 1841 to 1911, plus indexes to birth, death & marriage certificates 1837 to date, for England & Wales. Free searching of the fully indexed database. Payment is required to view more detailed information and images of the original pages. Search for individuals, an address or place, institution or vessel. FREE SEARCHING; CREDIT CARD PAYMENT TO SEE RETURNS.

**A2A (Access to Archives)** <http://www.a2a.org.uk/>

Searches the catalogues of most County and City record offices, and other repositories holding archives, throughout England, by keyword and other means. FREE

**Ancestry** <http://www.ancestry.co.uk>

The largest collection of U.K. records on the web includes over 275 million searchable records, including census returns for England & Wales 1841, 1851, 1861, 1871, 1881, 1891, 1901 and 1911, Scotland 1841-61, plus partial indexes to birth, death & marriage certificates 1837 to date, parish registers, phone books and probate records. SUBSCRIPTION or ONLINE AT CRAWLEY, EAST GRINSTEAD, HORSHAM & WORTHING LIBRARIES VIA THE CHARGEABLE PEOPLE'S NETWORK SERVICE

**ARCHON** <http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/archon/>

A portal to County & City record offices in the UK. FREE

**British Newspaper Archive** <http://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk>

Digitised historical local and national newspapers from the British Library. FREE BASIC SEARCHING BUT PAYMENT NEEDED TO VIEW ARTICLES

**British Origins** <http://www.britishorigins.com>

Access to over 10 million British and Irish names in indexes held by the Society of Genealogists. Previously known as English Origins. FREE SEARCHING BUT PAYMENT REQUIRED TO ACCESS SOME COLLECTIONS

**Commonwealth War Graves Commission** <http://www.cwgc.org>

Casualty database of those who died during WW1 and WW2. FREE

**Cyndi's List of Genealogy Sites on the Internet** <http://www.cyndislist.com>

A portal linking to over 320,000 websites divided into over 180 categories are listed: world-wide coverage, particularly good on the U.K. and North America; far better at locating obscure or specialised sites than search engines. FREE

**Directories** <http://www.historicaldirectories.org>

The N.O.F. funded Leicester University project which scanned and indexed around 300,000 pages from 400 directories covering England and Wales from the 1850s to 1919. FREE



**Family Search (International Genealogical Index)** <http://www.familysearch.org/>

Includes the International Genealogical Index, published by the LDS Church has over 957 million references to people world-wide; includes over 40 million British parish register entries mainly baptisms & marriages from the 1530s to about 1900; now includes the 1881 census for England & Wales; has had 14.7 billion hits since launch in 1999. FREE

**Family Tree Magazine** <http://www.familytreemagazine.com/>

Although this is the American magazine, the site has many free downloadable charts and blank recording documents – see their 'Toolkit' section, plus useful articles. FREE

**Find My Past** <http://www.findmypast.co.uk/>

Over 400 million records, from 1664, including military records, census, migration, occupation directories, plus complete birth, marriage and death indexes.  
FREE SEARCHING & PAY BY CREDIT CARD OR SUBSCRIPTION TO VIEW RECORDS

**Free BMD (Births, Marriages, Deaths)** <http://freebmd.rootsweb.com/>

Free BMD aims to transcribe the Civil Registration index of births, marriages and deaths for England and Wales using volunteers and provide free Internet access to the transcribed records; currently there's partial coverage 1837-1978. FREE

**General Register Office** <http://www.gro.gov.uk/gro/content/certificates/>

Order birth, death & marriage certificates, 1837 onwards, online. CREDIT OR DEBIT CARDS

**Irish Records**

Several sites useful for Irish records and research advice:  
ALL FREE

<http://www.cyndislist.com/uk/irl>  
<http://www.genuki.org.uk/big/irl/>  
<http://www.proni.gov.uk/>  
<http://www.nationalarchives.ie>  
<http://www.groireland.ie/>  
<http://findmypast.ie>

**National Archives (formerly The Public Record Office)**

<http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk>

The repository for UK central government records; millions of records relating to individuals; website has a section aimed genealogists; good on military records  
MUCH INFORMATION & SEARCHING FREE; MANY RECORDS PAY TO VIEW BY CARD

**Scotland's People** <http://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk/>

Some 50 million Scottish records including baptisms & marriages 1553 to 1854, births deaths & marriages from 1855, census returns 1841 to 1911 and wills & testaments 1513 to 1901.  
CREDIT CARD PAYMENT & VOUCHERS [order by post]

**Society of Genealogists** <http://www.sog.org.uk/>

The SOG has the largest collection of genealogical information on British families in private hands. Access to SoG data is available via [www.originsnetwork.com](http://www.originsnetwork.com) (including British Origins, Irish Origins and Scots Origins) for a fee.  
FREE SEARCHING & MANY RECORDS PAY TO VIEW BY CARD



**Sussex Family History Group** <http://www.sfhg.org.uk/>

Includes membership information, details of talks, publications, searchable databases for Sussex, members research interests and much more. FREE

**Welsh records** <http://www.genuki.org.uk/big/wal/>

Portal site leading you to source information, searchable databases, old counties. FREE

**West Sussex Past Gateway** <http://www.westsussexpast.org.uk/>

Search simultaneously 29 databases from archives, museums, public libraries, societies & universities; also over 300 links to other heritage websites local and national. FREE

**West Sussex Past Pictures** <http://www.westsussexpast.org.uk/>

Over 13,000 photographs & pictures from the 1640s to the present, including many school classes, sports teams and other groups of people, with every individual named, where known and all images are fully catalogued. FREE

**West Sussex Record Office** <http://www.westsussex.gov.uk/ro>

Archives on the County, some national sources; online catalogue contains references to many thousands of Sussex people in records dating back over 1,000 years; fee-based research service. FREE & PAYMENT FOR RESEARCH SERVICE

**Worthing Library** (West Sussex County Council Library Service)

[http://www.westsussex.gov.uk/leisure/libraries/your\\_local\\_library/find\\_your\\_local\\_library/worthing/information\\_and\\_reference.aspx](http://www.westsussex.gov.uk/leisure/libraries/your_local_library/find_your_local_library/worthing/information_and_reference.aspx)

Summary of sources and services available, both Sussex and regional/national. See also 'Ancestry' entry above. FREE

**Selective Booklist:**

P. Christian, *The Genealogist's Internet* (A & C Black, 5<sup>th</sup> ed. 2012)

N. Barratt, *How to Trace Your Family History on the Internet* (Reader's Digest, 2012)

### Family History Specialist Centres

**West Sussex Record Office**

3 Orchard Street

Chichester

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[records.office@westsussex.gov.uk](mailto:records.office@westsussex.gov.uk)

**Worthing Reference Library**

Richmond Road

Worthing

West Sussex BN11 1HD

01903 704824

[worthing.reference.library@westsussex.gov.uk](mailto:worthing.reference.library@westsussex.gov.uk)

