

# AN UPDATE ON DATA THAT CAN BE FOUND ON VARIOUS FAMILY HISTORY WEBSITES

## Births, Marriages and Deaths

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

Now contains virtually all births, marriages and deaths for England and Wales from 1837 to 1940 and moving towards 1950 – and it's free!

Order certificates from [www.gro.gov.uk](http://www.gro.gov.uk)

[www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk](http://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk)

A reasonably priced 'pay as you go' site with births, marriages and deaths for Scotland from 1855 to 2009. Most images of certificates can be downloaded for just £1.00 (England and Wales are £9.25!)

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

The free site from The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter day Saints (Mormons). Now contains births, marriages and deaths for Ireland from 1868 (some marriages from 1845) to 1958.

Some certificates can be ordered online from the record office in Eire or Northern Ireland or you can download an application form and send to the appropriate office.

Many other countries registered entries can be accessed online and certificates ordered e.g. Australia, Canada, USA. Locate offices from a 'google' search or through a subscription site such as [www.ancestry.com](http://www.ancestry.com).

## Census – 1841 to 1911 (Every 10 years)

### ENGLAND AND WALES

All available censuses for England and Wales can be found on [www.findmypast.co.uk](http://www.findmypast.co.uk) which are searchable by name and/or street address. Also on [www.genesreunited.co.uk](http://www.genesreunited.co.uk)

Those from 1841 to 1901 can be found on [www.ancestry.co.uk](http://www.ancestry.co.uk) and they will be adding 1911 in the coming months. Note – although this is a subscription site (monthly or annually), most libraries and record offices have free access.

There are also many free census transcripts that can be found on [www.freecen.org.uk](http://www.freecen.org.uk), particularly for Scotland.

### SCOTLAND

Original images are on [www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk](http://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk), transcripts are on [www.ancestry.co.uk](http://www.ancestry.co.uk) or try [www.freecen.org.uk](http://www.freecen.org.uk)

### IRELAND

Virtually nothing for the 19<sup>th</sup> Century survives but the 1901 and 1911 are now available on a free site at [www.census.nationalarchives.ie](http://www.census.nationalarchives.ie)

Note – we will all be completing the 2011 census on 27<sup>th</sup> March – this will most likely be the last time we do this – data can now be obtained from many other sources and the cost of taking the census is considerable.

Suggestion – take a copy of your completed form for your archives and for future generations to see (then they won't have to wait 100 years to access the information).

Many other countries have census records and these can be accessed through [www.ancestry.com](http://www.ancestry.com).

## **PARISH REGISTERS**

The largest, and most recent change is on [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org) which has and is receiving many negative comments (see them online on the site) about the changes.

However, it may be a matter of getting used to it and there is certainly a large collection (millions of entries) of new data.

Many other parish registers, both original scans and transcripts can be found on –

[www.ancestry.co.uk](http://www.ancestry.co.uk) – an excellent collection of London parishes – births/baptisms from 1813 to 1906, marriages and banns from 1754 to 1921, deaths and burials from 1813 to 1980.

[www.origins.net](http://www.origins.net) – Boyds Marriage Index – 1538 to 1840 – 8.2 million entries. Also coming to [www.findmypast.co.uk](http://www.findmypast.co.uk) soon.

[www.familyrelatives.org](http://www.familyrelatives.org) – Phillimores Marriage Index from 1538 to 1837.

[www.findmypast.co.uk](http://www.findmypast.co.uk) – for a large burial index from 1538 to 1837.

OR – do a [www.google.co.uk](http://www.google.co.uk) search e.g. Wyke Regis Parish Registers.

## **Some Other Records**

**Wills** – probate indexes from 1861 to 1941 are now on [www.ancestry.co.uk](http://www.ancestry.co.uk) from which you can order a copy of the will for £5.00 from [www.hmcourts-service.gov.uk](http://www.hmcourts-service.gov.uk)

[www.indiafamily.bl.uk](http://www.indiafamily.bl.uk) – transcripts of information from The India Collection at The British Library.

[www.gbnames.publicprofiler.org](http://www.gbnames.publicprofiler.org) – distribution of surnames in England, Wales and Scotland from 1881 and 1998.

[www.lostcousins.com](http://www.lostcousins.com) – an excellent monthly newsletter.

[www.geograph.or.uk](http://www.geograph.or.uk) – photographs from almost every part of the UK.

[www.nationalarchives.gov.uk](http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk) – Excellent leaflet list for all the records held with catalogue references.

[www.ancestry.co.uk](http://www.ancestry.co.uk) - 1<sup>st</sup> WW Soldiers Documents (only 40% survive), Pension Records and Medals Roll (all soldiers in the 1<sup>st</sup> WW were awarded medals).

For 2<sup>nd</sup> WW – you can apply for appropriate documents from the MOD – [www.mod.uk](http://www.mod.uk)

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There are so many records available and, if I can help you at all please do not hesitate to contact me –

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