



British Resources on Ancestry

Phillip B. Dunn, Sr Research Specialist, AG®

DunnPB@familysearch.org

13 July 2016

Access Ancestry

www.ancestry.com

www.ancestry.co.uk

www.ancestryinstitution.com – available via Family History Library only

Ancestry is a world wide website that allows searches under subjects, titles, places, names, record types. Its numerous online collections help you locate genealogical and historical information.

The main record groups for genealogical research in the British Isles are Census, Church Records, Civil Registration, and Probate Records. There are other great record types as well, such as Land and Property, Taxation, Directories, Compiled Pedigrees and Genealogies, British Military, Prisoners of War, Court, etc.

How to find the resources and records on Ancestry

- Use "Search" function to locate these records:
- All Categories search (Search by name and other family members)
- Census and Voter Lists
- Birth, marriage, and death
- Military
- Immigration and Travel
- Search by Locality (Country, County, City, Parish) Record Type
- Under Historical Records: Same search function as above, with searches of maps, newspapers, periodicals, pictures, probate, schools, taxation
- Card Catalog (Vast searches of resources and records))

All Categories (Search)

- Explore by location: UK and Ireland

- Narrow to a country, county or parish
- Specifically see what records are available to be searched.
- Each Country and County will have historical records to search. These can include: Census, Church records, birth, baptism, marriage, death, and burial type records, military, emigration, newspapers, school, local records. etc. Search by country, county, city or parish.

England and Wales

- Census 1841-1911
- Church records pre-1920 for large cities and more populated counties.
- Civil registration indexes 1837-2007
- Probate Records complete 1858-1966 indexes. Some areas pre-1858
- Much more for England!

Ireland

- Census 1901 and 1911 fragments for 1841 and 1851
- Church Records (FamilySearch indexes) Roman Catholic Church Records.
- Civil Registration indexes 1845-1958 incomplete, excellent resource
- Newspapers
- Tithe Applotment books 1820's
- Griffiths Valuation 1848-1864

Scotland

- Census Index 1841-1901
- Church records pre-1855 (selected indexes from FamilySearch)
- Civil registration 1855-1875 from (selected indexes from FamilySearch)
- Probate Confirmation 1876-1936

Use of Card Catalog

- Great way to find information!
- Search by Title and Keyword
- Find collections by title, name, place and other ways.