



British Resources on FindMyPast.Co.uk

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FindMyPast has become one of the pre-eminent websites for anyone doing British research. In particular, they have over 1 billion records from the British Isles. Over 1,000 of all their collections can be found only on FindMyPast and most of these are likely British.

Registering and Subscriptions

FindMyPast offers both monthly and annual subscriptions. The monthly price for "World" membership is £9.95 per month (\$14.13 US as of 22/2/2016) and the annual price is £119.40 (or \$170.33 per year). The World subscription includes all of their records. They also offer a US & Canada subscription for less which excludes some British records, US & Canada records and those from Ireland and Australia. They also offer three "PayAsYouGo" options with the lowest costing £6.95 (\$9.87 for 60 credits) to start. You receive 60 credits and 90 days to use them. Most records cost 5 credits to view.

Registering requires basic information such as your name, country of residence, email address and a password you will choose. I can also opt to receive their occasional newsletter.

Members of the LDS Church can have a free subscription to many of the records provided. The subscription is technically a unlimited "PayAsYouGo" credits coupon. To obtain access, go to <https://familysearch.org/partneraccess> and follow the instructions. You can also follow that link to obtain accounts with Ancestry.com, MyHeritage.com and AmericanAncestors.org.

The FindMyPast Home Page

When you go to www.findmypast.com, the home page will appear, including a search window with boxes for names, birth info and the "World" collection of records with a box for place. If you search from here, you can select among the "World", "Australia & New Zealand", "Ireland", "United Kingdom" and "United States & Canada". Once you perform your search, you can then filter the results by the major localities listed above and also record collections.

Don't forget to pay attention to other things on the home page such as a link to their "tree", Irish collections, collections based on record type and news.

To check for record updates, click on "News" at the top of the page, scroll down to find the latest "New findmypast Friday Records" update and click on it. By opting to receive their newsletter you can also be informed of updates.

Finding the British Records

It is important to know what databases are on a website and FindMyPast is no exception to this. To browse and then search specific collections, click on the word "Search". It is found on the

blue menu bar across the top of the page with the symbol of a magnifying glass just to the left. A menu will pop up and at the bottom of the menu is a link to the “A-Z of record sets”. Click there and you will be presented with an alphabetical list of record sets (also called databases). There are geographic filters to the left similar to those described above. There is also a search box that allows you to search for a key place name like “England” or “Warwickshire”.

Once a record set has been chosen to search, beside the name and event date options, be aware of the ability to browse subsets in the collection by watching for the word “Browse” in blue next to a search box. This may enable you to further specify just a portion of that record set.

Now to the major collections by British Isles countries. Some of these collections can be found on other websites. When struggling to find an ancestor in a particular set of records on one website search another because the indexes do not always work the same and names may be indexed differently.

England and Wales Records

Over 50 million English and Welsh parish records - Baptism, marriage and burial records from across England and Wales dating back to 1538 – many of which can only be found at findmypast.com. Significant country and county digitized collections include: Wales Parish Registers almost complete from every county in Wales, the Canterbury Cathedral Archives (Kent), Cheshire, Devon (west), Hertfordshire, Middlesex, Norfolk (w/ images), Nottinghamshire, Shropshire, Staffordshire, Yorkshire with millions more recently added.

British Army service records 1760 – 1915 – With nearly 40 available indexed databases, whether it is the Revolutionary War, Waterloo, Boer War or one of the World Wars they have you covered (including some US army records).

British census - The most complete England, Wales and Scotland census collection available online.

Unique Passenger Lists - Passenger lists for ships leaving the UK 1890 – 1960, bound for long-haul destinations such as the U.S. and Canada.

Find more English birth marriage and death records - The most complete online index of birth, marriage and death records, including records of births, marriages and deaths at sea.

Unique English, Welsh and Scottish Newspapers - In the coming months we will have English, Scottish, Welsh and Irish newspapers going back to 1700 from our partnership with the British Library. From birth announcements to stories about ancestors eloping, old newspapers can add fine detail to your British genealogy records. Remember that each of the major genealogy websites may have their own indexes.

The 1939 Register - Taken over a single weekend, the Register contains crucial information on 40 million people. This information would, in the short term, be vital in preparation for war. In the longer term, it would go on to play a part in the creation of the NHS and more. The Register will tell you: full names, addresses, dates of birth, marital status, occupations, and whether the individual was a member of the armed services or reserves.

Electoral Register – 1832-1932, with 220 million names with images attached

School Registers – 2.7 million

Quaker Church Registers – 1578-1841 with about 500,000 names available to search online

Ireland Records

A wide variety of Irish records including:

- Irish vital records dating back to the 13th Century (Keep in mind that relatively few survive prior to 1800).
- Millions of unique Irish prison register and court records
- The complete Griffith's Valuation (a core Irish genealogy record set)
- Unique Irish Land & Estate records
- Military & rebellion records
- Most comprehensive collection of Irish directories (2 million)
- Rare and unrivaled Irish genealogy and specialist records
- Dog Licenses
- Workhouses (Dublin North/South) – 1.5 million, 1840-1919
- Irish School registers: 1860-1920.

Unique Irish newspapers – findmypast has Irish newspapers going back to the early 1800s. These unique newspapers add additional dimensions and details to your family history and give a more complete narrative to your Irish genealogy records.

Regional Ireland records – findmypast has a unique collection of Irish records from every county.

Isle of Man Records

Anglican (Church of England) CMBs for the Isle of Man includes 540,000 birth and baptism records (1600 to 2010), 252,000 marriage records (1598 to 1979) and 292,000 burial records (1598 to 2011).

Scotland Records

Findmypast has the 1841 to 1901 Scotland censuses, the BillionGraves database and the collection of Scotland Births & Baptisms and Marriages from FamilySearch. Each of the Scottish collections can be found on other websites as well. However, remember that each major genealogy website has its own search capability and may have its own indexes. The presentation for search results for Scotland censuses is better than at Ancestry.com.

Australia & New Zealand Records

It seems the easiest way to get to a good summary list of collections for Australia and New Zealand on findmypast is to “google” the phrase “Full list of Australia and New Zealand records findmypast.com” and you will be taken to an article with a nice list of records. These records include:

Armed Forces & Conflict - Australian Imperial Force Nominal Roll 1914-1918, Australian Imperial Force Roll of Honour 1914-1919, New Zealand WW1 Soldiers, Australia & New Zealand Boer War records, state specific military records.

Census, Land & Survey Records – A wide collection of Electoral Rolls for each state though most are for the 1900's, some land tax records and the South Australia Census 1841.

Education & Work – A wide variety of medical directories and other occupation specific lists.

Institutions & Organisations – Hospital, prison and police records.

Life Events (BDMs) – Australia: BillionGraves Cemetery Index, Australia Births and Baptisms 1792-1981, Australia Deaths and Burials 1816-1980, Australia Marriages 1810-1980, Australian Capital Territory Deaths 1930-1983, Australian Capital Territory Marriages 1930-1938, New South Wales Will Books 1800-1952, some cemetery inscriptions, Northern Territory Deaths 1824-2012, Northern Territory, Anglican Baptisms and Confirmations 1900-1947, Northern Territory, Anglican Church Burials 1900-1968, Northern Territory, Anglican Marriages 1902-1953, Pitcairn Islands Marriages 1824-1854, Queensland Burials, Queensland Deaths, Queensland Intestacies, Insolvencies & Wills 1859-1900, Queensland monumental inscriptions, South Australia Cemetery Inscriptions 1836-2005, South Australia, Catholic Baptisms 1840-1863, South Australia, lonely graves 1837-2005, South Australia, Pre-civil births 1836-1842, South Australia, Pre-civil deaths 1836-1842, South Australia, Pre-civil marriages 1836-1842, South Australia, remote deaths 1851-1965, South Australia, unregistered deaths 1840-1970, Victoria Births 1836-1913, Victoria Deaths 1836-1985, Victoria Marriages 1836-1942, Victoria, Cemetery Burials and Memorial Inscriptions for Victoria 1835 -1997, Victoria, Funeral Notices 1981-1997. New Zealand: Births, marriages and deaths are now indexed records and cover up to 1915 (births; up to 1965 for stillborn births); marriages up to 1935; deaths up to 1965.

Newspapers, Directories & Social History – A wide variety of state and city directories and histories.

Travel & Migration - Convict Transportation Registers 1787-1870, Convicts in South Australia sentenced to transportation 1836–1852, Emigrants from Hamburg to Australasia 1850-1879, Emigrants seeking free passage to South Australia 1836–1841, New South Wales and Tasmania: Settlers and Convicts 1787-1859, New South Wales, Convict Arrivals 1788-1842, Queensland Assisted Immigration 1848-1912, Queensland Early Pioneers Index 1824-1859, Queensland Immigration Registers 1922-1940, Queensland Naturalisations 1851-1904, Queensland Ship Deserters 1862-1911, Queensland, Brisbane Register of Immigrants 1885-1917, South Australia Naturalisations 1849-1903, Victoria Inward Passenger Lists 1839-1923, Victoria Outward Passenger Lists 1852-1915.