

HERITAGE FAMILY HISTORY

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Newsletter: January 2012

*Welcome to 2012!
Wishing all our readers a healthy and Happy New Year!*

A newsletter to end the holiday season and update you with some imminent talks and other family history news.

Newsflash: Talk in London on Saturday 14th January

The Birmingham and Midland Society for Genealogy and Heraldry (London branch) meets on 14 January with a talk by Dr Andrew Gray entitled *Not Just for Decoration - Heraldic Clues to Unsuspected Genealogy*. The talk takes place at 11:00 am at the Society of Genealogists, Charterhouse Buildings, Goswell Road, London EC1M 7BA. Heraldry is a subject that many modern genealogists overlook, but there is a lot to be learned from it and I hope to attend this talk myself. Non-BMSGH members are welcome. Entrance fee: £2 for members, £3 for non members. No need to book in advance - just turn up on the day. For further information contact David Kerr at david.b.kerr@btinternet.com

HFH COURSES

Christmas Discount on HFH e-Course Extended.

I have extended my £10 discount on the e-course *Researching Your Family History* to coincide with the end of the holidays. The special offer will now finish first thing on Wednesday 4 January. So if you have been meaning to sign up but have overlooked it in the Christmas rush, you have a few days left before the course reverts to its usual price of £79. You don't have to start the course immediately. Once you have signed up you can download the course when you are ready and work at your own speed. If you are a Facebook member you will also be able chat about the course and family history in general on my Facebook page. If you are buying or receiving this

on behalf of someone else do let me know so that I can set up the student account in the correct name.

The course is aimed at those people who are really serious about their family history and want to learn all there is to know about the records and how to build up a good research technique. It is suitable for both beginners and those who have been researching their tree for several years but would like to learn more. It will also prove extremely helpful if you have come up against brick walls in your research. The course is an adaptation of my 5-week evening class *Building Your Family Tree*, although in fact the nature of the course means there is much greater detail in the e-course than can ever be covered in the classroom course. At present the course consists of four modules covering How To Start (Module 1) and Civil Registration and Census Records in depth (Modules 2, 3 and 4). I plan to add further modules in due course. The next one will cover parish registers.

One of the features that make the course stand out is its dedicated student links website, which is available only to e-course students. This provides easy access to, and information about, an extensive range of websites that will prove invaluable for both your initial research and then for more advanced research topics. Topics covered by the website range from BMD and Census listings through to Parish Records, Map Resources, DNA, tracing living relatives and archive listings. It also has dedicated pages for Scottish and Irish Resources.

E-Course students work at their own pace and have no deadlines to meet while there are optional top-up packages where students can book tutorial sessions or ask questions relating to the course by telephone or Skype. Students can also chat about the course with myself and other students via the Heritage Family History Student Facebook page.

For further details of all courses: telephone 01797 344376 or visit <http://www.heritagefamilyhistory.co.uk/courses.htm>

ONE-PLACE STUDIES (Online course)

Start Dates: 12 January 2012 and 12 July 2012

Course Length: 3 weeks

Cost: £33.99

This online course I am running for Pharos Tutors in January is now fully booked. Due to its popularity, we will be running it again starting 12 July 2012 and bookings for the July running are already being taken. In the meantime, if you are interested in starting your own place studies and

want to know more about them take a look at Alex Cole's excellent study of Wing in Buckinghamshire [here](#) . To book the July course or find out more about how the courses work go to the Pharos website [here](#)

HFH TALKS

Below are the talks I am giving up until the end of February. An extra one (on 2 February) has been added to those listed in the December newsletter. All are open to the general public for a small payment on the door of usually a £1 or so.

Date: Wednesday 18 January 2012

Subject: Pre-1837 Sources

Venue: Kent Family History Society, Thanet Branch

The Birchington Village Centre, Alpha Road, Birchington, Kent.

Time: 7.30 p.m. for 8.00 p.m.

Date: Tuesday 31 January 2012

Subject: The GRO Index: Just How Accurate Is It?

Venue: Kent Family History Society, Ashford Branch

The Willesborough Windmill, Hythe Road, Willesborough, Ashford,

6.30 p.m. for 7.30 p.m.

Date: Thursday 2 February 2012

Subject: Pre-1837 Sources

Venue: Folkestone and District Family History Society

The United Reform Church, Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone, Kent

7.30 p.m.

Date: Sunday 26 February 2012

Subject: I've Lost My Ancestor Before 1837. How Can I Find Him?

Venue: Who Do You Think You Are Family History Show

Celebrity Theatre, Olympia Exhibition Centre, London

3 p.m.

OTHER NEWS

New Book on the Workhouse

Peter Higginbotham, the creator of the marvellous workhouse website, has written on new book on life in the workhouse which should prove a fascinating read. The book is entitled *The Workhouse Encyclopaedia* and is currently available for pre-order. Further details and a link into his workhouse website can be found [here](#)

GRO Telephone Number change

The phone number for the GRO changes on 5 January 2012. The new number is 0300 123 1837 and should be used for all certificate telephone order and enquiries.

Who Do You Think you Are Show at Olympia

24 - 26 February 2012.

Don't forget to book your tickets and workshop tickets in good time. I will be talking on the subject "I've Lost My Ancestor Before 1837. Where Did He Come From?" at 3 pm on Sunday 26 February in the WDYTYA theatre. To book click [here](#) .

INTERNET RELEASES

Findmypast have added a new set of military records as follows:

- This consists of Other Ranks (as opposed to officers) who formed part of the 1803 England and Wales Army of Reserve. This followed an Act of Parliament in that year that required each county in the UK to provide a stated number of men to make up an Army of Reserve. These men were called up for the 'defence of the realm' at a time when there was a very serious threat of invasion. The records originate from E182 (Deserter Bounty Certificates) and WO12 (Muster Books and Pay Lists) at The National Archives.
- Regimental indexes 1806. The records cover the Other Ranks who formed part of the 1st-50th Regiments of Foot and the Cavalry, Foot Guards and Royal Waggon Train. The records originate from WO25 (Casualty Returns) at The National Archives. They are a basic finding aid and do not give any places of birth, although there are some clues as to where men were being recruited from at this time.
- Foot Guards attestation papers 1775-1817. Other Ranks' attestations to the 1st Foot Guard between 1775 and 1817. The index contains information about Other Ranks from the records of the Guards Regiments and may include the following information: first name, last name, place of birth, date enlisted and, in some cases, other remarks.

The Genealogist has announced that its transcripts for the 1911 Essex census are now complete. The complete list of its 1911 transcripts is below and it also offers full access to the images as well for Diamond subscribers. Another real bonus is its addition of the **Illustrated London News for 1842 - 1850**. This weekly newspaper is not only beautifully illustrated, but carried many birth, marriage and death announcements. TG has also uploaded some interesting Huguenot records, including records for Bristol, Stonehouse, Plymouth, Thorpe-le-Soken for the years 1684-1807, Southampton 1567-1779 and Portarlinton, Ireland 1694 -1816

TG 1911 Transcripts and Images as of December 2011

- Anglesey
- Bedfordshire
- Berkshire
- Brecknockshire

- Buckinghamshire
- Cambridgeshire
- Cardiganshire
- Carmarthenshire
- Caernarvonshire
- Cheshire
- Denbighshire
- Derbyshire
- Dorset
- Flintshire
- Glamorganshire
- Hampshire
- Herefordshire
- Hertfordshire
- Huntingdonshire
- Isle of Man
- Kent
- Lancashire
- Leicestershire
- Lincolnshire
- London
- Merionethshire
- Middlesex
- Monmouthshire
- Montgomeryshire
- Northamptonshire
- Nottinghamshire
- Oxfordshire
- Pembrokeshire
- Radnorshire
- Shropshire
- Suffolk
- Surrey
- Wiltshire
- Yorkshire

Ancestry - no new releases in December. If you are using the very useful Warwickshire collection of parish registers do be aware that it is not complete. Although Ancestry make it clear that Birmingham is not included, while browsing my Heritage family, I have found missing pages in some parishes, notably Aston Cantlow. I have not yet had time to investigate further but will do so when I have a moment. If anyone has any further information please let me know.

Finally don't forget to take a look at my blog on parish which can be found [here](#)

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