



## The Heritage Family History School Records Project

### RESOURCES SHEET

#### FREE ONLINE SOURCES

##### CENSUS RECORDS.

<https://www.familysearch.org/> The Church of Latter Day Saints' family history website includes transcripts of English and Welsh census returns plus many other records of baptism, marriage and burials.

<http://www.census.nationalarchives.ie/> 1901 and 1911 census for Ireland. Free website

<http://www.freecen.org.uk/> FREECEN an ongoing project aiming to provide a "free-to-view" online searchable database of the 19th century UK census returns.

##### Archives offering free access to the census returns.

The National Archives at Kew (<http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk>) provides free online access to the censuses for England and Wales in its reading rooms.

County Records Offices/Libraries –also provide free access to census returns usually via [ancestry.com](http://ancestry.com) and often also on microfilm.

##### BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS

The birth, marriages and death index for England and Wales 1837 - 1950 can be found for free at <http://www.freebmd.org.uk> . This includes a transcription of the

index from its start in July 1837 currently until about 1950. This is an ongoing project and coverage is increasing all the time, There are a few gaps before 1950 but before this date most of the index has been completed transcribed and is **free** to use. The index provides little information by itself. You need to buy a birth/marriage or death

certificate to get further information. The index will however give an approximate date for when someone was born, married and died. From 1912 the birth index gives the mother's maiden name and from 1911 in the marriage index the name of the spouse is given. Age is given in the death index from 1866.

Ireland 1845 - 1958. Family Search has Irish civil registration indexes of births, marriages and deaths beginning in 1845 for non-Catholic marriages. The index to births, deaths, and all marriages (including Catholic) begin in 1864 and cover Ireland in its historic entirety until 1921, when Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland became separate countries and from when they kept their individual index. Family Search does NOT hold the index for Northern Ireland from 1922 onwards.

## COMMERCIAL WEBSITES

[www.findmypast.com](http://www.findmypast.com) Has census address search facility too and many other records including BMD index for England and Wales up until 2006. Pay per view or subscription.

[www.ancestry.co.uk](http://www.ancestry.co.uk) Subscription based website with many datasets including the census and BMD index for England and Wales up until 2005

[www.originsnetwork.com](http://www.originsnetwork.com) British Origins – acclaimed for the excellence of its transcription and therefore the accuracy of its name index. Holds 1841, 1861 and 1871 censuses for England and Wales.

<http://www.1901censusonline.com> Not just the 1901 census but all censuses from the 1911 census and English and Welsh BMD index up until 2004. Buy credits online or vouchers at places such as libraries. Has address search facility too.

<http://www.thegenealogist.co.uk/> Census transcripts linked to images via the internet plus wide selection of other records. BMD index for England and Wales up until 2006

<http://www.familyrelatives.com> Very reasonably priced subscription based site. No census records buy a variety of directories and parish records plus BMD index for England and Wales up until 2005

<http://www.genesreunited.com> Has all censuses and English and Welsh BMD index up until 2006. Also provides a method of getting in touch with other people researching the same name

<http://www.censusfinder.com/ireland.htm> Info and links to Irish census fragments plus more.

<http://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk/> Scottish census returns plus many other records such as births/baptisms, deaths/burials up until 1910 for births, 1935 for, marriages and 1960 for deaths. Also Scottish wills.

<http://www.genealogysupplies.com> Genealogy suppliers for census CDs.

## MAPS & DIRECTORIES

Old maps are held in archives and libraries (if you plan a visit always make sure you contact them first to check they have what you want). Many reproduction old maps are now available for viewing or purchase on line.

**The National Archives of Scotland** <http://www.nas.gov.uk> has over 800 maps viewable online, some of which are OS maps

**The Ordnance Survey** free 'Get-a-map' feature is available at [www.ordnancesurvey.co.uk/oswebsite/getamap](http://www.ordnancesurvey.co.uk/oswebsite/getamap), as are the range of current OS maps at [www.ordnancesurvey.co.uk/oswebsite/](http://www.ordnancesurvey.co.uk/oswebsite/). Standard OS maps are available in local bookshops.

**Alan Godfrey** produces reasonably priced reprints of detailed old 1/2,500 Ordnance Survey maps for many parts of Britain and Ireland.  
<http://www.alangodfreymaps.co.uk>.

**Old-maps.co.uk** has a good selection of 1/2,500 and 1/10,560 maps for England, Wales and Scotland, priced from £9.99 for a PDF, £19.99 for a print: [www.old-maps.co.uk](http://www.old-maps.co.uk).

**Cassini Maps** sells reproduction maps of different eras. [www.cassinimaps.co.uk](http://www.cassinimaps.co.uk).

**Old Town Maps** sells printed maps, plus books and CDs. Kent is especially well-covered. <http://oldtowns.co.uk/>.

Cheshire tithe maps are available to down load for free View and download tithe maps, c1836-1910, for Cheshire parishes at no charge. See <http://maps.cheshire.gov.uk/tithemaps/>.

Irish Origins provides OS maps and town plans used by the team working on Griffith's Primary Valuation, 1847-1864: [www.origins.net](http://www.origins.net). This is a subscription based website.

To view Irish townland maps online go to [www.eneclann.ie/](http://www.eneclann.ie/) . Subscriber or purchase them printed or on CD.

WW1 Trench maps [www.naval-military-press.co.uk](http://www.naval-military-press.co.uk)

Details of available enclosure maps for England and Wales can be found at <http://hds.essex.ac.uk/em/>.

Trade directories online: <http://www.historicaldirectories.org/hd/index.asp>

### **Further reading about maps**

*Maps for Family and Local History*, (2004) Geraldine Beech and Rose Mitchell.

*Maps for Historians* (Phillimore, 1998), £14.99 0-85033-934-0, Paul Hindle

*Tithe Surveys for Historians* Roger, J P Kain and Hugh C Prince

*The Scot and his maps*, Margaret Wilkes. Guide to Scottish maps and their history. Published by the Scottish Library Association 1991

*Tracing Scottish Local History*, Cecil Sinclair

*Atlas of the Irish Rural Landscape*, Ed FHA Aalen & K Whelan

### **Record offices and libraries**

The website below lists all record offices and libraries in the UK together with their contact details.

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