



## Family History For You

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Hello Everyone,

Firstly I must apologise for the few typos that were missed in the February Newsletter it was finished off and posted out in difficult circumstances. Added to which even though the newsletter announcement was sent out exactly the same as in all previous newsletters some emails bounced, we have in a few cases found that the reason for this was an update to the anti virus was carried out by one of the major anti virus suppliers that 'improved' the blocking of spam and similar emails by either blocking emails with web links in them or emails sent to multiple addressees. Either of these would block your FH4U newsletter notification emails. They didn't tell the users, you, that they had done this of course. Some of the changes were so restrictive a friend of ours lost all email access on their computer. The restrictions added were so wide that they I'm sure the attitude was, block everything we can, then we can't be accused of letting something through. All the settings can however be adjusted in the program settings, just have some common sense in what is left blocked. We use Avast anti virus, the basic version, which has good reviews, is totally free and has never given us any problems.

Another problem that has been reported is that some of the links don't work, in fact they do as long as you download and save a copy of the newsletter and read it using acrobat or a similar program, the problems come when you read it on line and the browser splits up the web link into sections at the ends of lines.

Moving on, again I ask for not just your feedback and comments, but if you could put together a few words on any family history related subject, I am being asked for articles written by readers but if I don't receive them I cannot share.

I was asked to introduce the chance to share email addresses and surname interests, but again have only received a few requests.

These are the surnames shared previously:-

From the newsletter issue 11, when I first made this request.

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|----------|-------------------------------|------------|------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Boyce    | Prestwich                     | Lancashire | 1780-1955  | Heather <a href="mailto:fh4u@roccoland.plus.com">fh4u@roccoland.plus.com</a> |
| Boyce    | Tiverton                      | Devon      | 1650 -1800 | Heather <a href="mailto:fh4u@roccoland.plus.com">fh4u@roccoland.plus.com</a> |
| Harden   | Rolvenden                     | Kent       | All        | Heather <a href="mailto:fh4u@roccoland.plus.com">fh4u@roccoland.plus.com</a> |
| Hicks    | Bolton / Salford / Manchester | Lancashire | 1700-1950  | Heather <a href="mailto:fh4u@roccoland.plus.com">fh4u@roccoland.plus.com</a> |
| Sheather | Any                           | Anywhere   | Any        | Heather <a href="mailto:fh4u@roccoland.plus.com">fh4u@roccoland.plus.com</a> |
| Stevens  | Crondall / Crookham / Fleet   | Hampshire  | 1600-1970  | Heather <a href="mailto:fh4u@roccoland.plus.com">fh4u@roccoland.plus.com</a> |

Then in issue 12 [August 2016]

| Surname         | Parish    | County | Time Period | Contact details                                                                            |
|-----------------|-----------|--------|-------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Banthorp        | Worldwide |        | Anytime     | Jan <a href="mailto:jan1coops@aol.com">jan1coops@aol.com</a>                               |
| Banthorp[e]     | Worldwide |        | Anytime     | Jan <a href="mailto:jan1coops@aol.com">jan1coops@aol.com</a>                               |
| Birks           | Worldwide |        | Anytime     | Jan <a href="mailto:jan1coops@aol.com">jan1coops@aol.com</a>                               |
| Gammon-Hardaway | Any       | Any    | Any         | Heather <a href="mailto:heather.u3a@roccoland.plus.com">heather.u3a@roccoland.plus.com</a> |

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|-----------|------------|--------|------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Gratehead | Worldwide  |        | Anytime    | Jan <a href="mailto:jan1coops@aol.com">jan1coops@aol.com</a>                                  |
| Greatred  | Worldwide  |        | Anytime    | Jan <a href="mailto:jan1coops@aol.com">jan1coops@aol.com</a>                                  |
| Greathead | Worldwide  |        | Anytime    | Jan <a href="mailto:jan1coops@aol.com">jan1coops@aol.com</a>                                  |
| Greathed  | Worldwide  |        | Anytime    | Jan <a href="mailto:jan1coops@aol.com">jan1coops@aol.com</a>                                  |
| Greatheed | Worldwide  |        | Anytime    | Jan <a href="mailto:jan1coops@aol.com">jan1coops@aol.com</a>                                  |
| Grethead  | Worldwide  |        | Anytime    | Jan <a href="mailto:jan1coops@aol.com">jan1coops@aol.com</a>                                  |
| Hannaford | Blackawton | Devon  | 1830- 1880 | Veronica <a href="mailto:bruceandveronica@btinternet.com">bruceandveronica@btinternet.com</a> |
| Lamb      | Worldwide  |        | Anytime    | Jan <a href="mailto:jan1coops@aol.com">jan1coops@aol.com</a>                                  |
| Naldrett  | Any        | Sussex | 1700-Now   | Heather <a href="mailto:heather.u3a@roccoland.plus.com">heather.u3a@roccoland.plus.com</a>    |
| Rapchuk   |            |        | Canada     | Heather <a href="mailto:heather.u3a@roccoland.plus.com">heather.u3a@roccoland.plus.com</a>    |
| Spurge    | Anywhere   |        | Anytime    | Pam <a href="mailto:pamela.jarmain1@btopenworld.com">pamela.jarmain1@btopenworld.com</a>      |
| Tubbs     | Any UK     |        | 1500-now   | Joan <a href="mailto:j.tubbs33@btinternet.com">j.tubbs33@btinternet.com</a>                   |
| Tunley    | Worldwide  |        | Anytime    | Jan <a href="mailto:jan1coops@aol.com">jan1coops@aol.com</a>                                  |

Without some very positive results, this newsletter will cease to exist into 2018, I happily put the work in for you, but if the newsletter isn't wanted, or needed then I can and will put my time to another cause.

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Heredis 2017, a new version for Windows and Macintosh is now available. The main new feature is the 'Dashboard' which is intended to help genealogists to keep track of what they have done and what they were doing the last time they did some research. Quoted from their press release "There was a time when genealogists had to make an effort to find out where they had stopped in their genealogy, to find what they had done lately. Or to know which branch they were working on with their current research. Which ancestors had they already found? Which events did they lack evidence on?"

Now that time is over. With the Dashboard, at a glance, genealogists know where they are: what they have already found and what they still have to do."

I haven't any experience with this program but its website seems to emphasise the different output formats it can do and that it can automatically help avoid errors and format your text for you. I personally am not a fan of any program that tries to claim it might know what I would like to do better than myself.

The Heredis web site is <https://www.heredis.com/en/#> .

There is a restricted entry size free demo version available on the web site.

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Ancestry.com have announced a couple of changes at the top. Nat Natarajan has been named 'Executive Vice President of Product and Technology'. Previously Nat worked at Intuit where he served as Senior Vice President and Chief Information Security and Fraud Officer. His position at Intuit also included holding the position of Chief Technology Officer and Senior Vice President of Product and Engineering for the Consumer Tax Group, that served about 30 million customers.

Also joining Ancestry is Vineet Mehra, he joins the staff as 'Executive Vice President and Chief Marketing Officer' for the company. Previously Vineet worked for Johnson & Johnson where he was the Global President of Johnson & Johnson's multi-billion dollar flagship Baby Care business.

The gentlemen will both [I believe] be based in the San Francisco office

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It is always worth checking the news websites, not everything of interest to us genealogists appears in the headlines [www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-europe-38797727](http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-europe-38797727) is a prime example. Briefly the article gives details of the names of Nazi SS commanders and guards at the Auschwitz death camp in German-occupied Poland, which have recently gone online.

Whilst investigating the above, I also came across this website

<http://truthaboutcamps.eu/th/zaloga-ss-kl-auschwitz/16816.Zaloga-SS-KL-Auschwitz.html>

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I know of the very useful site [www.mancuniensis.info/SalfordHundredFP.htm](http://www.mancuniensis.info/SalfordHundredFP.htm) that has maps of Salford Hundred and its Ancient Parishes. Does anyone know of a similar site for the whole of Lancashire, or even any other area?

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HSTRY the free multimedia timeline, has expanded its abilities and changed its name to Sutori [www.sutori.com](http://www.sutori.com) I found this part of their website quite interesting [www.sutori.com/story/your-ancestors-who-do-you-think-you-are](http://www.sutori.com/story/your-ancestors-who-do-you-think-you-are)

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More and more books are appearing on the internet. Which gives me very mixed feelings, I love reading books and don't find reading so enjoyable when they are on my tablet, however I do appreciate being able to search google for reference books. Saving pounds in money and shelf space for those books I may only look at once or twice a year.

Here are a few websites you might find helpful to you as a Genealogist.

Abbreviations Found in Genealogy [www.rootsweb.com/~rigenweb/abbrev.html](http://www.rootsweb.com/~rigenweb/abbrev.html)

List of Occupations [www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~usgwkidz/oldjobs.htm](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~usgwkidz/oldjobs.htm)

Archaic Medical Terms - Rudy's List of Archaic Medical Terms [www.antiquusmorbus.com/](http://www.antiquusmorbus.com/)

Cyndi's List [www.cyndislist.com](http://www.cyndislist.com)

Getty Thesaurus of Geographic Names [www.getty.edu/research/tools/vocabulary/tgn/index.html](http://www.getty.edu/research/tools/vocabulary/tgn/index.html)

English-German glossary of terms found in genealogy research

[www.univie.ac.at/voelkerkunde/cometh/glossar/heirat/h-menu.htm](http://www.univie.ac.at/voelkerkunde/cometh/glossar/heirat/h-menu.htm)

Glossary Of Terms Used In Heraldry [www.heraldsnet.org/saitou/parker/index.htm](http://www.heraldsnet.org/saitou/parker/index.htm)

Over 80,000 digital genealogy books [www.gengophers.com](http://www.gengophers.com)

Family History Library from FamilySearch

[https://books.familysearch.org/primo\\_library/libweb/action/search.do](https://books.familysearch.org/primo_library/libweb/action/search.do)

Canadian genealogy [www.genealogysearch.org/free/bcanada.html](http://www.genealogysearch.org/free/bcanada.html)

Genealogical Publishing Company online catalogue of ebooks at <http://library.genealogical.com> whilst the catalogue of printed books remains available at <http://www.genealogical.com>

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Ancestry.com have launched a UK blog for its Irish and UK customers, it will be publishing all the same DNA and Ancestry updates that previously were published only on the company's global blog, while also focusing on specific news relevant to the UK and Irish communities. <https://blogs.ancestry.com/ancestry/2017/01/26/join-us-on-the-ancestryuk-blog/>

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Sherwood Electronics have announced an upgrade to the 'Branches' products for iPad, it now includes FamilySearch Memories. There is also a version I believe for Mac users. For more information go to <http://www.branchesgenealogy.com/> or <https://appadvice.com/app/branches-free-for-ipad/1067607646> Using apps is very personal and you always need to be aware of the information you could be making available to possible miscreant use if you should loose you appliance.

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I have received an email from Margaret who has kindly alerted me to a book she has written. 'Voyage to Venning Road' is a historical novel based on the life of her great uncle, who worked for the Malayan Colonial government. The story mainly covers the period from 1911 to 1919 and is essentially a tragic love story. Margaret writes under the name Margaret S Goldthorp. On Lulu.com I found this description:-

*A tale of enduring love, a guilty secret and ultimate tragedy, set in Colonial Malaya and post-Edwardian England, and based on a true life story. In 1910, Joss returns to his native Yorkshire on a year's leave after seven years in Malaya. He meets and falls in love with Gladys, but has to return without her. When World War I breaks out, destroying their wedding plans, they despair of ever being together. Joss then makes a rash decision, which results in a secret to be kept from Gladys at all costs. He returns to England towards the end of the war, but their happiness together is not destined to last.*

The book is available from Amazon, and one of the reviews on there describes it as a brilliant blend of fact and fiction.

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Janet Hovorka and Jessica Taylor are both successful entrepreneurs in the family history world. Discouraged by some aspects of what is and isn't available, they have created Genealogy Business Alliance Facebook group "to provide a place for genealogy business leaders to discuss best practices, ask business related questions, network and create a united voice in the genealogy community." Please go to <http://www.genealogybusinessalliance.org/> for further information.

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The National Records of Scotland have made searches of their indexes absolutely free through the 'Scotlands People' website. [www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk/search-our-records?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=&utm\\_content=search%20our%20indexes%20for%20free&utm\\_campaign=Newsletter\\_Jan\\_2017\\_send5&utm\\_source=Newsletters](http://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk/search-our-records?utm_medium=email&utm_term=&utm_content=search%20our%20indexes%20for%20free&utm_campaign=Newsletter_Jan_2017_send5&utm_source=Newsletters)

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Are you interested in timelines, maybe your genealogy software supports timelines. The website [www.visitoruk.com/Ipswich/7th-century-T3913.html](http://www.visitoruk.com/Ipswich/7th-century-T3913.html) will take you to 'Welcome to Ipswich' [Suffolk, England] where you will find a timeline listed 700AD to 2009, listing a vast array of pertinent events for those living in Ipswich and Suffolk during this time period.

Do you know of any other timelines for any area, if so please let me know so that I share with fellow readers in the August newsletter.

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If you are interested in checking unclaimed estate records, then this website is very helpful [www.thegazette.co.uk/](http://www.thegazette.co.uk/)

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Several million aerial photos previously owned by Svenska Aero-Bilder AB have been acquired by ArkivDigital. Other photographs and images are available making this a valuable resource for those researchers wishing to look at other aspects of family history research than just dates and places. If you would like to read more <http://blog.arkivdigital.net/arkivdigital-acquires-millions-of-aerial-photographs/> website has an article.

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Do you have ancestors in Pittsburgh Cemetery? If so you might be interested to know that cemetery records have gone on line at [www.interment.net/us/pa/allegheny.htm](http://www.interment.net/us/pa/allegheny.htm)

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'Papist Returns' have raised their head, if you haven't come across them before they were a series of attempts to assess the size of the Catholic [Papist] population in England and Wales. You will find this website [www.genguide.co.uk/source/returns-of-papists-catholics/81/](http://www.genguide.co.uk/source/returns-of-papists-catholics/81/) very informational, it also has links to some other lesser used records such Oath of Allegiance, Recusant Rolls, Association of Oath Rolls etc. A majority of the Returns were statistical, numbers of Papists rather than details about individuals. The main exception to this is in the northwest England, and the 1767 Papists Return. Details for the 1767 return covering the Diocese of Chester have survived and are effectively a Census of the Catholic [and reputed Catholic] population.

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Have you ever considered cyber crime? According to the annual statistics, which for the first time [I believe] include cyber crime, there was an estimated 3.6 million cases of fraud and two million computer misuse offences. Don't just think of cyber crime as the normal ones you hear about, dummy bank emails, cheap holidays etc. Remember the web sites that offer to help you order certificates for a fee when you can do it yourself for free. Also people who want to share information or help you with your brickwall, may only be after your personal contact details or details to use for identity theft. The fact that most family history researchers are amateurs trying to help each other, doesn't stop criminals trying to take advantage. ALWAYS think twice, read any details on a web site and ask if anyone has heard about a new offer you have never come across before.

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I have been made aware that Kimberley Fowler has written an introductory article describing some of the reasons why senior citizens are often attracted to genealogy.

[www.aplaceformom.com/blog/1-30-17-genealogy-and-seniors/](http://www.aplaceformom.com/blog/1-30-17-genealogy-and-seniors/)

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Did you read about the sister who stole £50,000 inheritance and walked free from court?

[www.yorkshirepost.co.uk/news/crime/sister-who-stole-50-000-from-mother-s-inheritance-walks-free-from-bradford-court-1-7933968](http://www.yorkshirepost.co.uk/news/crime/sister-who-stole-50-000-from-mother-s-inheritance-walks-free-from-bradford-court-1-7933968) How could anybody do such an awful thing?

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FamilyTreeNow.com, a website that claims to be a family history site but is in fact just a way to get as much personal information openly available as possible Now here is another.

Radaris.com claims to be “a comprehensive public records search engine for information about people, properties, businesses and professionals.” The company’s press release states, “Radaris customers can start to build their family tree now without unnecessary time or expense.” Yet again it seems to be more interested in details of living people, if you join the site you could just be adding to their database. So please be warned, even though they claim to be 'Family History' sites, if they offer, like Radaris, such things as 'Criminal check', 'Sex offenders watch' and 'Reverse phone number lookup' they are very unlikely to help your research into such as your Victorian Ancestors. If you want to find out all their claims, look at <http://radaris.com/>, but I wouldn't advise you to expect much help with your research.

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MyHeritage have introduced 'Consistency Checker' for online family trees, in an attempt to eradicate errors within family trees held on their website. More details can be found at

<https://blog.myheritage.com/2017/02/new-online-family-tree-consistency-checker/>

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Staying with MyHeritage, I am advised that they [MyHeritage] were demonstrating 'Photo Discoveries' transforming family trees by automatically adding matching historical photos. I read " Users can add the photographs to the matching profiles in their family tree, in a single click." As regular readers will know I am not a fan of automatically or even one clicking to add to my own family tree. It is so easy to inadvertently incorrectly click, and I learnt the hard way years and years ago not to trust 'automatically' anything

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Are you on Facebook? Yes?, in which case you might be interested in some amazing photographs [www.facebook.com/themancuk/videos/1769373133322657/](https://www.facebook.com/themancuk/videos/1769373133322657/) give you the opportunity to compare Manchester then and now

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Twile a UK based company, whilst exhibiting at RootsTech in Salt Lake City, Utah have announced that their service is now completely free. Their CEO Paul Brooks, is recorded as saying "When we started Twile, our vision was for all family members to share and collaborate on their family story. We want family historians to share their research with their family and we want the whole family to get involved – we felt that the paid subscription was getting in the way."

Now, users of 'Twile' can [a] Build their own family tree, [b] Share and collaborate with family, [c] Add unlimited milestones and photos [d] Import trees and memories from FamilySearch [e] Import and merge multiple GEDCOM files.

If anyone has used Twile and would like to write on their experience/s I would appreciate it.

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Another announcement from MyHeritage at Rootstech 2017 was to welcome of Dr. Yaniv Erlich to the company as its Chief Science Officer.

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A new interactive Irish Genealogy Research App, 'Your Dublin Map Guide to Irish Genealogy and History Sources' has been announced by Ancestor Network, it sounds fantastic, but as yet I haven't tried it and I am not sure how detailed or widespread this app is.

John Hamrock, Managing Director of Ancestor Network Ltd is recorded as saying "With our team of genealogists and historians providing advice to roots tourists in Ireland over the years, we noted that visitors would benefit with having an interactive tool at their fingertips with a detailed map on where to locate the key repositories and what records are available in each. This free app is a great resource for visitors and locals alike in Dublin find that elusive ancestor."

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Oh what a heart warming story, have you read about the family from Yorkshire, who are thought to be the only one with six generations alive at the same time. Have a read [www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-38704598](https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-38704598)

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The GRO trials have now been completed. Phase 1 had many benefits to genealogical research including enhanced birth and death indexes, these give researchers with English or Welsh ancestry a huge amount of additional information for free. Have you tried to identifying missing children, spotting children of earlier marriages who never appear on a census, maybe they died as infants. How many surprises will you come across?

Phase 2, I guess it is probably unlikely that anyone used the £45 Same Day service, which was most likely aimed at heir hunters and or solicitors, certainly not family historians.

Phase 3 hopefully will be more interesting, when the GRO aka General Record Office will provide .pdf copies of register entries that have still to be digitised at a price of £8. Yes, only a small saving but a huge saving in time for those living overseas

Now, local registration services will be asked to provide information to the GRO about their sales of certificates during the period of the PDF Pilot, a comparison can then be done against their predictions as well as actual sales for the previous year.

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For those with research interests in Australia, you might be interested in these websites that cover Tasmania

<http://search.archives.tas.gov.au/default.aspx?search=1>

<http://search.archives.tas.gov.au/default.aspx?detail=1&type=S&id=HSD285>

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In the last newsletter I asked if anyone who had tested the automatic TreeTips research assistant between MyHeritage, FamilySearch and Findmypast. I have had one reply, who says:-

*"My relative, Josephine Johnson, who has recently died, told me about my ancestor George Johnson [9 November 1822 – 2 October 1893]:*

*"George was born on 9th November 1822 in Clarborough, Retford, in Nottinghamshire, England. He conducted a tannery business in Moorgate. He was from 1880 to 1883 a member of the Town Council for East Ward and a Local Preacher."*

*As I am interested in George Johnson's Baptism as that will point the way to his parents as well as being interested in more details about his family, especially his mother and as you requested feedback on Incline software's AQ Hints I thought I would see how good it was. I had already done some online research and found George Johnson's marriage, giving his father as John Johnson and George in the 1851, 1861, 1871, 1881 and 1891 censuses born in Clarborough. I was surprised to find the AQ via FindMyPast gave 12 hints and from FamilySearch 2 hints. Although in this instance there were no new hints for me and none of them gave George Johnson's baptism or any information about his mother, they did however give quick access to 12 records for George Johnson, 5 of which were correct. If I hadn't done some previous research, they would have saved me a lot of time. Presumably, as more FamilySearch records get indexed and put on-line, the AQ hints will be more informative."*

For AQ please input Ancestral Quest [it is a software programme which runs in a similar fashion to PAF aka Personnel Ancestral File which was withdrawn some years ago].

Hmm, says a lot I think 12 records of which only 5 were correct, that is less than 50% not good, I dread to think what could have happened had this reader been new to family history research and naively thought the hints must be right. Yes it does and has happened, do be careful and check everything before accepting, the small print can hide a variety of hidden problems.

I was approached by someone claiming to link to me by a Joseph Stevens in Crondall, Hampshire, England, yes they did link to me but not quite how they had thought so. They had not registered that there were three Joseph Stevens son of Joseph born +/- 1 year!! He had and did admit that he hadn't considered that there could be more than one Joseph son of Joseph in a small village, and had therefore linked to the first one found.

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The Genealogist have added a further 280,000 parish records, from Essex, Cumberland, and Norfolk. Essex is of particular interest, because whilst images of the parish registers are online at Essex Ancestors there are no transcriptions at that site, and many of the registers have never been transcribed. Millions of other parish records will be added to The Genealogist during 2017.

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Regular readers will know that unusual obituaries tend to find their way to me, here is another for you.

<http://abc6onyourside.com/news/local/in-sassy-obit-91-year-old-bids-farewell-to-her-family-and-friends>

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Our sincere condolences go to the family of Harold Margol, who was very highly respected within Jewish Genealogical circles. Howard was 92, born in Jacksonville, Florida on February 22, 1924 to Morris and Sarah Margol. Rest Peacefully Howard.

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I can't remember if I mentioned the National Library of Scotland website when I wrote about useful websites for viewing maps or not a couple of newsletters ago. That said the 25" OS Map collection now includes most of Lancashire.

<http://maps.nls.uk/geo/find/#zoom=8&lat=53.5001&lon=-1.8824&layers=64&b=1&point=0.0>

Don't forget <http://maps.nls.uk/> which has loads of other maps

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Are you using one of the following email addresses? if so then hopefully you are aware that Orange email will close 31st May 2017. So if you are using any of the following email addresses,

Orange.net  
Orangehome.co.uk  
Wanadoo.co.uk

Freeserve.co.uk  
Fsbusiness.co.uk  
Fslife.co.uk

Fsmail.net  
Fsworld.co.uk  
Fsnet.co.uk

You need to act before this email service ends on 31st May 2017 when those addresses will no longer valid.

Please let me have a new email address for you if you are on the mailing list for this newsletter, if I don't have a valid email address for you, you will be unsubscribed from the list with no further notice.

For further information try these website addresses,

<https://community.ee.co.uk/t5/Email/Who-s-affected-by-the-Orange-Email-closure/td-p/537498> or  
<http://ee.co.uk/help/mobile-and-home-connections/broadband-gallery-mobile-broadband/email/email-closure>

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Many of you will know that I am not interested in wasting my money on DNA testing as it is at the moment, but please don't think I am against DNA testing in generally because I am not. The reasons why are simple, I have seen DNA samples left on a table at fairs where it would have been so very easy to muddle them with incorrect paperwork. Friends have gone ahead had testing and had nothing more than ?% this and % that etc.etc. in return for their £119.95! Last year I phoned Ancestry support and was told that they simply took a 100 people off the street in different countries and used that to form their analysis. I quizzed the gent I spoke to and found out that no research was done to confirm that these 100 people in America were American and not visiting from another country.

So I found this article very revealing. The television program 'Inside Edition' enrolled several sets of identical triplets and one set of identical quadruplets to investigate the accuracy of the at-home tests. The ancestry of each group should have been absolutely identical since they all came from the same egg, not so. The kits were purchased from 23andMe, FamilyTree DNA, and AncestryDNA To watch the programme try this link

[www.yahoo.com/tv/investigation-puts-ancestry-dna-kits-225621040.html](http://www.yahoo.com/tv/investigation-puts-ancestry-dna-kits-225621040.html)

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Some people believe that by laminating a document it will protect it for the future, this isn't necessarily true. By laminating the document you are forming an envelope and thus keeping the acids in the paper, not allowing them to escape out. Yes, years ago, documents were laminated to protect them, this wasn't good for the documents as it is now known that a chemical reaction will cause the document to deteriorate faster than if it hadn't been left unlaminated. Natural acids from the paper mix with the degrading laminate to create a noxious vinegar.

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Do you have Icelandic ancestry? if so then this could be of interest to you. According to the genealogical sources they are claiming to have the whole of the Iceland Family tree online, a strong statement if it is true. The database is written in Icelandic only [I believe].

I don't know a lot about this so I feel it best to refer you to the webpage  
<http://icelandreview.com/stuff/views/2007/02/08/iceland-family-tree>

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This hit home, at an emotional time for me as my Mother died earlier this year. How could a stepfather not pay out inheritance to his children?? !!

In New Zealand stepfather spent his children's inheritance on luxury items for himself. Gary B Watts, stepson, who was fighting for the money he and his sister were entitled to, declared Gary Bryson Watt bankrupt in High Court in June 2016 following legal proceedings. The siblings James Roberts-Gooch and Alexandra Gooch were just 16 and 14 respectively, when their mother, Anne Roberts, a former private secretary to National MP Maurice Williamson, died of cancer in 2012. James and Alexandra were entitled to two thirds of their mother's estate who died without leaving a will. Gary Watt was Anne Roberts' defacto partner, and it fell to him to administer the estate. However, instead sharing out the estate and huge life insurance he spent the money going on a cruise, where it is claimed he met a new girlfriend, other new buys included a car and a jetski.

I have read that Gary Watt is said to have told the children he was withholding the money and that "they weren't welcome back in the family home, which went to him as co-owner." In the search for their entitlements James Roberts-Gooch, [now 20], applied to have Gary Watt made bankrupt so the Ngaio house that Watt lives in could be sold and he and his sister paid the money owed.

How greedy can some people be!!

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Quite often I am asked which website I prefer, this is a very difficult question to answer as it comes down to personnel preference and also what records we are looking for. This video of a talk at RootsTech 2017 might be of interest as it compares Ancestry, Findmypast, FamilySearch and MyHeritage

[www.rootstech.org/videos/sunny-morton](http://www.rootstech.org/videos/sunny-morton)

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Oh what a huge job this is. The Iowa Department of Public Health is to replace the wallet sized birth certificate given to children born between May 1993 and October 2009 with a new certificate. The reasoning for this is:- the wallet-sized certificates, in some cases, lack information that federal or state agencies need for you to prove your identity. That is in the region of 630,000 certificates, here is the link for you:-

<http://www.kcci.com/article/your-child-may-need-a-new-birth-certificate/8969077>

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Some time ago I was lucky enough to see these wonderful Police Letter books for Hampshire, which have now been published by TheGenealogist. This new collection is fantastic and so very interesting. The books are an intriguing mixture of promotions, retirements, movements, and other observations about Police officers in this county from 1891 to 1911. In amongst its pages you will be able to trace the career of your Hampshire police ancestors as they rise or fall.

These records reveal names and collar numbers of officers promoted, reduced in rank or dismissed from the force for committing various acts of misconduct. The misdemeanours often seem to involve alcohol, ranging from accepting a glass of beer to being drunk on duty. For those more competent officers who were commended for their actions in the pages of these documents, you can read the actions that had been seen as deserving of inclusion in the Letter Books.

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Did you see this on the BBC News? We all honour our ancestors in many different ways. Christian Fuchs, is a Peruvian artist and photographer who is obsessed with his illustrious ancestors and spends months painstakingly recreating portraits of them, even going so far as posing for them himself whether the ancestors were men or women. You can read more here and see some of his photos in an article by Jane Chambers on the BBC News web site at [www.bbc.co.uk/news/magazine-38828042](http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/magazine-38828042)

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Additionally TheGenealogist have released the Colour Tithe Maps for Northumberland. These maps join the previously released greyscale maps for the majority of the country that are already published on TheGenealogist. That means over 600 colour maps, linking to over 62,000 tithe records for this county. These maps are a fantastic resource that enables you to see where your ancestors owned or occupied land in Northumberland. I believe this is the only online national collection of tithe records and maps.

The searchable schedules, or apportionment books, contain detailed information on land use and these are linked to the maps on TheGenealogist. Clicking through from the transcript to a map will jump straight to the plot for an individual and can reveal buildings, fields, houses, rivers, lakes, woods and also cover villages, towns and cities.

For more information take a look now at [www.thegenealogist.co.uk](http://www.thegenealogist.co.uk)

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Ricardo Sodré Andrade has initiated a new very interesting project. The aim of the Archives World Map project is to map every archival institution across the world. Still very much still in its infancy with [I think] 201 archives listed in the United States, 76 in Canada, 54 in Spain, 50 in Great Britain, and smaller numbers in several other countries. If we all contribute more information, then those numbers should grow quickly, just use the link on the web site to add information about any archival institutions.

You can learn more about the Archives World Map at <https://map.arquivista.net>

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As from 1st April 2017 The National Archives at Kew, Richmond, Surrey, England have increased their fees for research, paper and digital copies of records and some other services, have also changed. They, the National Archives are allowed to charge for the statutory services provided under the Public Records Act [1958]. That said they are not permitted to make a profit on these services, they can only recover actual costs.

You can view a .pdf of the new prices here:-

[www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/documents/summary-of-costs-april-2017.pdf](http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/documents/summary-of-costs-april-2017.pdf)

Should you wish to compare the price increase then the old prices are here [at the time of writing]

[www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/documents/summary-of-costs-feb-2016.pdf](http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/documents/summary-of-costs-feb-2016.pdf)

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The London FamilySearch Centre microfilm collection, at the moment at The National Archives, is going to be moved to the Society of Genealogists in Clerkenwell. The collection [about 60,000 microfilms] will be a great bonus to the remarkable library of genealogical sources held at the Society of Genealogists Library.

For details of Society of Genealogists Library their website is [www.sog.org.uk](http://www.sog.org.uk)

The London FamilySearch Centre moved to The National Archives at Kew in August 2011, although their contract finished at the end of June 2017, they will I believe continue in what is referred to as a 'legacy mode' until March 2019. Film collections are being digitised and these are being made available online at the LDS Family History Centres.

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Newspapers are a wonderful and a very under used resource, did you know that the Illustrated London News which was published Weekly [1842-1971], Monthly [1971-1989], Quarterly [1989-1994], Twice yearly [1994-2003] is available on the TheGenealogist

[www.thegenealogist.co.uk/14day/?data=adwords&gclid=CKHcxITXy9ICFVW7GwodBEoBZw](http://www.thegenealogist.co.uk/14day/?data=adwords&gclid=CKHcxITXy9ICFVW7GwodBEoBZw)

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Moving on to information for those with Danish ancestry, The Danish National Archives has created a new Web site in commemoration of the March 31, 2017, Centennial observance of Transfer Day, the day on which the Danish West Indies were transferred to the United States of America as the Territory of the Virgin Islands of the United States. The website can be found here [www.virgin-islands-history.org/en/](http://www.virgin-islands-history.org/en/)

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Have you noticed that the folks at TheGenealogist have added to its Court & Criminal records by publishing online a new collection of Quarter Session rolls and books from Warwickshire, Worcestershire, Shropshire, Surrey and Middlesex covering dates as far back as the 16th century and up to, in some cases, the Victorian period.

They have also released at this time [March] are the Middlesex Colour Tithe Maps to join the greyscale maps of the National Tithe records already available on TheGenealogist. The latest issue covers parishes in the County of Middlesex and allow researchers to view the plots where their ancestors may have owned or occupied land at the time of the survey, which took place at the start of the reign of Queen Victoria.



*Colour Tithe Map for New Brentford, Middlesex 1838*

The Quarter Session records were produced by local courts traditionally held at four set times each year. Being made up of two or more justices of the peace and presided over by a chairman, they sat with a jury at Epiphany [in January], Easter [March/April], Midsummer [June/July] and then at Michaelmas [September/October].

- Find the names of people before the courts that include those indicted, witnesses, as well as the names of the Justices of the Peace and the Clerks
- Some of the earliest records in this release reach as far back as 1549 for Middlesex and 1591 in Worcester
- Indictments can range across a wide number of offences. These include Larceny, Housebreaking, Assault and Riot, Running Unlicensed Alehouses, Receiving Rogues and Not Going to Church on Sunday

You might be amazed at some of the cases that came before the magistrates. One example found, was in 1613, before the Worcestershire Justices, where Margaret Lewys stole 'an old towell' at Feckenham. Other proceedings include one involving Daniel Steane who was fined 20s at a private session at Wolston, Warwickshire in 1631. His indictment was for 'selling less than a full quart of his best ale for a penny' - showing us that consumers, back then, were equally as concerned with short measures of alcohol as they are today.

Searching these new records, for your ancestors, may also find them appearing in the many Orders handed down by the JPs. These can include the names of people at the bottom rung of society who were in need of financial help from their communities. An example of such, from the Easter 1625 session in Warwickshire, is the case of Anne Harte of Hampton in Arden. Her husband having been 'pressed for a soldier out of this county and have left her destitute of maintenance and one child', the Justices of the Quarter Sessions made an order to

the effect that Hampton in Arden pay her 4d weekly and find her work, plus, if she were to get sick, the parish officials were to pay her more 'until this court take order to the contrary'.

Orders for the upkeep of illegitimate children can also be found in these records. In Michaelmas 1632, Katherine Singleton was to have '10s out of the treasury towards the keeping of a bastard child' that had been left with her by a man who had promised to pay her to look after the child and had not returned.

From riotous Luddites to the gentry sitting on the bench, all echelons of society can be found in these fully searchable Quarter Session records for Warwickshire, Worcestershire, Shropshire, Surrey and Middlesex. To search these and the many other records, including the National Tithe Records on TheGenealogist, go to:- [www.thegenealogist.co.uk](http://www.thegenealogist.co.uk)

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One thing that **really** annoys me, is being told that because someone is visually or physically challenged they can not research their family tree, or even worse they shouldn't be allowed to research their ancestry. We ALL have a right and can research our family history no matter what challenges we face in life.

I have known Jon who is blind for years, even acted as his guide when his wife hasn't been available, or his guide dog was unable to work. [Guide dogs are not supposed to be expected to work when out of their normal working area, such as on holiday].

Jon emailed:-

*"I thought you'd like to know that a long-standing brickwall as been smashed down in recent weeks. It's a truly wonderful feeling when such a tiny piece of info such as a tattoo on someone's left arm can hold the key to who someone really was!"*

I've posted my research to my blog at <https://theblindgenealogist.wordpress.com/2017/03/11/charles-henry-yelland-a-man-of-mystery/>

*I wanted to share this with you to show just how vital even the smallest piece of info is. Maybe if I'd been totally sighted, I may have picked up on this tiny clue many years ago, but being completely blind means I rely completely on transcriptions, and sometimes those transcriptions can leave much to be desired. This is a perfect example, because the details of a tattoo on this person's RMLI Service Records had been omitted when someone had transcribed the document for me. And it was this missing detail that finally clinched it after well over ten years of trying to solve this mystery."*

Jon is truly inspirational, totally blind, he can not even tell if it is light or dark. Don't feel sorry for him, he wouldn't like that but you can remember that not everyone working a guide dog or using a cane has residual sight.

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Over in America an interesting article has been published in the New York Times about the life of a slave who was sold, slaves were often treated horribly the link will take you to the article.

[www.nytimes.com/2017/03/12/us/georgetown-university-slaves-life-campbell.html?\\_r=1](http://www.nytimes.com/2017/03/12/us/georgetown-university-slaves-life-campbell.html?_r=1)

If you haven't already seen it, 12 years a slave is available on DVD, and tells the story of a different slave.

Further information on the Georgetown project can be found here [www.georgetownmemoryproject.org/](http://www.georgetownmemoryproject.org/)

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Hopefully you are all aware that the 1939 Register for England is available on Findmypast, but are you aware that you can request information by contacting the Public Record Office for Northern Ireland [PRONI]? Like the England register you will still find that some records are blocked out. Interestingly, in the Irish extracts it rarely seem to exclude information in the far right column.

The is the link to enquire for more information [www.nidirect.gov.uk/forms/enquiry-service-proni](http://www.nidirect.gov.uk/forms/enquiry-service-proni)

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I have been told about the International Tracing Service [ITS], a service I know little about but they are supposed to include the card index of the Reich Association of Jews in Germany and material on death marches from concentration camps. This is the link shared with me, have a look maybe it will help with someone.

[www.its-arolsen.org/en/press/press/press-detail/news/detail/News/card-index-on-jewish-victims-now-online/](http://www.its-arolsen.org/en/press/press/press-detail/news/detail/News/card-index-on-jewish-victims-now-online/)

I hope to see if the site will enable me to break a brickwall I have in Eydtkuhnen, which was a town in East Prussia [Germany] and is now part of Russia [Chernyshevskoye].

The very sensitive online records can be viewed <https://digitalcollections.its-arolsen.org/01020401>

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Are you tracing your ancestors by using 'Ships Names' then this website might be what you need to assist that brickwall to crumble [http://marinersandships.com.au/shipdate\\_2.htm](http://marinersandships.com.au/shipdate_2.htm)

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Probably by the time you read this newsletter 'The Jewish Genealogical Society of Great Britain' will have moved their vast library to 14 Charterhouse Buildings, Goswell Road, London, EC1M 7BA, the home of the 'SOG' aka 'Society of Genealogists'.

Please check either the 'Jewish Genealogical Society of Great Britain' aka JGSGB [www.jgsb.org.uk/](http://www.jgsb.org.uk/) or the SOG website [www.sog.org.uk/](http://www.sog.org.uk/)

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The Register of Qualified Genealogists started publishing a free journal in April. The official media release from their website is here [www.qualifiedgenealogists.org/journal-coming-soon](http://www.qualifiedgenealogists.org/journal-coming-soon) . It all looks very interesting, I understand that articles will offer readers an insight into current thinking and practice and provide an outlet for theoretical and speculative ideas within genealogy and family history. As far as I know the journal will be published via their website at [www.qualifiedgenealogists.org/jgfh](http://www.qualifiedgenealogists.org/jgfh)

For further information please contact the Editor, Jessica Feinstein by email [editor@qualifiedgenealogists.org](mailto:editor@qualifiedgenealogists.org) or telephone 01235 531500 [evenings only].

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This is absolutely fascinating, it is keeping me amused it just simply wonderful. What an incredible use of technology just click anywhere on each picture and it will become 2014, click again and it will return to 1944.

<https://interactive.guim.co.uk/embed/2014/apr/image-opacity-slider-master/index.html?ww2-dday>

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Turton Local History Society now have a website, [www.turtonhistory.com](http://www.turtonhistory.com) , a very interesting website covering local areas including the townships of Bradshaw, Edgworth, Entwistle, Harwood, Longworth, Quarlton and Turton.

You will find their list of publications, very interesting if your research like mind is in the area. List of publications:- [www.turtonhistory.com/2016/10/publications.html](http://www.turtonhistory.com/2016/10/publications.html)

They also have a surname list [www.turtonhistory.com/2016/09/tlhs-publications-surname-index.html](http://www.turtonhistory.com/2016/09/tlhs-publications-surname-index.html)

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Devon Record Offices and Local Studies Libraries have over recent months been merging with South West Heritage Trust, which has led to massive reorganisation of their websites. The latest update I have seen is on the Genuki website [www.genuki.org.uk/big/eng/DEV/Archives](http://www.genuki.org.uk/big/eng/DEV/Archives)

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Many thanks to hubby yet again for finding this fascinating story, about the mischievous antics of Jan Austen. You can read the BBC news article here.

[www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-hampshire-39330703](http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-hampshire-39330703)

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Ash U3A Family History group has again hosted the North East Hampshire and South West Surrey Network Family History Study Day on 23rd March 2017.



Nearly 150 delegates, some who travelled from over 140 miles away, enjoyed a very interesting and full day listening to four speakers. Every delegate was given a free goody bag, which included a copy of the magazine 'Discover Your Ancestors', and other family history related goodies some donated by S&N Genealogy Supplies and information with a discount code for TheGenealogist.



Opening the day's talks was Roger Glancefield who you can see from the photographs gave a really informative talk on uniforms of a gentleman from Wellington's Army and a Royal Artillery man. The last speaker of the day was Elizabeth Owen from Merlin Genealogy Solutions who gave her exceptional talk 'Computer's, Internet and Family History' which covered various software programmes including Treeview, Data protection issues, searching the internet, copyright, and ever increasing risk to us all of spam and hacking.

Delegates were also able to purchase from CAB Search who had a stand selling a selection of their products.

The day finished with Heather thanking everyone for attending, the Ash family history group members for serving refreshment during the day and the organisation support she received from Di and Peter.

Sadly this is probably the last study day as Heather has decided to leave Ash U3A, after 9 years. The decision does not have anything whatsoever to do with the amount of work involved in organising the Ash family history group meetings, the organisation of the study day, the very recent death of her mother a few weeks prior to the study day or her voluntary work with the elderly.

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Not even a fortnight after I announced my concerns about data protection, breeches of my understanding of the charity Commissioners guidelines and my decision to leaving Ash U3A, this appears on the BBC News.

"The Information Commissioner's Office carried out the probe after reports that charity supporters were being pressured into follow-up donations.

Last December, the British Heart Foundation and The Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals were fined for similar activity.

The full list of charities affected by the latest penalties is:

The International Fund for Animal Welfare - £18,000

Cancer Support UK - £16,000

Cancer Research UK - £16,000

The Guide Dogs for the Blind Association - £15,000

Macmillan Cancer Support - £14,000

The Royal British Legion - £12,000

The National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children - £12,000

Great Ormond Street Hospital Children's Charity - £11,000

WWF-UK - £9,000

Battersea Dogs' and Cats' Home - £9,000

Oxfam - £6,000

The Charity Commission for England and Wales - another regulator - said it was now investigating whether follow-on action needed to be taken against individual trustees."

You can read the story for yourselves here [www.bbc.co.uk/news/technology-39502258](http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/technology-39502258)

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Historic newspapers has a great range of original newspapers gifts that bring back happy memories, if you are looking for something different then you might like to look at their website [www.historic-newspapers.co.uk](http://www.historic-newspapers.co.uk) or telephone them 0330 066 9700

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Dr Iain McDonald has been appointed Honorary Research Fellow in the Genealogical Studies Department of The University Strathclyde. The University has been mentioned in previous newsletters because it runs fantastic courses and is known around the world for them.

Iain started researching his genealogy 15 years ago when he wanted to try and identify if there was any family connection to the Lords of the Isles. This led to Iain having an avid interest in Scottish Genealogy and the early movement of people of Scottish people.

Congratulations Iain, we wish you great success and enjoyment in this new appointment.

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Have you ever used or thought of using Youtube? This is an especially good source if you unfortunate that for whatever reason you are unable to get to hear speakers talking on a subject. Recently I came across this video of Christine Woodcock talk "Criminals, Lunatics and Paupers: Finding Your Inmate Ancestors in the Scottish Records." Try this link to see and hear her 58 minute presentation [www.youtube.com/watch?v=D-FxhDkb6XU&feature=youtu.be](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D-FxhDkb6XU&feature=youtu.be)

Did you miss the 'Victorian Slum' series on the television towards the end of last year, then try search Youtube for "Victorian Slum" and you will find many if not all the episodes.

You will also find a selection of other very helpful videos about a vast number of other family history related subjects including software.

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Do you know about all the sibling companies of Findmypast?

They are:- 'Genes Reunited', 'Mocavo', 'Scotlands People', 'Lives of the first World War', 'British Newspaper Archives'.

I found this really interesting [www.findmypast.com/company](http://www.findmypast.com/company) , their website states

"Company Information

How to find us

Our office address is: 151 E 1700 S Ste 200 PROVO UT 84606

Careers

For information on careers at Findmypast, visit our website at <http://blog.findmypast.co.uk/careers/>.

Registered address

Corporation Trust Center, 1209 Orange Street, Wilmington, DE 19801"

So I am wondering why on [www.findmypast.com/content/company-history](http://www.findmypast.com/content/company-history) they state "Findmypast.com is owned by Scottish Publisher DC Thomson" Please note that according to their website their registered address is in Wilmington, DE 19801

The answer is that Findmypast is owned by DC Thomson [a Scottish Publisher], yet the registered address is Wilmington, America, with their office address in Provo, Utah, meaning if my understanding is correct that their website comes under American Data Protection, not UK data protection as many might think.

Findmypast began in 1965, when a group of genealogists in London, England formed what was called Title Research. In 2001 Title Research started a project to create a computerized version of the paper General Register Office England & Wales birth, marriage and death records for its in-house researchers to use. The project was named '1837 online', which some of you might remember. Then in November 2006, 1837online.com rebranded to become Findmypast to reflect the wider range of records it now holds.

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Staying with Findmypast, in response to questions posed at the Ash Study day, I thought it would be helpful to share this link with the details about the 1939 register [http://www.findmypast.co.uk/articles/1939-register-enumeration-districts?sourceID=13&utm\\_source=affiliate&utm\\_content=LostCousins&utm\\_medium=affiliate&utm\\_campaign=%20fmp\\_uk&awc=2114\\_1490956312\\_eed6bbff2800bda0c45182e9bdaad0d4&dcld=CJrB-IrFgNMCFZUg0wod4mwC5A](http://www.findmypast.co.uk/articles/1939-register-enumeration-districts?sourceID=13&utm_source=affiliate&utm_content=LostCousins&utm_medium=affiliate&utm_campaign=%20fmp_uk&awc=2114_1490956312_eed6bbff2800bda0c45182e9bdaad0d4&dcld=CJrB-IrFgNMCFZUg0wod4mwC5A)

Sorry about the long web address but in many cases this is the safer way of sharing website addresses.

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Findmypast have announced the launch of their 'Six Counties in Six Months' project, which will see the online publication of vital parish records from six counties across England over the next six months. The first county to appear was Wiltshire, released during Who Do You Think You Are Live! 2017. These county records will be followed by counties Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Nottinghamshire, Somerset and Warwickshire.

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This is a very fine example of why you need to be careful when researching, two Henry Summers lived in the same road in Edinburgh and both died in the same year. I am not go to even attempt to condense the BBC article, as it is a fascinating story. Use this link to read the article in full  
[www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-39429128](http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-39429128)

If you look at issue 14 of the newsletter you will find another article with a different reason why not to assume details.

Lost Voices of the First World War is the title of a new DVD available from the Imperial War Museum. You can also listen to podcasts, which are free to download. The website is [www.iwm.org.uk](http://www.iwm.org.uk)

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A member of the LDS Church aka The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints also referred to by some as 'Mormons', suggesting I remind readers that you can donate your research to FamilySearch.

Heir Hunters state

"Donate your family history research to FamilySearch.

If you are downsizing or have control of a deceased person Family History research, the Family History Library accepts donations.

However you cannot simply bundle everything into boxes and send them to Salt Lake City or drop it off to one of their area office. In short, FamilySearch is only interested in unique material that is not yet available within their extensive collections.

According to FamilySearch's Gifts, Donations, and Loans guide at

<https://edge.fscdn.org/assets/img/FamilySearch-donation-guidelines-Revised-04292016-55aeebad1fb45bdf05de2f103dd7b4f0.pdf>

FamilySearch looks for genealogical records and family histories so we can preserve and share them on [www.FamilySearch.org](http://www.FamilySearch.org)

FamilySearch will accept only materials that:-

Are readable, very well organized, and accessible to help researchers identify individuals and relationships by name, date, and place.

Add new information to FamilySearch's collection [duplicate materials are not accepted].

Do not violate current privacy and copyright laws.

FamilySearch does not organize collections. Submit GEDCOM files or place photographs and stories [memories] in Family Tree or the Memories section of FamilySearch.org

FamilySearch does not enter or add information from Pedigree or Family Group charts on Family Tree.

The same guidelines also state:

*"Written works, such as family histories, should be in a clear, readable format. They should include a title, the author's name, and the publication date."*

The same guidelines also state:

*"Contact FamilySearch before submitting a donation, as the materials must meet established criteria or they may be returned to the donor."*

For complete donations guidelines, read Gifts, Donations, and Loans at

<https://edge.fscdn.org/assets/img/FamilySearch-donation-guidelines-Revised-04292016-55aeebad1fb45bdf05de2f103dd7b4f0.pdf>

Alternatively, you have several other options, these include asking the local family history society where the majority of your research extends from. Historical societies and or local history libraries might also be interested in your genealogical offer. That said most are only interested in material that "Is easily readable, organised, and accessible for researchers identify individuals and relationships by name, date, and place"

I believe also that the SOG aka Society of Genealogists have in the past accepted, genealogical research, so it would be worth considering them too.

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Recently there have been numerous discussions on websites that have been found helpful in understanding dialects and the coverage of local and oral history. So when I found the information pertaining to the changes at Devon Record Office I also found these interesting looking websites

Examples of the Devon dialect are on the Luppitt local history web site,  
[www.luppitt.net/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=46&Itemid=99](http://www.luppitt.net/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=46&Itemid=99)

Barnstaple appear to be part of an oral history project,  
[www.northdevonmovingimage.org.uk/barnstaple-stories-hilda--terry.html](http://www.northdevonmovingimage.org.uk/barnstaple-stories-hilda--terry.html)

Likewise here a link to Chudleighs oral history project, <http://chudleighdevon.com/chudleigh-oral-history-project/>

The Devon Hedges group have a section on oral history, <http://devonhedges.org/resources/oral-history/>

There are also audio recordings, on this website. <http://www.harvestories.co.uk>

BBC South West has an interview with a couple of ladies who lived on Dartmoor.  
[www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-devon-24588134](http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-devon-24588134) Also can also see a video on facebook  
[www.facebook.com/bbcspotlight/videos/705707666161401/](http://www.facebook.com/bbcspotlight/videos/705707666161401/)

I also found this link <http://sounds.bl.uk/Accents-and-dialects/Survey-of-English-dialects>

At the beginning of April, I was on the train to Birmingham for WDYTYA Live 2107 at the NEC. I don't know why but this year the atmosphere just wasn't the same as it has been in the past. That said I still had a very enjoyable time, chatting not just to readers of this newsletters, but other family historians from all over the country. When you are helping as I was it isn't easy to take photographs during the day so most of the photos are taken before the show opens.



Discover Your Ancestors had a popular stand, if you don't read this magazine then I strongly recommend it, the articles within are fantastic.

Vanessa Foy from Malvern was kept busy on the FHS Online stand, answering questions on the aim of FHS Online which is bring together data from family history societies around the country.

The website is full of invaluable information for family historians and genealogists researching their family trees. Do look at their website you will I think be surprised at what is available  
[www.fhs-online.co.uk](http://www.fhs-online.co.uk)



The event covers so many aspects of family history research, from stands where you could book to have your photograph dated by one of the experts, to booking for a one to one meeting with an expert on numerous subjects which was organised by the SOG aka Society of Genealogists.

Just look at all the information on the Malvern Family History Society stand. For more information on the society please take a look at their website.  
<https://mfhs.org.uk/journal/>

Many other societies and groups were also represented, along with companies such as S&N Genealogy Supplies. Just look at the vast array of items, genealogy software programmes including Treeview, books, archival products ranging from gloves to cotton ribbon for repairing books, assorted plastic pockets, and of course the fantastic mini scanner Doxie.

Here Elizabeth from Merlin Genealogy Solutions talks to a possible new client. Elizabeth offers a personal service and will research your family history for you or help you with your own research. Elizabeth said "just as every family is different so the search for your ancestry is different too."

Elizabeth also has a small selection of booklets for sale to help you with your research

Please go to her website for more information  
<http://merlingenealogysolutions.com/>

As you can see here Genealogy Tutorials, were extremely popular. With 3 full days of talks available for free, here Mark Bayley is talking about the military records available on the TheGenealogists' website.



TheGenealogist stand was also busy, amongst many many other things they offer a wide selection of Tithe maps, non-conformist records. At WDYTYA they announced the release of their 'British in India Collection', which includes:-

Parish Records of British in India  
Headstone Records of British Cemeteries in India  
British War Memorials in India  
East India Registers  
Indian Army and Civil Service Lists  
Image Archive - British in India

For a more details please go to [www.thegenealogist.co.uk/](http://www.thegenealogist.co.uk/)

Did you go to WDYTYA this year? if so please could you share your thoughts, readers are asking for articles written by readers, I can not share if I don't receive anything.

Some say they feel the tickets are too expensive, whilst other are not happy with the £12 per day car parking fee. Personally I go up by train, which although relatively easy, does generally mean that I am travelling home in a train full of football and or rugby supporters, some who have had a little too much to drink and are rather noisy.

Others have criticised the cost of going to listen to the SOG [Society of Genealogist] talks and the ever increasing number of non family history related stands and their pushy techniques for securing donations. Some of the comments I have been told of are really unpleasant and uncalled for.

Maybe you couldn't attend, then you are probably interested to know that handouts from the Society of Genealogist talks can be found here <http://www.sog.org.uk/learn/who-do-you-think-you-are-live-2014-speakers-handouts/> The handout from my own talk "Researching, Reporting and Recording" at WDYTYA can be found here <http://www.roccoland.plus.com/FH4U/HandoutWDYTYA2017Talk.pdf>

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TheGenealogist announced at WDYTYA aka Who Do You Think You Are? Live at the NEC in Birmingham the release of more wonderful Parish records, and records covering British in India.

Their statement read:-

"Augmenting the substantial Parish Records that are already available on TheGenealogist comes the release of more than 2.5 million people for two major counties:

Hampshire Parish Records (Bishop's Transcripts) (886,616 individuals)  
This brings our total number of records to 3,199,820 with coverage of  
Baptisms: 2,379,836 (1538 to 1940)  
Marriages: 495,034 (1538 to 1940)  
Burials: 324,950 (1538 to 1940)

Durham Parish Records (1,697,206 individuals)  
This brings our total number of records to 1,850,068 with coverage of  
Baptisms: 1,253,273 (1556 to 1919)  
Marriages: 198,845 (1540 to 1896)  
Burials: 397,950 (1538 to 1939)

These will be a boon to Family Historians looking for key events in the lives of their ancestors.

## The British in India Collection

The TV series 'Indian Summers' starring Julie Walters created in many a fascination with India under British rule. This new record set reveals information about those ancestors that lived in the subcontinent, their lifestyle and the communities that they lived in.

Millions of British people went out to India in the past and so many family historians will have an ancestor that made the journey. For some, India would turn out to be their last resting place and among their ranks were merchants, soldiers, sailors, civil servants, missionaries and their families.

'E' Company Winners of the Inter-Company Football Shield 1910



To browse the Image Archive for relevant photographs search for the tags 'India' and more specifically 'Hill Station' for pictures like the one below.

- Parish Records of British in India
- Headstone Records of British Cemeteries in India
- British War Memorials in India
- East India Registers
- Indian Army and Civil Service Lists
- Image Archive - British in India

The release of The British in India Collection on TheGenealogist now allows family historians to search for ancestors who went out to British India in a very broad-ranging set of resources ranging from the early 1800s up to the 1920s.



Nainital Civil Service Week c1900

Oxford Family History Society has a new Oxfordshire surnames research project, examining surnames recorded within the Oxfordshire parish registers from 1538 onwards. The aim is to trace their whereabouts in different parishes over time, their origins, hotspots, DNA connections and many other facets of Oxfordshire surnames. The project will take about 2 years to complete.

If you know more about this project, then I am sure others will enjoy reading about it in more detail.

AncestryDNA have new beta 'Genetic Communities', according to this statement said to have been from Ancestry "This new experience gives you a more detailed connection to the people, places, cultures, and stories that led to you. This new advancement is only possible through the millions of AncestryDNA members around the world who have chosen to participate in the Research Project as well as the massive collection of family trees, only available on Ancestry. The science behind this feature was recently published in one of the prominent scientific journals Nature Communications. At launch there will be over 300 Genetic Communities all around the world to go and explore, with many more on the horizon. We will compare you to all of them and list the ones you have a connection to based on your DNA. These Genetic Communities dot the globe and are often more specific than what's possible to discover with an ethnicity estimate, providing a more recent connection to your past".

I am not a fan of DNA testing, maybe in the future I'll change my mind but not at the moment.

Newly available via Amazon is Brian Mitchells' book ' The Top 300 Surnames of Derry-Londonderry'. The book is published by Clearfield the ISBN: 978-0806358420 and Amazon cost is £9.45. On the roots Ireland blog there is a good review which you I am sure will find interesting [www.rootsireland.ie/category/blog/](http://www.rootsireland.ie/category/blog/)

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If you are planning a trip to Scotland for a holiday then you might be interested in the following Museums. Blairs Museum offers an abundance of Scottish Catholic history [www.blairsmuseum.com](http://www.blairsmuseum.com)

Museum of Fire, <http://scot.sh/HSfire>

The Commando Museum, is full of unusual finds <http://commando.speanbridgehotel.co.uk>

Savings Bank Museum [www.savingsbankmuseum.co.uk](http://www.savingsbankmuseum.co.uk) telling the story of the Savings Banks starting with Dr Duncan who opened the worlds first savings bank.

St Vigean's Museum of carved stones, an internationally important collection of Pictish carved stones.  
<http://scot.sh/HSvigean>

Don't forget that visiting castles can be wonderful sources of information and Scotland has a lot to choose from.

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On the Heir Hunters website [www.heirhunters-association.org.uk/newsletters/2017/march.htm#7item](http://www.heirhunters-association.org.uk/newsletters/2017/march.htm#7item) there is an article "Marriage registers being abolished". There is also an article on the BBC News website <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-38096514>, unless I am missing something information is conflicting, so I will leave to read and make your own decision.

Here is the Parliamentary link to the bill.

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2016-17/registrationofmarriage.html>

Also found this

[www.pressreader.com/uk/who-do-you-think-you-are-magazine/20170314/281809988688734](http://www.pressreader.com/uk/who-do-you-think-you-are-magazine/20170314/281809988688734)

Are you as confused as to the possible outcome as I am, maybe you would like to share your thoughts with other readers of this newsletter.

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Do you have any relatives that were in the US forces in the first world war. If so you need to look at <http://media.familysearch.org/familysearch-marks-world-war-i-centennial-with-free-historic-record-collections/> Family Search is highlighting its free online collections of World War I records. Millions of free draft registration, service, and naturalization records online help fill in details about ancestors who served in the military during the conflict. The records are all about American forces but there are some excellent records. Try this link that looks interesting is <https://familysearch.org/search/catalog/285556?availability=Family%20History%20Library> this appears to give on line access to books listing soldiers who died in the first world war including photographs, of varying quality, of nearly all them from their military records. Warning though, the books are large, the first of three is 48mB in size.

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Very rarely do you find me writing positively about DNA testing, but here is one of those few exceptions. The link shared with you tells of how a young lady found her father presumed dead.

[www.wtol.com/story/35147301/woman-finds-lost-dad-on-ancestry-site-thought-he-was-dead](http://www.wtol.com/story/35147301/woman-finds-lost-dad-on-ancestry-site-thought-he-was-dead) What is doesn't tell you is, was the father aware of her existence. How has the contact effected other members of the family who may or may not of been aware of her existence.

If you plan to contact someone, do please be very cautious and very very sensitive to the situation.

Another reason why I am still struggling with DNA testing is the differing results for the same person but using different companies. For an example take look here <http://www.legalgenealogist.com/2017/04/16/still-not->

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Did you know that if some one died at sea after 1837 on a British registered ship, then the General Register Office should record them? However it wasn't a requirement until 1874. Do remember that ships were required to report deaths to the Registrar of Shipping and Seaman.

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Significant changes have been taking place between Family Tree Maker and Ancestry. Ancestry have discontinued TreeSync®, the technology which syncs Family Tree Maker trees with Ancestry online trees, they have however replaced it with FamilySync, developed by Software MacKiev, the new owners of the Family Tree Maker software.

Unfortunately, according to the information I have, 'FamilySync' will only work with Family Tree Maker 2017!!.. Mackiev say that anyone who has purchased Family Tree Maker from Software MacKiev will receive a free update over email. Should you have an earlier version you might be able to upgrade at a concessionary price.

Family Tree Maker 2017 which I was advised would be released in time for WDYTYA Live, was again delayed. Register users were sent an email in March, advising them to backup their research because TreeSync was being removed in preparation for the upload of the new FamilyTreeSync in a couple of days time. One report I read said

*"Some users of FTM have been annoyed by the delays - but, hey, what's a couple of weeks in the context of a family tree that goes back hundreds of years? As someone who founded his first software publishing company almost 40 years ago I'm glad that MacKiev are behaving responsibly by holding back the release until any possible issues have been resolved."*

It is fine to make these statements but what about those wishing to do research and need access to their tree and didn't get the email sent out, or who don't download their emails every day! Personally I would of thought it more sensible to have done the beta testing before removing TreeSync completely. Particularly as it seems they are not fixing bugs but trying to make it work faster.

The latest statement at the time of writing on the 20th April says "*Results from expanded beta testing this week showed 94% are now able to sync (up from 89% last week) all but the largest of trees. And Ancestry continued to roll out modifications to their connection systems to help ensure that syncing works reliably for all users. The last major Ancestry system update will be live tomorrow (Friday) and we expect to start building our part over the weekend and have it ready to test and put into builds early next week.*"

To read the latest try this link <https://support.mackiev.com/498640-RELEASE-OF-FTM-2017>

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Just imagine using the internet to research your family, only to find out that someone has been using the identity of a child in your family who died aged just two months old. Not only that but that they have got away with it for 21 years!!!.

How very distressing for the family, you can read more in this article from CBS news

[www.cbsnews.com/news/ancestry-com-woman-discovers-jon-vincent-assumed-nathan-laskoski-identity-family-tree/](http://www.cbsnews.com/news/ancestry-com-woman-discovers-jon-vincent-assumed-nathan-laskoski-identity-family-tree/)

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At long last we have a new Family History Fair in the South of England, Yippeeeeeeeeeee. The organisers of the very good York Family History Fair, 'Discover Your Ancestors Magazine' have agreed to organise a fair in the South. Sunday 25th September at Sandown Racecourse many societies and companies have already booked to attend. There will also be a selection of free talks going on throughout the whole day, so put the date in your diary before you forget. <http://thefamilyhistoryshow.com/about/>

# *Discover Your* **Ancestors**

## *Family History Show*

### **London**

**Sunday 24th September 2017**

**10am to 4.30pm**

**Sandown Park Racecourse, Esher**  
**Adults £4.80, Children under 14 FREE**

**FREE TALKS THROUGHOUT THE DAY**

**TheFamilyHistoryShow.com**

### **Exhibitors**

**British Association for Local History**

**Discover Your Ancestors - Guild of One Name Studies**

**Hampshire Genealogical Society**

**The Institute of Heraldic and Genealogical Studies**

**Jewish Genealogical Society of Great Britain**

**Kent FHS - Lincolnshire FHS - London Westminster &**

**Middlesex FHS - Merlin Genealogy Solutions**

**Oxfordshire FHS - S&N Genealogy Supplies**

**Shropshire FHS - Suffolk FHS - Surrey History Centre**

**West Surrey FHS - The Family History Partnership**

**TheGenealogist - This Way Books & Cassini Historical**

**Maps - Uniform Memories - West Middlesex FHS**

**Wiltshire FHS - Yorkshire Ancestors**

**+ more to be confirmed**

**BOOK YOUR EARLY BIRD  
TICKETS ONLINE TODAY**

If Sandown Racecourse is too far from you then maybe you will find it easier to attend the York Family History fair. The next page has a scan copy of the two advertising sheets available at WDYTYA.

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**Yorkshire**

**Saturday 24th June 2017**

**10am to 4.30pm**

**York Racecourse**

**Adults £4.80, Children under 14 FREE**

**FREE TALKS THROUGHOUT THE DAY**

**YorkshireFamilyHistoryFair.com**

### **Exhibitors**

**Aberdeen & NE Scotland FHS - Andrew George Postcards**

**Anthony Vickers Booksellers - Bradford FHS**

**British Association for Local History - Calderdale FHS**

**Chris Makepeace Maps - Family Search - York FHS**

**Cleveland, N Yorks & South Durham FHS - Cumbria FHS**

**Doncaster & District FHS - East Yorkshire FHS**

**Family & Community Historical Research Society**

**Family History Partnership - FFHS - Guild of One Name Studies**

**Huddersfield & District FHS - Isle Of Axeholme FHS**

**Keighley & District FHS - Lancashire FHHS**

**Leicestershire & Rutland FHS - Metcalfe Society**

**Military & Family Genealogy - MM Publications - Morley FHS**

**My History - North Yorkshire County Record Office**

**Northumberland & Durham FHS - Nuneaton & N Warwickshire FHS**

**Quaker FHS - Ryedale FHG - R A Longley Publications**

**S&N - Scottish monumental Inscriptions - SoG - TheGenealogist**

**Uniform Memories Wakefield & District FHS - Wharfedale FHG**

**Yorkshire Archaeological Society FHS - Yorkshire Ancestors**

**+ more to be confirmed**

**BOOK YOUR EARLY BIRD  
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One of the speakers I believe booked to speak at the Sandown Racecourse Family History Fair is Keith Gregson, an enormously brilliant & amusing speaker, who many of you might not of heard as he lives up north.

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A majority of you will already be aware that data protection is highly important to me, why?. The reason is simple, a few years ago two banks merged and in so doing they divorced me from my husband, moved me to another address, shared with people at this other address ALL my account details including my mothers maiden name, the amount in the account and the account number.

This resulted in having no choice but to change my name by deed poll at my expense and without leaving a paper trail. What a nightmare this is going to be for a genealogist in the future.

My point is, if you lose your mobile phone or even tablet [easily done] how much information about you and your family have you given away? What if either are hacked into? don't forget you can add antivirus to your tablet, I use a free version of Avasti, recommended by Which.

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It is always wonderful to read about people who go over and above the call of duty. Andrew Lumish is one of those people, on his one day off a week he spends hours cleaning the gravestones of veterans in the Tampa, Florida area. Andrew taught himself how to clean the gravestones properly. This link will take you to the story I found [www.inquisitr.com/3713440/andrew-lumish-good-cemeterian-veteran/](http://www.inquisitr.com/3713440/andrew-lumish-good-cemeterian-veteran/) there is also a facebook page, which you might find interesting [www.facebook.com/TheGoodCemeterian/](http://www.facebook.com/TheGoodCemeterian/) if you search "Andrew Lumish" on google you will find numerous other mentions of him

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Have you seen in the news that the owner of the 209 year old Golspie Inn Hotel in Scotland would like to add a Culture and Heritage Centre here are a couple of websites were you can read more of this story [http://www.bratach.co.uk/bratach/archive/Apr17/Apr17\\_golspie-hotelier-in-tune-with-past.html](http://www.bratach.co.uk/bratach/archive/Apr17/Apr17_golspie-hotelier-in-tune-with-past.html) . The Golspie Inn Hotel website is [www.golspieinn.co.uk/](http://www.golspieinn.co.uk/)

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Thank you for reading this newsletter I hope you have enjoyed reading it, and very grateful thanks to those who have emailed me since the last newsletter. Please remember I do need your input, be that in the form of an article, or just sharing thoughts and ideas. Without your feedback and articles this newsletter would not exist. Please keep your emails coming, all the more the merrier, if it was interesting to you or news to you, then it will benefit another reader so do please email me about it. I really would appreciate your feedback.

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What is new on the websites? this isn't intended to be complete.

## Ancestry

Africa, South Africa, Biographical Index, 1825-2005  
Africa, South Africa, Miscellaneous Court Records Index, 1652-2004, 2008-2011  
American Protective League Correspondence, 1917-1919  
Australia and New Zealand, Obituary Index, 2004-2015 [Updated]  
Australia, New South Wales, Australia, St Peters Cooks River Select Births 1839-1963  
Australia, New South Wales, Australia, St Peters Cooks River Select Marriages 1839-1963  
Australia, New South Wales, Australia, St Peters Cooks River Select Burials, 1839-1963  
Australia, New South Wales, Index to Deceased Estate Files, 1859-1958 [Updated]  
Australia, New South Wales, Sheriff's Papers, 1841-1850  
Australia, South Australia, Passenger Lists, 1853  
Australia, Victoria, Australia, Wills and Probate Records, 1841-2009  
Belgium, Civil Registration  
Canada, Obituary Collection, 1898-2015 [Updated]  
Canada, Ontario, Catholic Church Records [Drouin Collection], 1802-1967 [Updated]  
Canada, Quebec, Notarial Records, 1626-1935 [Updated]  
Canada, WWII Service Files of War Dead, 1939-1947 [Updated]  
Czechoslovakia, Jewish Applications for Social Welfare After WWII [USHMM] [Updated]  
England, and Wales, Death Index, 2007-2015 [Updated]  
England, Beddington, Surrey, Royal Female Orphanage List of Children, 1890-1913 [Updated]  
England, Dorset, Poor Law Settlement and Removal Records, 1682-1862  
England, London, Gamekeepers' Licences, 1727-1839  
England, London, London Transport Staff Registers, 1863-1931  
England, London, Proceedings of the Old Bailey and Ordinary's Accounts Index, 1674-1913 [Updated]  
England, London, Stock Exchange Membership Applications, 1802-1924  
England, London, TS Exmouth Training Ship Records, 1876-1918  
England, Manchester, Church of England Baptisms, Marriages and Burials, 1541-1812 [Updated]  
England, Manchester, Church of England Births and Baptisms, 1813-1915 [Updated]  
England, Manchester, Church of England Deaths and Burials, 1813-1985 [Updated]  
England, Manchester, Church of England Marriages and Banns, 1754-1930 [Updated]  
England, Royal Hospital Chelsea: Discharge Documents of Pensioners 1760-1887 [WO 122]  
England, Somerset, Gaol Registers, 1807-1879 [Updated]  
England, Surrey, Church of England Baptisms, 1813-1912 [Updated]  
England, Surrey, Church of England Baptisms, Marriages and Burials, 1538-1812 [Updated]  
England, Surrey, Church of England Burials, 1813-1987 [Updated]  
England, Surrey, Church of England Marriages, 1754-1937 [Updated]  
England, Sutton, Surrey, Church of England Baptisms, Marriages and Burials, 1538-1812 [Updated]  
England, Sutton, Surrey, Church of England Births and Baptisms, 1813-1915 [Updated]  
England, Sutton, Surrey, Church of England Deaths and Burials, 1813-1985 [Updated]  
England, Sutton, Surrey, Church of England Marriages and Banns, 1754-1940 [Updated]  
England, Swansea and Surrounding Area, Wales, Electoral Registers, 1839-1966  
England, Swansea and Surrounding Area, Wales, Gaol Records, 1877-1922  
England, Swansea and Surrounding Area, Wales, Poor Law Union Records, 1836-1916  
England, West Yorkshire, Church of England Baptisms, Marriages and Burials, 1512-1812 [Updated]  
England, West Yorkshire, Church of England Births and Baptisms, 1813-1910 [Updated]  
England, West Yorkshire, Church of England Confirmations, 1859-1875, 1901-1915 [Updated]  
England, West Yorkshire, Church of England Deaths and Burials, 1813-1985 [Updated]  
England, West Yorkshire, Church of England Marriages and Banns, 1813-1935 [Updated]  
England, Wigan, Church of England Baptisms, 1813-1911 [Updated]  
England, Wigan, Church of England Baptisms, Marriages and Burials, 1580-1812 [Updated]  
England, Wigan, Church of England Burials, 1813-1979 [Updated]

England, Wigan, Church of England Marriages, 1754-1926 [Updated]  
Germany, and Surrounding Areas, Address Books, 1829-1974 [Updated]  
Germany, Berlin and Spandau, Germany, selected Lutheran Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials, 1758-1874  
Germany, Eastern Prussian Provinces, [Poland], Selected Civil Vitals, 1874-1945 [Updated]  
Germany, Hannover, Lutheran Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials, 1643-1892  
Germany, Hesse, Births, 1851-1901 [Updated]  
Germany, Hesse, Marriages, 1849-1930 [Updated]  
Germany, Magdeburg, Cemetery Lists, 1849-1874  
Germany, Magdeburg, Marriages, 1874-1923  
Germany, Navy Casualty Lists, 1914-1919 [Updated]  
Germany, Rhineland, Germany, Lutheran Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials, 1610-1925  
Germany, Rinteln, Births, 1874-1904 [Updated]  
Germany, Saarland, Births, Marriages, and Deaths, 1776-1875 [Updated]  
Germany, Saxony and Thuringia, Germany, Lutheran Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials, 1591-1875  
Germany, Saxony, Thuringia, and Hannover, Germany, Lutheran Baptisms, Marriages and Burials, 1557-1940  
Germany, Thuringia, Germany, Selected Lutheran Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials, 1549-1876  
Germany, Uelzen, Lower Saxony, Germany, Parish Confirmation and Church Records, 1529-1964  
Germany, World War I Casualty Lists, 1914-1919 [Updated]  
Germany, Württemberg, Lutheran Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials, 1500-1985 [Updated]  
Guam, Agana, U.S., Passenger and Crew Lists of Arriving Vessels and Airplanes, 1948-1963 [Updated]  
Indiana, Death Certificates, 1899-2011 [Updated]  
Ireland, City and Regional Directories, 1850-1946  
Jersey, Church of England Births and Baptisms, 1813-1915  
Jersey, Church of England Marriages, 1754-1940  
Lithuania, Catholic Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials, 1603-1921  
Mexico, Durango, Civil Registration Births, 1861-1930 [Updated]  
Mexico, Durango, Civil Registration Deaths, 1861-1987 [Updated]  
Mexico, Durango, Civil Registration Marriages, 1861-1951 [Updated]  
Mexico, Federal District, Mexico, Civil Registration Births, 1861-1931 [Updated]  
Mexico, Federal District, Mexico, Civil Registration Deaths, 1861-1987 [Updated]  
Mexico, Federal District, Mexico, Civil Registration Marriages, 1861-1950 [Updated]  
Mexico, Puebla, Civil Registration Births, 1861-1930 [Updated]  
Mexico, Puebla, Civil Registration Deaths, 1859-1930 [Updated]  
Mexico, Puebla, Civil Registration Marriages, 1861-1930 [Updated]  
Mexico, Tamaulipas, Civil Registration Births, 1860-1930 [Updated]  
Mexico, Tamaulipas, Civil Registration Deaths, 1860-1987 [Updated]  
Mexico, Tamaulipas, Civil Registration Marriages, 1860-1950 [Updated]  
NARA Collections on Ancestry.com [Updated]  
Netherlands, Baptism Index, 1569-1907 [Updated]  
Netherlands, Birth Index, 1787-1915 [Updated]  
Netherlands, Burial Index, 1474-1493, 1540-1860 [Updated]  
Netherlands, Civil Marriage Index, 1795-1950 [Updated]  
Netherlands, Death Index, 1795-1969 [Updated]  
Netherlands, Marriage Index, 1570-1938 [Updated]  
Netherlands, Population Registers Index, 1720-1944 [Updated]  
New Zealand, The New Zealand Gazette, 1860-1894  
Poland, Kraków, Jewish Inhabitants Registration Forms, 1940 [USHMM]  
Poland, Łódź Ghetto Register Books, 1939-1944 [USHMM] [Updated]  
Poland, Łódź Ghetto Worker ID Cards, 1940-1944 [USHMM] [Updated]  
Prussia, Saxony, Lutheran Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials, 1535-1921  
Prussian Provinces, Selected Lutheran Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials, 1661-1944  
Romania, Vital Records from Selected Regions, 1607-1914 [Updated]  
Scotland and Northern Ireland, Death Index, 1989-2015 [Updated]  
Scotland, Moray, Local Heritage Index, 1632-2014

Scotland, Rolls of Male Heads of Families, 1834-1842  
Soviet Union, Records from Soviet Commission to Investigate Nazi Crimes, 1941-1945 [USHMM] [Updated]  
Spain, Province of Gerona, Municipal Records, 1566-1956 [Updated]  
Summit County, Ohio, Marriage Records, 1840-1980 [Updated]  
Sweden, Indexed Death Records, 1840-1942 [Updated]  
UK and Ireland, Obituary Index, 2004-2017 [Updated]  
UK, City and County Directories, 1766 - 1946 [Updated]  
UK, Military Discharge Indexes, 1920-1971  
USA, 1860 United States Federal Census [Updated]  
USA, 1900 United States Federal Census [Updated]  
USA, Agana, Guam, U.S., Passenger and Crew Lists of Arriving Vessels and Airplanes, 1948-1963 [Updated]  
USA, Cass County, North Dakota, Divorce Index, 1878-1943  
USA, Cemetery and Funeral Home Collection, 1847-2016 [Updated]  
USA, Chester County, Pennsylvania, Criminal and Prison Record Indexes, 1681-1911  
USA, Claremont, New Hampshire, Vital Records, 1887-1946  
USA, Colorado State Census, 1885 [Updated]  
USA, Connecticut, Marriage Index, 1959-2012 [Updated]  
USA, DeKalb, Georgia, Compiled Records from DeKalb History Center  
USA, Hamilton County, Indiana, Compiled Records From Hamilton East Public Library, 1891-1962  
USA, Idaho, Obituary Collection, 1868-2013  
USA, Indiana, Marion Public Library Marriage Index, 1831-2008 [Updated]  
USA, Kentucky, Death Records, 1852-1964 [Updated]  
USA, Maine, Marriage Records, 1713-1922 [Updated]  
USA, Minnesota, Naturalization Index, 1849-1985  
USA, New York and Vicinity, United Methodist Church Records, 1775-1949  
USA, New York, Episcopal Diocese of New York Church Records, 1767 - 1970  
USA, North Dakota, Biography Index, 1812-2012  
USA, Northern District, Illinois, Naturalization Index, 1926-1979  
USA, Passenger & Crew Lists for U.S.-Bound Vessels arriving in Canada, 1912-1939, 1953-1962 [Updated]  
USA, Pennsylvania, County Slave Records 1780-1834  
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