

# USEFUL FAMILY HISTORY WEBSITES

Firstly, four “portal” web-sites which have links to many other relevant family history web sites:

- [www.familia.org.uk](http://www.familia.org.uk) – the UK and Ireland’s guide to genealogical resources in public libraries. It includes resources at Peterborough Central Library.
- [www.familyrecords.co.uk](http://www.familyrecords.co.uk) – provides links to many family history websites.
- [www.ffhs.org.uk](http://www.ffhs.org.uk) - Federation of Family History Societies – information on local societies, their events and publications.
- [www.genuki.org.uk](http://www.genuki.org.uk) – genealogical information for the UK and Ireland.

## **For baptisms, marriages and burials before 1837:**

- [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org) - International Genealogical Index online - index of parish registers transcripts, which mainly covers the period from 1538 to the middle of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. The site is not fully comprehensive.

## **For indexes of births, marriages and deaths after 1837:**

**General Register Office index online:** six web-sites, five of which are ‘pay to view’, all containing all or part of the indexes for the years 1837-2001:

- [www.findmypast.com](http://www.findmypast.com) (vouchers for this site can be purchased at Peterborough Central Library)
- [www.ancestry.co.uk](http://www.ancestry.co.uk)
- [www.bmdindex.co.uk](http://www.bmdindex.co.uk)
- [www.familyrelatives.org](http://www.familyrelatives.org)
- [www.freebmd.org.uk](http://www.freebmd.org.uk)

## **For indexes to census enumerators returns:**

- [www.nationalarchives.gov.uk](http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk) – provides links to websites that give access to all the censuses. Vouchers for access to the 1901 census can be purchased at Peterborough Central Library.
- [www.ancestry.co.uk](http://www.ancestry.co.uk) - a ‘pay to view’ site for the following censuses: 1841, 1851, 1861, 1871, 1881, 1891, 1901.
- [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org) - includes the 1881 census records for the whole of the UK, it can be searched for free.
- <http://freecen.rootsweb.com> - free access to transcribed parts of the censuses.

## **For those who died in military service:**

- [www.cwgc.org](http://www.cwgc.org) - Commonwealth War Graves Commission - a search tool for soldiers who died in World War 1 and World War 2.

## **For Wills proved by the Prerogative Court of Canterbury from the 14<sup>th</sup> century to 1858:**

- [www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/documentsonline](http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/documentsonline) - the indexes are free to use; the text of the Wills are accessible as ‘pay to view’.

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