



Ask your British Research Question 27 Apr 2016

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Research Question:

How to search [British] cemeteries?

Research Suggestions:

- Go to deceasedonline and check there.
- Also Billion Graves is another excellent website.
- Be sure to Google the names of cemeteries and your deceased ancestors' names.
- Try FamilySearch wiki under the locality (such as Scotland - cemeteries) and there will be listed different links to websites. You can search different locality levels.
- Be sure to search GenUKI for links to different websites. This is an excellent website and very searchable.
- Commonwealth Grave Commission - cwgc.org is the address.
- RootsWeb might have mailing lists
- Check Ancestry, findmypast also. Ancestry has New Zealand cemeteries
- <http://lists.rootsweb.ancestry.com>

Research Question

I am looking for family of Nathaniel Foden in 1871 Census. in 1861 they are in Scarcroft, Yorkshire (West Riding). In 1881 they are in Leeds, Yorkshire (West Ricing). I have spelled the last name every way possible and searched for only Foden name to see if they are living with family. Wife's name is Sarah Brown.

Research Suggestions:

- Search for Nathaniel but do not use the last name. Include information from the 1861 census, especially the birthplace information. You can narrow the search by including Sarah.
- Do a parent search in FamilySearch to see if there were children born during that time in that place.

- Search the original record (census) in Scarcroft also search indexes for Leeds. See if the local family history society has indexes.
- If Nathaniel has a trade, check trade directories for the area. University of Leicester has a special collection and Find My Past and Ancestry have some in their collections. <http://specialcollections.le.ac.uk/cdm/landingpage/collection/p16445coll4>
- Make a list of all of the sites that have census indexes and check them to see if they transcribed them differently.
- Check places where you don't think they would be such as looking up in Scotland.
- Use The Genealogist's searching for a family search. So list children without a surname
- Check for entries in the census that do not have any names attached to the entries.

Research Question

Esther West, 1785, Sweptstone, England I can't find her parents -- not sure where else to look considering her early time period. She married in Blaby England to John Orton 1805.

Research Suggestions:

- Determine the locality where Sweptstone and Blaby are -- are they close to each other? What were their jurisdictions? Could records be held somewhere else? They are located in Leicestershire so the records should be held at the Leicestershire Record Office.
- Be sure to look for parish boundaries on various websites and in books.
- Make sure to search both parish registers and bishop's transcripts. Widen the search criteria (dates, etc.) to see if the West name shows up in both christenings and marriages.
- Use the Parish Locator (free program) to create a plot showing surrounding parishes and the distance from known parish. Work through these parish registers etc
- Look for a county-wide database of baptisms. Leicestershire is not quite complete but they are getting there. They hope to produce the final product on CD and place them online.
- Look for an index first!
- Verify that West was actually her maiden name and not a married name from a previous marriage.

Research Question

I'm looking for a marriage between Charlotte Crane, born about 1815 in Manchester, Lancashire, England to a Thomas Crompton, born in 1809. Their first kid that I have is born in 1850 so I am guessing their marriage was sometime around 1850. I have tried using FreeBMD, FamilySearch (including catalog), and ancestry.com. The area I believe the marriage would be around Manchester, Lancashire, England where the first child was born or possibly Manchester where the wife is from. What am I missing? Note: The mother and child are from the same place.

Research Suggestions:

- Manchester is the largest civil parish in all of England and includes over 160 chapels of ease for the C of E. There were only eight chapels that allowed people to marry, the largest being Manchester Cathedral.
- There is a county-wide set for Boyd's marriages but they only have about 35-40% and probably would not be in the correct time-frame.
- Lancashire BMD is a good website to search. It is still being added to but is already a great website to search. They have several million entries for births, marriages, and deaths.
- Could Charlotte have gone to stay with relatives for the birth of her child? Look for other residence information for the couple. Maybe they didn't live in Manchester.
- Online Parish Clerk is another great website to search. They offer about 8 million Lancashire names.
- Ancestry.com is another website to search as they have about 9 million names for Lancashire.
- Using TheGenealogist.co.uk to find the family in the 1851 census and subsequent census. Click on the marriage icon just in case this search can find the marriage if it is included in The Genealogist.
- Go to the FamilySearch wiki and click on Manchester genealogy and look for the links for the various websites.
- www.thegenealogist.co.uk offers amazing searches through this site.

Research Question

The emigrant ship Eliza sails from Liverpool in 1848. Way to research whether Irish passengers boarded in Liverpool or an Irish port?

Research Suggestions:

- Look at the ship passenger lists to see where they resided before they came. There were a lot of Irish who crossed over to Liverpool and then embarked from Liverpool. It is going to be very difficult to see if they started from Liverpool or an Irish port.
- For those with LDS ancestors, there is a Mormon immigration website.
- Check the British Newspaper Archive for newspapers for this period. Newspapers might have shipping news.
- <http://www.theshipslist.com/> might have links to passenger lists.
- Check the 1841 and 1851 censuses to see if they were in the Liverpool area as it sometimes took years for people to save enough money to travel.

Research Question

Elizabeth Turner married 14 Nov 1785 to Thomas Albert WARING St Margarets Westminster. Daughter of Rev Turner. Would love to know Rev Turners forename!

Research Suggestions:

- Check the Church of England clerical dictionaries (Crockford's Clerical Dictionary which starts in 1858). Check Google Books.
- Check the county record office to see what Methodist records are available, particularly the digest lists.
- There are fasti ecclesiae anglicanae (directories of ministers).
- Clergy of the Church of England Database <http://theclergydatabase.org.uk/>. Covers 1540-1835
- Check Oxford, Cambridge, etc. alumni lists as Newspaper Archives for information about ministers.
- Look at children's names to see if they were following a naming pattern.
- Look to see when Rev. Turner began his ministry in the parish.
- Check Gentleman's Magazine as this is an excellent source.