

Family History Newsletter



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The Family History group supports members in researching their family history research. Members have ancestors from around the globe.

They meet on the first Wednesday of each month at 7pm virtually until further notice.

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Online Parish Clerks

By Gina Leigh

https://ukbmd.org.uk/online_parish_clerk

Family historians researching in England may benefit from the work of a dedicated group of volunteers known as Online Parish Clerks, or OPCs. I was introduced to OPCs when the Maple Ridge Family History Group was researching Edmund Pope as one of our community history projects. The Pope family's origins were in the County of Cornwall as were several other pioneer Maple Ridge families.

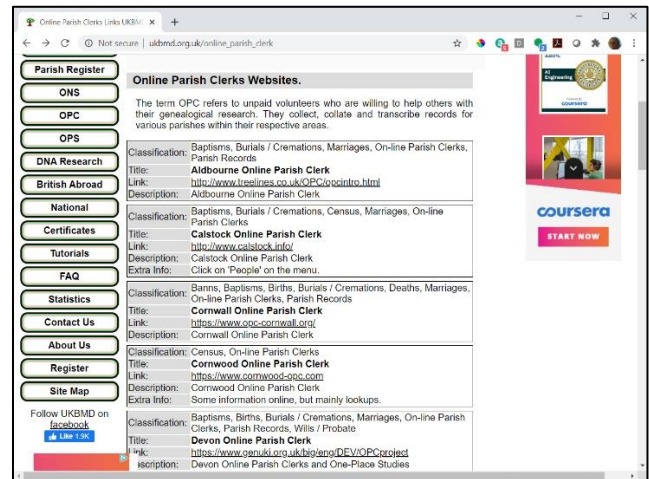
OPCs transcribe primarily baptism, marriage and burials records for a parish or region and upload their transcriptions to the internet so that they can be searched for free. The sites may also contain historical background about the county, censuses, other parish information, lists of war dead, etc.

Parish records are indispensable when researching pre-1837 and the start of civil registration in England and Wales.

I had great success with the Wiltshire County OPC records going back to the late 1500s for a project I worked on recently. Keep in mind that not all counties have had their records transcribed or transcribed to the same extent, nor have records in all parishes in a county been transcribed. However, you may be lucky in that the county of your research does have an OPC.

The earliest baptism records often contain only the child's and the father's names. Eventually the mother's name also began to be recorded although the mother's birth surname often wasn't recorded. Burials, again, often did not include a woman's birth surname and could also identify her as Mrs (husband's surname) or Widow (husband's surname). Marriage records which include the bride's and groom's mothers' given names often don't include their birth surname.

It is often possible to piece together the surname of women from the records of one or more of their children's baptisms, or looking for a marriage record that predates the birth of the eldest child.



Online Park Clerk website.

Classification:	Baptisms, Burials / Cremations, Census, Marriages, Monumental Inscriptions, Obituaries, On-line Parish Clerks, Parish Records
Title:	Wiltshire Online Parish Clerk
Link:	http://www.wiltshire-opc.org.uk/
Description:	Wiltshire Online Parish Clerk
Extra Info:	You will need to create a login in order to use the site. As well as the parishes, check out the photo galleries.

Listing for Wiltshire Online Parish Clerk outlines what is available and that you will need to create a login.

Online Resources

maps.thehunthouse
<https://maps.thehunthouse.com/>

A site for people who love maps, books, London & history. There are items for purchase but also various free London street maps and other information.

Home Access to Ancestry Library Edition
www.fvrl.bc.ca

Ancestry.ca has extended access until July 31 to Ancestry Library Edition for library card holders. Remember, you can apply for an e-card online.

To access Ancestry from the FVRL website, from the menu bar select digital content, databases, then Ancestry Library edition.

British Home Children

www.veterans.gc.ca/eng/remembrance/people-and-stories/british-home-children

Veterans Affairs Canada has added information about British Home Children to their website. Along with a page describing British Home Children, the website offers pages about British Home Children in the First and Second World Wars and in the inter-war years, along with stories of soldiers awarded the Victorian Cross, and additional information on the legacy of British Home Children in Canada.

Black Nova Scotians

<https://archives.novascotia.ca/genalogy/african-nova-scotians>

The earliest definite evidence of Black people living in Nova Scotia comes from the surviving records from the Fortress of Louisbourg on Cape Breton Island. Nearly 200 Black slaves

can be identified among the general population living there during the French régime, 1713–58. Learn more about the history of Black people in Nova Scotia on the Nova Scotia Archives website.

Family History Events

Ancestry

www.ancestry.co.uk/search/collecti ons/49090/

- **The Bristol Registers of Servants:** In 1654 the Bristol City Council passed an ordinance requiring that a register of servants destined for the colonies be kept. The registers, covering the period 1654 to 1686, are the largest body of indenture records known, and they also are a unique record of English emigration to the American colonies.

Irish Genealogical Society International (IGSI) and The Irish Ancestral Research Association (TIARA)

http://celtic-connections.org/ccc_register.html

- Celtic Connections Virtual Conference, twenty-five pre-recorded lectures and nine live chat sessions with presenters, as well as an online syllabus. July 31 – August 31, 2020, Cost: \$99 USD.

Legacy Family Tree Webinars

<https://familytreewebinars.com/upcoming-webinars.php>

- July 1 – **Finding a Father for Molly – Using DNA** by Jill Morelli
- July 8 or 9 – **Turning Dry Facts into Exciting Narrative** by Carol Baxter
- July 14 – **Connecting the Dots – Introduction to Auto**

Clusters at MyHeritageDNA by Paul Woodbury

- July 15 – **On the Record Trail of My LDS Immigrant Ancestor** by Sunny Morton
- July 21 or 22 – **Elusive Immigrant: The Search for Dora Lühr** by Warren Bittner
- July 22 – **50 More Websites Every Genealogist Should Know** by Gena Philibert-Ortega
- July 28 – **Fabulous Photo Discoveries™ at MyHeritage** by Lisa Louise Cooke
- July 29 – **Researching A Loyalist Soldier** by Craig R. Scott, MA, CG, FUGA
- Aug 4 and Aug 5 – **Tracing Australian and New Zealand World War One Ancestors** by Helen V. Smith
- Aug 5 – **Using DNA to Solve Adoption and Unknown Parentage Mysteries** by Michelle Leonard

West Vancouver Memorial Library

<https://westvanlibrary.ca/>

- **Casting the Net: Seek out Your Ancestors on the Internet [VIRTUAL]**, with Brenda L. Smith, Wednesday, July 8, 2020, 2:00 pm–3:00 pm. The Zoom link will be emailed to registrants in advance of the program. Fee: Free.

Maple Ridge Family History Group, first Wednesday of the month, 7pm on Zoom until further notice. Email us at: mrfamilyhistory@gmail.com for information on how to join the meeting.

July 1, 2020

August 5, 2020

September 2, 2020