

Websites for Genealogy

First of all, there are lots of excellent free resources used by genealogists - here is a small selection:

www.freebmd.org.uk for some birth, marriage and death indexes for England and Wales..

www.familysearch.org for the vast international genealogy website run by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

www.rootsweb.com for genealogy chat and all kinds of relevant information.

And remember that there are some great specialist sites that are available for free. One of the most popular among genealogists is the Commonwealth War Graves Commission website, where you can find details of servicemen and women who died during the two World Wars: <http://www.cwgc.org>

Here are some examples of pay-for sites for basic genealogy:

www.genesreunited.co.uk - contains (among much else) birth, marriage and death indexes and census returns for England and Wales

www.familyrelatives.com - contains (among much else) birth, marriage and death indexes and census returns for England and Wales

www.ancestry.co.uk - contains (among much else) birth, marriage and death indexes and census returns for England and Wales

www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk - contains (among much else) birth, marriage and death indexes for Scotland and digitised images of many of the certificates and census returns for Scotland.

www.findmypast.co.uk - contains (among much else) birth, marriage and death indexes and census returns for England and Wales.

Here are some examples of pay-for sites used by genealogists researching specialist information:
<http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/documentsonline> - this contains wills, the World War I Campaign Medal index, several collections of naval records and much more.

<http://www.originsnetwork.com> - this contains numerous specialised records relating to British genealogy, including wills, apprenticeship records, military records and marriage indexes.

<http://archive.timesonline.co.uk> - the Times Digital Archive, which can be searched from 1785-1985, is a great place to find ancestors who were sufficiently well-to-do, famous or notorious to get themselves a mention.

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