



CWU Family History Handout: Genealogy Websites

African Ancestry: Claims to offer the most accurate DNA mapping of people of African heritage – but it's not cheap so it might be worth checking other sites first.

www.africanancestry.com

Ancestors From The Indian Subcontinent: This guide from the Norfolk Records Office lists resources that may help you discover more about your ancestors from South Asia.

<https://www.archives.norfolk.gov.uk/article/31254/Introduction>

Ancestry: A subscription-based family tree builder offering access to a wide range of documents. www.ancestry.co.uk

British Association For Local History: A membership organisation promoting local history in the UK. www.balh.org.uk

British History Online: A vast collection of primary and secondary content relating to British and Irish history, www.british-history.ac.uk

British Newspaper Archive: A digital archive containing newspapers published in the UK since 1800. This is a subscription service – although you might be able to find similar information as part of another subscription. www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk

Caribbean Family History Group: A project based in Solihull which reaches out across the UK, organising events and pulling together a number of resources.

<https://caribbeanfamilyhistorygroup.org/>

Charles Booth's London: A searchable archive of the notebooks and maps used to create Booth's Inquiry into Life and Labour in London (1886-1903).

<https://booth.lse.ac.uk>

Chartist Ancestors: A great source of information about Chartism, including biographies, memorabilia, resources and a databank of more than 10,000 known Chartists, including where known, their addresses, occupations and contributions to the movement. www.chartistancestors.co.uk/

Commonwealth War Graves Commission: CWGC provide a searchable database of those commonwealth soldiers killed during the world wars. www.cwgc.org

Family Tree Templates: Offers 499 family tree templates you can download and print for free. For a small charge you can also download customizable versions and document bundles starting. www.familytreetemplates.net/

Family Search: A non-profit family, free to access, history site that allows you to search records and build trees etc. Because it is a wiki with contributors from around the world it is good for finding information if you are investigating ancestors originating overseas. www.familysearch.org

Free Family Tree Templates: Offers a selection of printable family tree templates can be downloaded for free in PDF and Microsoft Word formats. <https://freefamilytreetemplates.com/>

Find My Past: A subscription-based family tree builder offering access to a wide range of documents. www.findmypast.co.uk

Free UK Genealogy: Free UK Genealogy provides free, online access to family history records and includes FreeBMD (births marriages & deaths), FreeCEN (census records) and FreeREG (non-civic registrations going back to 1538). www.freeukgenealogy.org.uk/

General Register Office: Part of the Government Passport Office, the GRO maintain the national archive of all births, marriages and deaths dating back to 1837. Certificates can be ordered online. www.gro.gov.uk

History Begins At Home: Offers a range of resources and ideas to help connect with family and friends and find out more about the past. www.historybeginsathome.org/

Imperial War Museum: Offers a wealth of photos, documents and information regarding the wars our ancestors were involved in. It contains many recorded testimonies from those who experienced events first hand. www.iwm.org.uk/

Irish Genealogy: An Irish Government archive of births, marriages, deaths, census records and legal documents. www.irishgenealogy.ie

JewishGen: A free site specifically designed to help people of Jewish heritage trace their ancestry. www.jewishgen.org

JSTOR: A digital library of academic journals, books, and primary sources, including a large history section. A free account option is available. www.jstor.org/

LGBTQ Genealogy: A blog by Stewart Blandón Traiman recognising the inevitability of LGBTQ ancestors and how we might recognise and acknowledge their lives. <https://sixgen.org/lgbtq-genealogy/>

My Heritage: A family tree builder that offers free downloadable apps for your phone or computer, although you will need a subscription to access their online content. www.myheritage.com

Naval & Military Archive: A subscription site providing access to British military records. It offers a range of subscriptions from 1 day to 1 year. www.nmarchive.com

The National Archives: The official archive of the UK government with over 1,000 years of documents. Some documents can be digitised and downloaded for a small admin fee. www.nationalarchives.gov.uk

NI Direct: Family History, Heritage & Museums: Useful links from to help you trace your ancestors from Northern Ireland. <https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/information-and-services/family-home-and-community/family-history-heritage-and-museums>

Old Maps Online: Find historical maps by location. See the streets your ancestors lived on and how their neighbourhood evolved. www.oldmapsonline.org/

Scotland's People: A Scottish archive covering government and church documents. Free to search with a fee for viewing and downloading documents. www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk

The Social History Society: The Social History Society is a membership society that brings together people with an interest in social and cultural history. It produces its own journal and offers access to three further historical journals. There are a range of discounted subscriptions. <https://socialhistory.org.uk>

Society for the Study of Labour History: The UK's principal organisation dedicated to the study of labour history. Membership is comes with subscription to the Labour History Review and includes access to all digitised back copies. <https://sslh.org.uk>

Trade Union Ancestors: This site aims to help family historians research their ancestors' involvement in the British trade union movement. It contains a wealth of resources and links to further information on your Trade Union Ancestors. www.unionancestors.co.uk/

Tribal Pages: A free family tree maker that develops into a private and secure website that can be loaded with photos, charts, documents and stories. www.tribalpages.com/

UK Museums: A wonderful directory of museums from across the UK, filterable by location or subject. They also include a section covering local museums across the UK. <https://ukmuseums.co.uk/>

The Workhouse: An Institution: A website devoted to information about the workhouse and poverty, including maps and documents www.workhouses.org.uk