

## ONLINE SEARCHES FOR FREE

Lockdown is an excellent time to start or continue your research into your family history.

As mentioned in 'Getting Started' the best sites are:

### **Familysearch.org**

All the tools to start your research here. It builds your tree for you.

This site is free and one of the worlds biggest.

It contains in excess of 4,000 million records and millions it is run by the Church of Jesus Christ and Latter Day Saints (Mormons)

You have to register on the site and they require your email address. They will occasionally send you hints to help you with your search but don't worry you won't be inundated with advertising emails.

### **Tips**

- You have to register for security reasons
- They will give you a login
- You select a password
- And the name you want to use on site.
- youtube has some excellent videos on how to use and navigate this site.

### **1939 List**

This is a list of all UK households at the beginning of the war - It was used for rationing purposes.

### **Freebmd.org.uk**

Free uk site contains Civil Births, Marriage and Death Records which started in **1837** contains 272 millions records and 100 of thousands of searches are made every day.

### **Tips**

- Make sure you are using the official site as above.
- The red lozenge shaped 'Search' button about half way down the opening page is the one to select.
- Try searching for your own birth!
- This site is handy because later records give the maiden name of the Mother

### **Freereg.org.uk**

- Contains parish (church) records of baptisms, marriages and deaths prior to the compulsory civil registrations which began in **1837**
- Earliest records ae from the late 1500's
- Approx 37 million uk records online.

**Freecen.org.uk**

- UK Census takes place every 10 years, this site contains details of households from 1841 to 1891.

Note: Family Search site also has 1901 and 1911.

**Irishgenealogy.ie**

Run by the Irish Government and is free. Contains Church and Civil records for Eire

**Nationalarchives.gov.uk**

Great site to browse if you are interested in history, contains a wealth of information.

For family history

- Click 'Help with your research' on the opening page
  
- Family History

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