

How pay-to-view websites can be good value



Find My Past (UK) – <http://www.findmypast.co.uk>

- Searches free, images cost (website free at SAG except 1911 census)
- (Direct) search English/Welsh BMD indexes 1837 – 2006, parish records 1538-2005 (some Australian)
- English/Welsh censuses 1841-1911, search by person and by address
- UK outgoing passenger lists 1890-1960
- Military records
- Specialist Records -> Other Records (1320-1996) includes apprenticeships, workhouses, schools & more
- 'Knowledge Base' for information about research as well as documents

Find My Past (Australia) – <http://www.findmypast.com.au>

- Searches free, images cost (all free at SAG)
- Search by Name and also by Keyword (for non-indexed documents, enter surname into Keyword field)
- Directories, almanacs, electoral rolls, biographies, government records, maps, gazetteers, histories & more

Scotlands People – <http://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk>

- £6 by credit card or voucher, 30 credits, 90 days, but are not lost (website not free at SAG)
- Free to search for "number of hits"; Can re-see purchased search results & images
- 1 credit to see details of search results (up to 25 records per page – use them all), 5 credits to see image
- From 1855: Birth certificates to 1909, Marriages to 1939, Deaths to 1959, BMD indexes to 2009
- Old Parish Registers (OPR) births & baptisms, banns & marriages, deaths & burials 1553 – 1854
- Catholic Parish Registers: Baptisms 1703-1908, Marriages 1736-1934, Burials 1742-1955 & 'other events'
- 1841-1901 census indexes & digitised images, + 1881 LDS transcription
- Wills, testaments & inventories 1513 – 1901, free to search, £5 to view
- Background reading into Scottish records, genealogy and history, plus research tools

Ancestry – <http://www.ancestry.com.au>

- Register as if activating voucher on UK site to avoid having to register for 14 day "free trial"
- Website free at SAG & many libraries
- Australian & UK content both visible on Australian or UK sites
- English & Welsh BMD transcribed 1837-2005 so can search directly rather than by quarter
- Australian BDM for all states & NT, 1828 & 1841 NSW census
- Convicts, Sands directories, Australian electoral rolls 1901-36, NSW & Vic Immigration,
- UK 1841-1901 census (search by name) - English & Welsh census images, Scottish transcriptions
- UK Parish & Probate, UK incoming passenger lists 1878-1960, UK phone books, directories, newspapers, Cambridge University Alumni, London Poor Law and Parish Records, WW1 Medal Rolls & more

Documents Online – <http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/documentsonline/>

- Free to search, documents cost to download (all free at SAG)
- Wills, Poor Law Union & Workhouse records, Military (mainly WW1, medals & wills)

The Genealogist – <http://TheGenealogist.co.uk>

- UK Parish and non-conformist records, directories, military
- Free trial, costs to search (all free at SAG)

Irish Family History Foundation – <http://rootsireland.ie>

- Irish BMD transcriptions, Griffith's Valuation
- Free to search, costs to see details (website not free at SAG)

Irish Times – <http://www.irishtimes.com/ancestor/>

- Use for (free) surname distribution
- Free to search directories, gravestones, parish & Catholic records, estate records (details cost)

My Heritage – <http://www.myheritage.com/research>

- (Free) Megadex search allows surname spelling variations, searches multiple subscription & free sites
- Currently Internet Explorer only (other browsers coming soon)