



# East Surrey Family History Society

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**WELCOME** to the May 2016 edition of the e-newsletter!

I hope you caught the mid-April WDYTYA Show special e-newsletter that I sent out. It was good to meet members, recruit new members and share experiences with other Societies and exhibitors at the Show. I regret it's an expensive exercise these days and we'll be making further economies next year (6-8 April 2017, again at the NEC near Birmingham) but please do come along if you can.

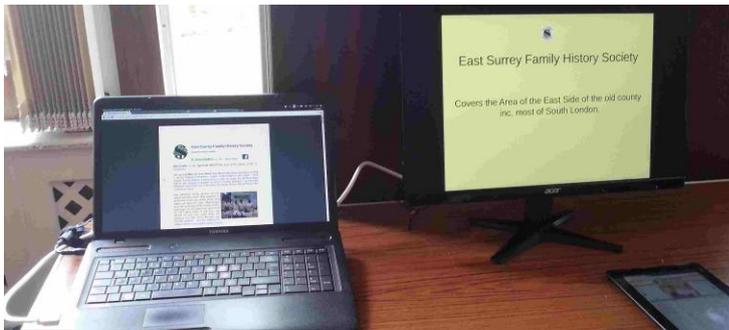
Our Open Day on 23<sup>rd</sup> April (followed by the AGM – see the Minutes on our website shortly) was thoroughly enjoyable and proved to be a great success, with over 130 visitors (Members and non-Members) attending the event at Bourne Hall.

We heard three excellent talks, all signed for our Deaf History Society attendees, and hosted exhibition stands for the Epsom and Ewell Explorer, the British Deaf History Society, the Banstead local history society, Kingston Local History Centre, Sutton Archives, our President, Paul Blake, who was selling some surplus books and maps, the Society Help Desk and Bookstall, and a busy tea and coffee table. See the photos below.

A big thank you to Joanna and team for engineering an excellent programme of talks, inviting exhibitors and making it all go so smoothly

Next year is our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary and suggestions on how to celebrate this are welcome.

Three members of the Committee have stood down due to rotation (5 years max per term on the Committee) so our thanks go to Sylvia and Liz for their hard work, and I have stood down as Chairman. We welcome Sue Adams back to the Committee – thanks Sue! – but I regret no-one has offered to become Chair. We can continue like this for this year but we urgently require more volunteers - or our Society will fold! Please don't let this happen! You can email me here at [enewseditor@east Surrey fhs.org.uk](mailto:enewseditor@east Surrey fhs.org.uk) or speak to any Committee member at the meetings to find out more. It's fun and you make good friends.



The **Sources** section looks at:

- Surrey in the Great War website from Surrey Heritage
- Sutton Archives on Ancestry
- The 'Past on Glass' project

Don't forget to check out our website at [www.eastsurreyfhs.org.uk](http://www.eastsurreyfhs.org.uk), and,

Don't forget to 'Like' our Facebook page – [www.facebook.com/ESFHS](http://www.facebook.com/ESFHS) and if you don't know how to, please see the help document on the Home Page of our FHS website or click this link:

<http://www.eastsurreyfhs.org.uk/members/enews/ESFHS%20guide%20to%20Facebook.pdf>

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## ESFHS UPDATE

**GROUP MEETINGS.** These always have interesting speakers and are a good opportunity to meet your fellow family historians. The venue details are on the website [www.eastsurreyfhs.org.uk](http://www.eastsurreyfhs.org.uk) and in the Journal.

**SUTTON – Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2016 at 7.45pm.** Dr Geoff Swinfield will speak about 'DNA Tests for Family Historians' including what genetic tests are available and what they can tell you about your ancestry.



**SOUTHWARK -** There is no meeting in May. The next meeting is on **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2016 at 12 noon** when we will hear about 'Mayhem on the Midland {an Accident, a Suicide, and a Murder}' from Chris and Judy Rouse.

**RICHMOND –** The next meeting is on **Saturday 14th May 2016 at 2.30pm** and will be a **Members' Meeting** when you can 'Show and Tell'.

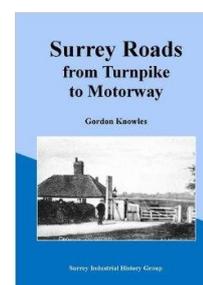
**CROYDON –** The next meeting is on **Tuesday May 17<sup>th</sup> 2016 at 7.45pm.** Ian Waller will speak on 'Mending bodies saving Souls: Victorian medical practices, hospitals & treatment of disease & injury'. Ian Waller is a retired genealogist with over thirty years' experience in English research and is now an author and speaker.



(Photo: Plaque commemorating the now-demolished Evelina Hospital).

**LINGFIELD – Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2016 at 2.30pm.**

Gordon Knowles explores the history behind how the road network in Surrey developed in 'Surrey Roads – From Turnpike to Motorway'.



# ESFHS Website Members' Area - www.eastsurreyfhs.org.uk

If you missed it I've re- attached a short user guide to logging on to the Members' Area. So, what can Members see in this Area? See below.

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**MEMBERS SERVICES**

Members of the East Surrey Family History Society receive a quarterly journal, on paper or by email, which carries interesting family history news reports and articles by fellow members. It's both the Society's official publication and a great way to keep in touch with Society events and to learn from other people's experiences.

There's also a monthly e-newsletter which is delivered direct to your email address which is packed with news, local events and hints and tips on useful family history sources. You can catch up on previous months' copies on the Society website at [www.eastsurreyfhs.org.uk](http://www.eastsurreyfhs.org.uk) where you will also find the details of upcoming talks, useful information about local archives and libraries, the Society Bookstall and Members' Interests. You can also request searches in the Society database which has been compiled over many years and which includes some unique records.

Regular meetings are held at five locations around Surrey which both members and non-members are welcome to attend where you can meet like-minded people and hear talks on a variety of related topics. See our website for details of dates, locations, times and topics.

We are developing a Members' Area on our website which will give exclusive access to some of our data, and information particularly relevant when researching East Surrey ancestors. Also the latest issue of the e-News is available. The method of login on can be obtained from the webmaster.

Please see our Society Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/ESFHS/> for up to the minute news and comment.

The Society is unable to undertake family research other than those services offered to members. Some archives and local studies libraries will undertake research for a fee, see the Research Contacts page. The Research collection - Our research collection at our Lingfield Research and Advice Centre has been catalogued however it is currently being updated following a reorganisation but consists of:

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Click below for the relevany documents:

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[East Surrey Annual Report 2015](#)

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DMI - February 2016

If you have a common Interest in a name mentioned below or are a member who would like to post an Interest then please click here and use the contact form to contact our DMI secretary.

Name	Parish	County	Country	Period	Mem/No	Date entered
AISGATE	Burston	SRY	ENG	c1750	3006	25-Mar-15
ABBERLEY	Chelsea	MDX	ENG	All	4895	31 Jan 15
ABBERLY	Battersea	SRY	ENG	All	4895	31 Jan 15
ABBOTT	All	COR	IRL	19c	10000	14-Jan-16
ABBOTT	Camberwell	SRY	ENG	1821-1900	10000	14-Jan-16
ABRAHAM	Bermondsey	SRY	ENG	E19-M19c	5593	21 Jun 15
ABRAHAM	Camberwell	SRY	ENG	L19c	5593	21 Jun 15
ABRAHAM	Newington	SRY	ENG	L19c	5593	21 Jun 15
ABRAHAM	Walworth	SRY	ENG	M19c	5593	21 Jun 15
ACKWORTH	Deptford	KEN	ENG	18c	4805	02 Mar 15
ACLAND	Exmouth	DEV	ENG	19c	3542	31 Mar 11
ACRES	All	SRY	ENG	pre1700	4733	07 Jan 15
ADAMS	Burwash	SRY	ENG	1837-1840	3542	31 Mar 11
ADAMS	All	SRY	ENG	18-19c	4541	05 Mar 11
ADAMS	Nine Elms	SRY	ENG	19-20c	6927	25-Jan-15
ADDISON	Stoke Damerel	DEV	ENG	1800-1820	3096	25-Mar-15
ADSETT	Stopham	SSX	ENG	19c	7505	08-Mar-16
AFFORD	All	BKM	ENG	pre1900	6997	15-Jun-15
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**East Surrey FHS Resources**

Directory of Members' Interests

1939 Registration facts from Webinar.  
 Bermondsey - Swimming Association 1903/4  
 Borough Polytechnic - Women Swimming 1903  
 Camberwell - St Giles register of apprentices 1802 - 1817  
 Caterham - Asylum Wages Book, 1887-1896 & School Roll of Honour 1914-18  
 Chasam - Examinations of the Poor 1769-1810 & Inhabitants 1731-1832  
 Croydon - Wesleyan Chapel, Baptism & Burial Records 1829 - 1837  
 Great War Memorials  
 Home - Relief 1859 & 1900, Slavery 1992  
 Horley - Wills 1595 - 1628  
 Lambeth - Art Pottery Employees 1882  
 Mitcham - Berkeley Trusttotal Association - 1898  
 Mortlake - Militia 1800-1809  
 St George's Noticeboard - Recently Deceased 1843 - 1897  
 Sutton - Vestry Minute book 1810-1829  
 Wesleyan Metropolitan Registry- Surrey Births and Baptisms 1773-1840

**HINT:** Your User ID is your Member Number (which is 4 or 5 numbers eg 9999 or 10999) OR the email address you receive your enewsletter on. Your password is your surname with a capital first letter eg Ramon.

## ESFHS Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/ESFHS/>

Family history news items, old photographs, talks, events, interesting web sites or Facebook pages. All these and more are shared on our Facebook page. We have over 395 people looking at our posts and occasionally over a thousand! So please join us if you can.

(Need help logging on to Facebook? See the guide attached to this enewsletter.)

## ESFHS Facebook stories you may have missed!

**East Surrey Family History Society**  
Published by Anne Ramon [?] · 8 April at 20:55 · 🌐

Well deserved evening meal after a busy Friday at WDYTIA.



429 people reached

Boost Post

**East Surrey Family History Society** added 11 new photos.  
Published by Anne Ramon [?] · 12 April at 13:32 · 🌐

Some images from WDYTIA 2016. A 'Special' newsletter with more photos and information about societies, repositories and family history resources will be sent to all East Surrey FHS members shortly.



218 people reached

Boost Post

**East Surrey Family History Society**  
Published by Anne Ramon [?] · 22 April at 00:19 · 🌐

This was from Who Do You Think Your Are mag news  
Lambeth Archives finally reopens to public

A London archive has reopened after its home was unexpectedly closed to both staff and members of the public. Lambeth Archives, based inside the historic Minet Library, resumed normal service this morning after Lambeth Council officials blocked access to the building on Friday 8 April due to "security issues". It is believed the temporary closure was prompted by recent protests against... [See more](#)

206 people reached

Boost Post

**East Surrey Family History Society**  
Published by Brenda Hawkins [?] · 9 April at 03:21 · 🌐

It's a wise child...  
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-36002621>



Archbishop of Canterbury learns real father was Churchill's private secretary - BBC News

Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby says it "comes as a complete surprise" that a DNA test has revealed his real father was Winston Churchill's private secretary.  
BBC.CO.UK

218 people reached

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## **ESFHS and bookstall will attend the following Shows and Events:**

Richmond May Fair on 14<sup>th</sup> May, see: <http://richmondmayfair.org/>

Nunhead Cemetery Open Day on 21<sup>st</sup> May, see:  
<http://www.fonc.org.uk/2016-open-day.html>

Merton Discovery Day on 28<sup>th</sup> May, see:  
<https://www.thebestof.co.uk/local/wimbledon-and-merton/events/feature/merton-heritage-discovery-day-2016>

Croydon Heritage Day on 18<sup>th</sup> June, see:  
<http://croydonheritagefestival.co.uk/croydon-heritage-day/>

## **Local News**

### **Lambeth Archives Reopens**

Lambeth Archives was closed on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April due to concerns about security, perhaps prompted by the protests and sit-ins at neighbouring libraries that are being closed. We are delighted to hear that it re-opened on 22<sup>nd</sup> April.

**If you'd like to research Lambeth based ancestors I urge you to visit the Minet Library soon!!**

### **Surrey History Centre's Surreyinthegreatwar/org.uk website**

<http://www.surreyinthegreatwar.org.uk/>

This website opened recently and is intended to be a lasting repository for memories and memorials to those who fought in the Great War. It is focussed on 'Surrey' people, using the definition of 'Surrey' in 1914, so from the edge of what was and is now 'Inner London' and then south and westwards. This excludes the London Boroughs of Lambeth, Wandsworth and Southwark so my Old Kent Road grandparents are out of scope unless I can find them in a 'Surrey' hospital or living in the defined area, say in the 1911 Census, the 1939 Register (on FindMyPast) or in the Electoral rolls. There was an Army Recruiting Centre at Kingston so anyone who joined up there can be included.

I'm sorry this is tricky for us but I think we are used to the administrative 'barriers' in East Surrey! Perhaps you'd like to add someone onto the website? See the SOURCES section below for some screenshots and examples from the new website.

Kirsty Bennett is the Senior Project Officer for **Surrey in the Great War: A County Remembers** (Twitter: <https://twitter.com/WW1SGW> Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Surrey-in-the-Great-War-A-County-Remembers>) She wrote to us:

Kirsty wrote to the Society recently to ask if members could help:

'One of the features of the site is a listing of all memorials to the conflict that are to be found in Surrey. This listing would be greatly enhanced if the written descriptions and information about each memorial were accompanied **by images of the memorial**. This email is a plea for your and your group's help to obtain such images. As specialists in your local area, we hope perhaps that your group (or someone within it) might have images of memorials in your locality and, furthermore, that you might be willing to share with us such images and allow us to use them to illustrate our website.

We are interested in all types of memorial to the conflict: monumental, brass, those to individuals and structures or features that are not traditional memorials but which commemorate the war dead (e.g. playing fields or village halls). Any and all images of the memorial in question would be appreciated. We would like to have a range of views of each memorial, e.g. a long shot showing the whole memorial, and close ups showing any particular features and, of course the names on it.

If your group has any such images that they would be willing for us to use, we would be grateful to receive them. We may not have space to include every image sent, but will include as many as possible. Copyright will, of course, be acknowledged on the website - if sending images, and please include a note stating the name of the copyright holder. Please also state clearly the name and location of the memorial shown.

For ease, images can be sent in any format or size (we will then resize them or tweak them so that they are shown to their best advantage on the website). We're very grateful for any help that you can offer with this.

We'd love to hear about your experiences with the website. Perhaps you'll discover your ancestor on a memorial? Remember that we have a 'WW1' section in our ESFHS Journal 'for the duration' and we'd love to publish your ancestors' stories too!

## **Croydon/Whitgift School exhibition 'Remembering 1916 – Life on the Western Front'** [www.remembering1916.co.uk](http://www.remembering1916.co.uk),

This exhibition runs from 12 March to 31 August 2016 and is open Daily 10am – 5pm (last entry 4:00pm). It's at the Whitgift Exhibition Centre, Haling Park, South Croydon, CR2 6YT.

Ticket prices: Adult £12, Senior £5, Family £18, Child (under 16) £3.

Becky Relf, Marketing and Communications Assistant, Whitgift School, Tel: 020 8688 9222 [www.whitgift.co.uk](http://www.whitgift.co.uk) wrote to tell us:

***Remembering 1916 – Life on the Western Front*** is a major new exhibition, in the grounds of Whitgift School, an independent school in South Croydon, marking the centenary of the First World War.

Featuring more than 600 original artefacts, many of which have never been on public display before, carefully-created scenes provide the background for many of the items, and a commissioned poppy memorial to the 251 Old Whitgiftians that laid down their lives.

Key items for visitors to look out for include two extremely rare first issues of the British trench newspaper, *The Wipers Times*; original British, French and German uniforms and equipment; a Women's Royal Air Force uniform; a train station sign from the French city of Verdun, site of one of the most horrific battles of the war; and fabric from the famous red triplane flown by the 'Red Baron', Manfred von Richthofen. A number of carefully-created scenes provide the background for many of the items; these begin with the arrival of one man's conscription papers in an Edwardian hallway, and

go on to include British and German trenches and an Edwardian drawing room, providing a snapshot of a moment in the life of an officer home on leave.

Please visit [www.remembering1916.co.uk](http://www.remembering1916.co.uk), call (0)20 8633 9902 or email: remembering1916@whitgift.co.uk for more information.

## **CWGC graves in Sutton Borough – can you help?**

We have received this appeal from Roger Mills at Sutton Voice and we have returned an 'expression of interest' on behalf of the Society. We'll provide you with further information in due course.

*"The borough has launched a major initiative to co-incide with the acts of remembrance around The Somme later this year called Sutton's Living Memory.*

*A small group of people - I am one of them - are working with the Commonwealth War Graves Commission to help to increase interest in the CWGC graves in our borough - there are about 180. Some appear to have come from the East Surrey Regiment.*

*Currently all the group is asking for is an "expression of interest" - would that be the kind of thing your group or even one of your groups may be interested in?"*

*Kind regards, Roger Mills [suttonvoice.co.uk](http://suttonvoice.co.uk), Follow us on Twitter [@SuttonVoice](https://twitter.com/SuttonVoice)*

Please let our Secretary (or any Committee Member) know if you are interested in this initiative. [secretaryesfhs@gmail.com](mailto:secretaryesfhs@gmail.com)

## **OTHER NEWS**

**The Mills Archive** [www.millsarchive.org](http://www.millsarchive.org) (Thanks to Sylvia for this)

Do you have a miller in the family? The Mills Archive has an interesting web site to help you find mills and you can consult for free their Library and Research Centre in Watlington House in Reading.

They are open Mon-Fri 10am to 3pm and you need to book in advance. See <https://millsarchive.org/contact/preparing-for-your-visit> for full details.

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### FAMILY HISTORY RESEARCH

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Mills and milling have always depended on people, so it is not surprising that the Mills Archive holds a lot of original documents, family history research data, and images of individuals and (in many cases) their families. Milling families provide a common thread linking together several generations working the same mill or mills in a particular area. Discovering a miller or millwright in your family can lead to far-reaching connections as different branches of the family may spread across several counties or inter-marry with other milling families to keep the mills, the businesses and associated land in the family ...

Family history research services ...

## UK BMD online tutorials (thank you to Sylvia for this)

UKBMD have made three video tutorials on getting the best out of various BMD websites. The videos are hosted on You Tube and you can find links to them on:

<http://www.ukbmd.org.uk/tutorials>

## The National Archives announce a new search facility – Traces through Time

[http://blog.nationalarchives.gov.uk/blog/making-connections-tracing-people-collection/?utm\\_source=The%20National%20Archives&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=6979072\\_April%202016%20enewsletter&utm\\_content=Traces%20through%20time%20blog%20-%20text%20link&dm\\_i=MAN,45L34,56K7I5,F3VRJ,1](http://blog.nationalarchives.gov.uk/blog/making-connections-tracing-people-collection/?utm_source=The%20National%20Archives&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=6979072_April%202016%20enewsletter&utm_content=Traces%20through%20time%20blog%20-%20text%20link&dm_i=MAN,45L34,56K7I5,F3VRJ,1)

This is a dream come true! TNA have developed a sophisticated search capability to find a name and hopefully an individual person across multiple sources as ‘other possible matches’.

It’s a bit hit and miss at the moment but I did find an example for the name ‘HARROLD’ – see the TNA blog and the HARROLD examples below.



### Making connections: tracing people through our collection

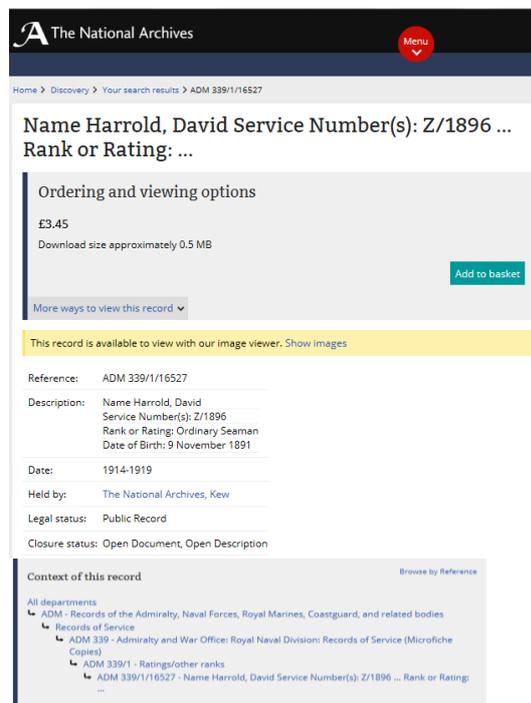
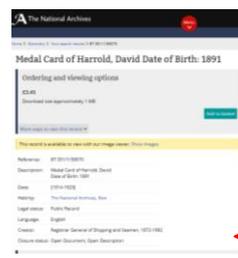
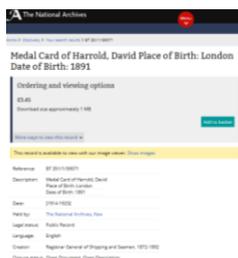
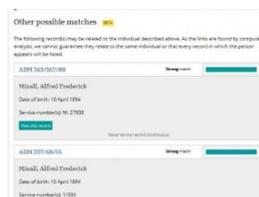
Wednesday 6 April 2016 | Sonia Ranade | Technology and innovation | 10 comments

Since February 2014, we’ve been investigating methods for linking people who appear in our records, to start revealing the connections that tell the real stories of people’s lives.

Two years later this project, Traces through Time, is at the point where users of our catalogue, Discovery, can benefit from our efforts.

If, in the last few days, you’ve been researching a person who served in the First World War there’s a chance you’ve noticed our new feature: a section reading ‘other possible matches’. This feature went live just a few days ago at the end of March. If you have already come across it, we hope you liked it.

If you haven’t seen it, take a look at the description of Alfred Minall’s naval service record in series ADM 337. Scroll down to the bottom of the page for links to the same Alfred Minall in other records.

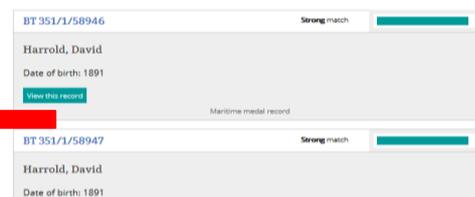


### Other possible matches

The following record(s) may be related to the individual described above. As the links are found by computer analysis, we cannot guarantee they relate to the same individual or that every record in which the person appears will be listed.

How useful is this feature?

Tell us what you think -



## SOURCES

Surrey in the Great War website [www.surreyinthegreatwar.org.uk](http://www.surreyinthegreatwar.org.uk)

It's here!!! A 'work-in-progress' and it needs your contributions! Surrey Heritage announced its arrival in April and said:

*'Surrey Heritage, part of Surrey County Council, has a new website to document the experiences of Surrey residents during the First World War – both on the home front and battlefields overseas.*

*The project wants to hear about Surrey as it was configured at the time of the war – when the London boroughs of Croydon, Kingston, Merton, Sutton and Richmond were still part of the county.*

*Over the next three years, the website aims to publish thousands of stories about Surrey towns, villages, organisations and individuals to serve as an enduring record of the county's contribution to protecting Britain 100 years ago. People of all ages from Surrey and beyond are invited to post memories, photographs, letters and records chronicling the impact of the war years on the county.*

*You will also be able to search through the website's records from the period including indexes to local newspapers to find out more about wartime life in the county.*

*An intriguing story recently brought to light was the exploits of **Flora SANDES** from Thornton Heath who pretended to be man and became a Captain in the Serbian Army.'*

(I'm hoping she's in my family tree somewhere! Ed.)

*'The site is already populated with some information, stories and events, but there is still much to do. The site is a work in progress, with many gaps and some inevitable errors. We now need your help to fill these gaps and let us know about these errors. Please upload your stories and photos, and as you start to explore the site, please give us your thoughts on it. What do you like or dislike about it? Which parts of the site are easy to use and which are not? The team will be grateful to receive your opinions, which will help to improve the website.*

Please submit feedback by email to [surreyinthegreatwar@surreycc.gov.uk](mailto:surreyinthegreatwar@surreycc.gov.uk) or by phone to 01483 518238 / 518239.

**So what does it look like and what can you find in it?**



Locate memorials.

The screenshot shows the website's header with navigation tabs (HOME, ABOUT, NEWS, PEOPLE, PLACES, TIMELINE, SUBJECTS, WHAT'S ON, CONTACT US) and a search bar. Below the header is a map of Kingston, Royal Borough, with numerous red icons representing memorials scattered across the area. The map includes labels for various locations like Hounslow, Twickenham, Richmond Park, and Mitcham.

Find out about local heroes.

The screenshot shows a sidebar on the left with a list of local areas: KINGSTON, ROYAL BO..., CHESSINGTON, HOOK, KINGSTON UPON THAMES, NEW MALDEN AND COOMBE (highlighted), NORBITON, SURBITON, and TOLWORTH. The main content area features an article titled "New Malden and Coombe".

**New Malden and Coombe**

On the eve of World War I New Malden & Coombe was a relatively new civil parish, having been formed in 1895, under the provision of the Local Government Act, 1894. A new Urban District Council, with 21 members, called "The Maldens and Coombe Council," had been formed, responsible for an area whose population in 1911, totalled 12,137 (Coombe 1,224, New Malden 10,368, Old Malden 545). This included 204 inmates of the Kingston Union Workhouse, and another 87 in the Workhouse Cottages. The Council met on the second Tuesday of every month, at 8pm and employed a Clerk, Accountant, Treasurer, Medical Officer of Health, Surveyor, Sanitary Inspector and three Collectors.

The "Malden for Coombe" station on the London and South Western railway had been opened in 1846 and provided connections to Kingston, Wimbledon and Waterloo. It is now called New Malden station. The area north of the station developed significantly from the late 19th Century with the construction of numerous 2 and 3 bedroom terrace houses. By 1913 the district had its own Fire Brigade, Police Station, Sewage Works, and five Public Elementary Schools. The area boasted not only two golf courses, but was also the home of the Malden Wanderers Cricket Club.

Humphrey Osbaldeston Brooke Firman had been born in New Malden on 24th November 1886. He joined the Royal Navy, attaining the rank of Lieutenant. He was killed in action on the night of 26th April 1916 in Mesopotamia, while commanding the "Julnar" loaded with supplies for troops besieged at Kut-el-Amara. The entire crew had volunteered for the mission. Firman was awarded the Victoria Cross posthumously "In recognition of his conspicuous gallantry in an attempt to reprovision the force besieged in Kut-el-Amara."

Photograph of Humphrey Osbaldeston Brooke Firman VC. from <http://www.memorialstovallour.co.uk/>

Locate names from memorials.

The screenshot shows the website's header and a map of Surrey. The map is populated with numerous blue icons representing memorials across the county, from Slough in the north to Maidstone in the south. The website's navigation and search elements are visible at the top.

Search for names. .

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20 people found.

**Ernest Hammond Smith**

**Date Death:** 12/09/1918 — **Cemetery:** Gouzeaucourt New British Cemetery — **Rank:** Corporal — **Service Type:** Army — **Battalion:** 10th (Service) Battalion (1st Gwent) — **Regiment:** South Wales Borderers — **Service Number:** 40287 — **Service Record:** Formerly Private (8383) Queen's (Royal West Surrey Regiment) — **Census Years:**

**William James Smith**

**Date Death:** 25/09/1914 — **Cemetery:** Pargnan Churchyard — **Rank:** Driver — **Service Type:** Army — **Battalion:** 118th Battery — **Regiment:** Royal Field Artillery — **Service Number:** 55465 — **Census Years:**

**John Robert Somers-Smith**

**Date Death:** 01/07/1916 — **Cemetery:** Thiepval Memorial — **Rank:** Captain — **Service Type:** Army — **Battalion:** 1/5th (City of London) Battalion (London Rifle Bri — **Regiment:** London Regiment — **Service Record:** Awarded Military Cross — **Census Years:**

**John Robert Somers-Smith**

- 01/07/1916

**Forenames:** John Robert  
**Surname:** Somers-Smith  
**Date of Death:** 01/07/1916  
**Cemetery:** Thiepval Memorial

**Service Type:** Army  
**Regiment:** London Regiment  
**Battalion:** 1/5th (City of London) Battalion (London Rifle Bri  
**Rank:** Captain  
**Service Record:** Awarded Military Cross  
**Census Years:**

**Related Memorials:**  
Walton-on-the-Hill, St Peter the Apostle (war memorial)

**Other Sources:** Contributed by members and volunteers of Banstead History Centre

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## SUTTON Archives – Partnership with Ancestry UK update

You can now find Sutton BMD, Electoral Registers, Rate books, Marriages and Banns and a List of Children in the Royal Female Orphanage, Beddington on Ancestry ([www.ancestry.co.uk](http://www.ancestry.co.uk)).

**Sutton Archives** is pleased to announce its new partnership with *Ancestry UK*.

From April 2016 over 4.5 million names from Sutton Archives have been published on Ancestry.

### **Beddington:**

- Baptism registers from 1538 to 1915
- Marriage registers from 1538 to 1940
- Burial registers from 1538 to 1905
- Rate books from 1793 to 1914
- Electoral Registers from 1931 to 1970

### **Wallington:**

- Baptism registers from 1868 to 1915
- Marriage registers from 1868 to 1940
- Rate books from 1788 to 1914
- Electoral Registers, *with Beddington*

**The Royal Female Orphanage, Beddington:** list of girls from 1890 to 1913

### **Carshalton:**

- Baptism registers from 1538 to 1915
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- Rate books from 1830 to 1914
- Electoral Registers from 1934 to 1970

### **Cheam:**

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- Burial registers from 1538 to 1954
- Rate books from 1816 to 1914
- Electoral Registers: 1903, *rest with Sutton*

## Past on Glass project

We heard about the Past on Glass project at the Open Day from Abby Matthews, the Past on Glass Project Officer. She told us how the cellars of an old Sutton building about to be demolished yielded up over 10,000 Victorian glass plate images.

An HLF supported project is now documenting and salvaging as many of these photographs as possible. The team are all volunteers and more help would be appreciated.

To get regular updates Like them on Facebook!!

<https://www.facebook.com/The-Past-on-Glass-David-Knights-Whittome-Photographic-Archive-557116787724361/>

and the Project blog has lots of articles on the images they've recovered, the people in the images, the skills and techniques needed to restore the photographs, and the history of photo portraits. The blog can be found at:

<https://pastonglass.wordpress.com/> and here are some screenshots to whet your appetite:

### The Past on Glass Project

[www.flickr.com/photos/pastonglass](http://www.flickr.com/photos/pastonglass)  
[www.pastonglass.wordpress.com](http://www.pastonglass.wordpress.com)

David Knights-Whittome was a local photographer who had many customers living in Sutton but also further afield. He became known as "Photographer to the King" because he photographed King Edward VII, his son the future George V and grandson the future Edward VIII.

The Knights-Whittome glass plate collection was discovered in the basement of 18 High Street, Sutton in 1978. Now, thanks to a grant from the Heritage Lottery fund, Sutton Archives are able to digitise and preserve this important Edwardian collection.

#### Volunteering

We are looking for volunteers to help us with the project. The sort of tasks volunteers will be doing include: handling glass plate negatives, re-housing the negatives, recording information, inputting data into a spreadsheet scanning the plates, cataloguing them and researching the people and places.

Training will be provided in whatever aspect you take on and you're not limited to one task only.

Additionally some of the volunteers contribute to an online blog about what they are doing.



David Knights-Whittome

**Interested in Learning More?**  
Please contact Abby Matthews  
The Past on Glass Project Officer  
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020 8770 4746



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# The Past on Glass

Digitising the Knights-Whitome Glass Plate Negative Collection in Sutton Archives

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## The Past on Glass on Film: Final Parts

Today's post is the last of the Past on Glass short films, made by a local school boy on work experience. We hope you enjoy watching them. How are we doing? We are really grateful to all our followers and sharers. If you have any comments about the work we are doing, either something that...

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### Working on the Plates: Part 3 of The Past on Glass on Film

Today's post is the third of five short films made about the project by a work experience student from Cheam High School. Today's film looks on the plates themselves and discusses some of the challenges they present. The two final parts will appear in next Tuesday's post, after which normal service will resume! Enjoy



### Exploring Image & Identity: Creative Workshops with Sutton Mencap

Up until now, the main focus of the Past on Glass project has been on getting the bulk of the material in the collection rehoused and digitised. Our volunteers have also done some really interesting research, and we are trying to make some of that available in our weekly blog posts. We also have an...



### The Foy Family: Merchants & Military

Today's post is the result of weeks of work by project volunteer Mary Jessop. It is a lovely piece of research, not only because it is quite unusual to have images of an entire family, but also because Mary was successful in tracking down each of the sitters. Her weeks of work are also testament to...



### Little Miss Elm(e)s and the Easter Bunny

This is Cecilia Irene Louisa Elmes, aged 2, of 14 Beulah Road, Sutton. Photographed with her bunny by David Knights-Whitome in 1911. On the other hand, it could be Marcia Isolante Elms of Rosebank Cottage, Carshaton Road, Sutton. Today's post started out very simply. I had no intention of going into great detail about this sitter....



### Stories Behind The Glass: Part 2 of The Past on Glass on Film

In today's post catch the second part of the short film made by work experience student Thomas Shrimpton from Cheam High.

March 15, 2016 in Archives, digitisation, Edwardian, Glass Plate Negatives, local history, Photography, portrait, Sutton, Volunteers, Work experience, WW1.



### Edwardian Sutton: Life Through a Lens

While the David Knights-Whitome archive contains a huge number of portraits, there are, by comparison, just a handful of local scenes, events and landmarks. Sadly for us he did not really appear to document day to day life in the local area in anything like the prolific manner in which he documented the local population. Indeed his documentary...

March 5, 2016 in Archive, Edwardian, Knights-Whitome, local history, Sutton, Uncategorized.

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### A Mother's Day Portrait

With this Sunday the 6th March being Mother's Day in the UK, it seemed like an opportune moment to showcase some of the beautiful mother and child portraits we have in the Knights-Whitome glass plate collection. Captured between approximately 1905-1917, these images capture a unique moment in history for British women. Caught between the restricted Victorian world of...

March 1, 2016 in Archive, digitisation, Edwardian, Knights-Whitome, Motherhood, Photography, portrait, Uncategorized, WW1.



### Work Experience: The Past on Glass on Film

Here at the Past on Glass we rely on volunteer help, and have a dedicated team of regular volunteers that come in week on week to get the plates cleaned, rehoused, digitised and researched. We are lucky that we also have the capacity to offer placements to local students on work experience. This not only benefits the...

February 23, 2016 in Archives, digitisation, Glass Plate Negatives, Knights-Whitome, local history, Photography, Sutton, Volunteers, Work experience.



### Getting The Picture – Understanding the Basics of Glass Plate Negative Photography

Here at the Past on Glass project we've become accustomed to handling glass plate negatives and being amazed by the images we've retrieved from them, but we sometimes wish we could visit the Knights-Whitome Studio and see for ourselves how it was done. A few tantalising images give us some small clues about the studio set...

February 18, 2016 in Archives, digitisation, Glass Plate Negatives, Knights-Whitome, Photography, Uncategorized, Volunteers.



[More Photos](#)

I plan to visit the project and bring you more information on this fantastic and unique resource.

## Website Update

I am indebted to the Institute of Heraldic and Genealogical Studies (IHGS) for these updates [www.ihgs.ac.uk](http://www.ihgs.ac.uk)

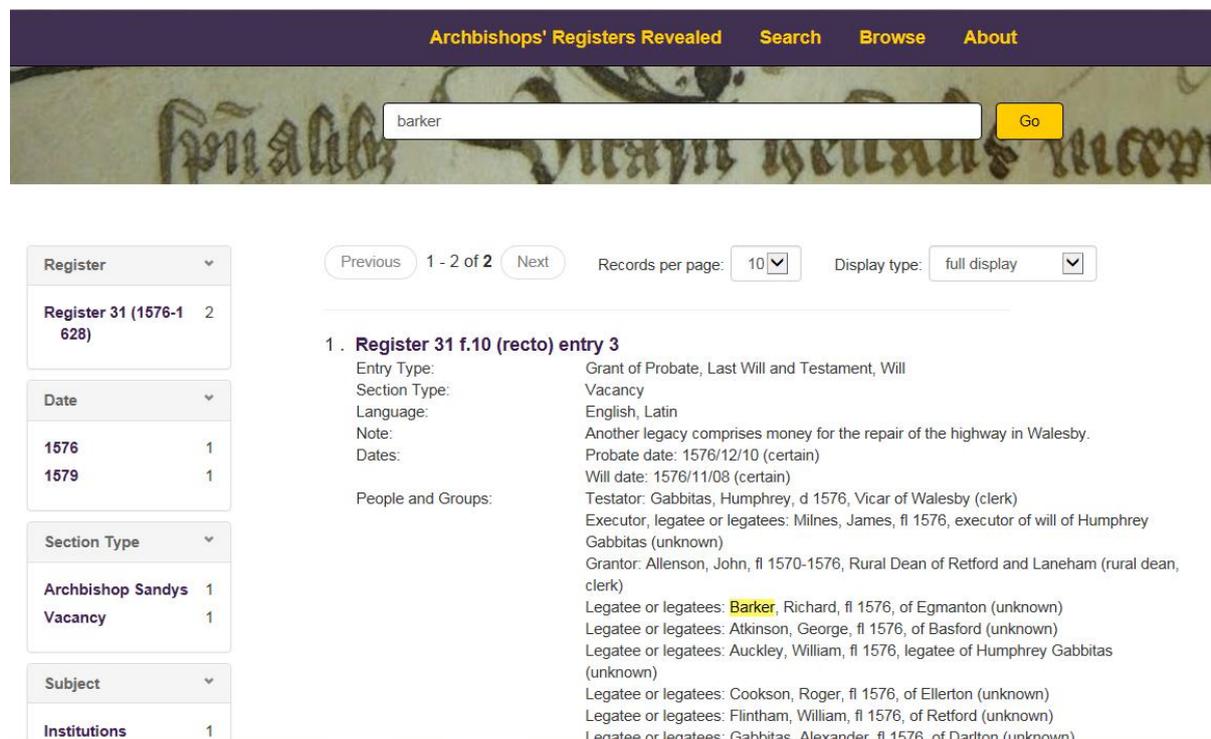
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## News

### Borthwick Institute – Archbishops’ Registers

The York Archbishops’ Registers from 1225 to 1650 are now available online, <https://archbishopsregisters.york.ac.uk/>. The available records include 21,647 high quality images of 45 Archbishops’ Registers held at the **Borthwick Institute**. These documents record the formal acts of the Archbishop of York. They are the earliest systematic records of the archbishops’ office, and document the government of the Church, the management and staffing of parishes and the Church’s oversight and regulation of the moral and spiritual conduct of the mass of the population across Yorkshire, Northern England and beyond.

Some of the records are name-rich. See example below.



The screenshot shows the website interface for 'Archbishops' Registers Revealed'. At the top, there are navigation links: 'Search', 'Browse', and 'About'. A search bar contains the text 'barker' and a 'Go' button. Below the search bar, there are filters for 'Register', 'Date', 'Section Type', and 'Subject'. The 'Register' filter is set to 'Register 31 (1576-1 628)'. The 'Date' filter shows '1576' and '1579'. The 'Section Type' filter shows 'Archbishop Sandys' and 'Vacancy'. The 'Subject' filter shows 'Institutions'. The main content area displays the search results for '1. Register 31 f.10 (recto) entry 3'. The entry details include: Entry Type: Grant of Probate, Last Will and Testament, Will; Section Type: Vacancy; Language: English, Latin; Note: Another legacy comprises money for the repair of the highway in Walesby; Dates: Probate date: 1576/12/10 (certain), Will date: 1576/11/08 (certain); People and Groups: Testator: Gabbitas, Humphrey, d 1576, Vicar of Walesby (clerk); Executor, legatee or legatees: Milnes, James, fl 1576, executor of will of Humphrey Gabbitas (unknown); Grantor: Allenson, John, fl 1570-1576, Rural Dean of Retford and Laneham (rural dean, clerk); Legatee or legatees: Barker, Richard, fl 1576, of Eganton (unknown); Legatee or legatees: Atkinson, George, fl 1576, of Basford (unknown); Legatee or legatees: Auckley, William, fl 1576, legatee of Humphrey Gabbitas (unknown); Legatee or legatees: Cookson, Roger, fl 1576, of Ellerton (unknown); Legatee or legatees: Flintham, William, fl 1576, of Retford (unknown); Legatee or legatees: Gabbitas, Alexander, fl 1576, of Darlton (unknown).

Vacancy	1	Legatee or legatees: <b>Barker</b> , Richard, fl 1576, of Egmonton (unknown)
Subject		Legatee or legatees: Atkinson, George, fl 1576, of Basford (unknown)
Institutions	1	Legatee or legatees: Auckley, William, fl 1576, legatee of Humphrey Gabbitas (unknown)
Rectories	1	Legatee or legatees: Cookson, Roger, fl 1576, of Ellerton (unknown)
Vacancy	1	Legatee or legatees: Flintham, William, fl 1576, of Retford (unknown)
Place		Legatee or legatees: Gabbitas, Alexander, fl 1576, of Dariton (unknown)
Walesby, Nottinghamshire, England	1	Legatee or legatees: Gabbitas, Ellen, fl 1576, legatee of Humphrey Gabbitas (unknown)
Wycliffe, North Riding of Yorkshire, England	1	Legatee or legatees: Greenleaf, John, fl 1576, of Newark (unknown)
Person or Group		Legatee or legatees: Greenside, Elizabeth, fl 1576, of Retford (unknown)
Allenson, John, fl 1570-1576, Rural Dean of Retford and Laneham	1	Legatee or legatees: Legatee's child or children, unnamed (child or children); written as the child of Richard <b>Barker</b> of Egmonton
Atkinson, George, fl 1576, of Basford	1	Legatee or legatees: Legatee's child or children, unnamed (child or children); written as the two children of John Marsh
Auckley, William, fl 1576, legatee of	1	Legatee or legatees: Legatee's child or children, unnamed; written as the two children of Richard Noble of Girton
	Places:	Legatee or legatees: Marsh, John, fl 1576, legatee of Humphrey Gabbitas (unknown)
		Legatee or legatees: Milnes, Humphrey, fl 1576, legatee of Humphrey Gabbitas (unknown)
		Legatee or legatees: Milnes, John, fl 1576, of Retford (unknown)
		Legatee or legatees: Noble, Richard, fl 1576, of Girton, Nottinghamshire (unknown)
		Legatee or legatees: Small, George, fl 1576, of Bolsover (unknown)
		Legatee or legatees: Walesby, poor (poor)
		Supervisor: Blyth, John, d 1583, Rector of Kirton (clerk)
		Supervisor: Brearley, Robert, fl 1576, supervisor of will of Humphrey Gabbitas (unknown)
		Witness: Dowring, Robert, fl 1576, witness to will of Humphrey Gabbitas (unknown)
		Witness: Hurst, Robert, fl 1576, witness to will of Humphrey Gabbitas (unknown)
		Witness: Hurst, Thomas, fl 1576, witness to will of Humphrey Gabbitas (unknown)
		Witness: Sperry, Richard, fl 1576, witness to will of Humphrey Gabbitas (unknown)
		Burial place: Walesby, Nottinghamshire, England (church)

## Website Updates

FamilySearch (free) [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org) has a Wiki with helpful information. For Surrey genealogy see:

[https://familysearch.org/wiki/en/Surrey\\_Genealogy](https://familysearch.org/wiki/en/Surrey_Genealogy)

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The FS Research Wiki has recently been upgraded. Please be patient as we update and correct pages. If you find a problem, please report it here.<sup>#</sup>

## Surrey, England Genealogy

(Redirected from Surrey Genealogy)

England ▾ Surrey

Guide to Surrey ancestry, family history and genealogy parish registers, transcripts, census records, birth records, marriage records, and death records.

**Welcome to the Surrey page**

**Unique genealogical features:**

- An every-name index is available for Surrey wills
- Cliff Webb, FSG, <sup>#</sup> has indexed many genealogical records
- Ancestry<sup>#</sup> has digitised some Surrey parish registers
- Manorial Documents Register<sup>#</sup> for Surrey has been digitised

Surrey is an inland county located in the lower part of England. Northern Surrey has been absorbed by Greater London.

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**Featured Content**

- Free online Surrey family research history aids <sup>#</sup>. Cliff Webb's guides to civil registration, census, inhabitants lists, probate records, marriage licences, bishops' transcripts, hundreds, parishes, lay subsidies, IGI coverage, and much more. Courtesy: West Surrey Family History Society <sup>#</sup>.
- Stuck in London: resources at the Society of Genealogists and elsewhere <sup>#</sup>. Free online Power Point slides by Elise Churchill.

**Jurisdictions**

Use an interactive map <sup>#</sup>to find jurisdictions for each parish in Surrey.

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**Ancestry (£)** [www.ancestry.co.uk/](http://www.ancestry.co.uk/) has added:

- Cornwall: Bodmin Gaol Records, 1821-1899, Penzance Dispensary Admissions, 1828-1841, Bodmin Inmates at St. Lawrence's Asylum, 1840-1900, Workhouse Admission and Discharge Records, 1839-1872, Truro Police Charge Books, 1846-1896, Falmouth, Congregational and Baptist Church Registers, 1763-1923, Militia and Sea Fencibles Index, 1780 – 1831
- Further records on **London Lives 1690-1800**

The screenshot shows the Ancestry website search results for 'Florey' in the 'All Web: England, London Lives Index, 1690-1832'. The search filters are set to 'Broad' and the search term is 'florey'. The results table shows 1-50 of 815 results. The table has columns for 'View Record', 'Name', 'Year', 'Record Type', and 'Source'. The results are as follows:

View Record	Name	Year	Record Type	Source
<a href="#">View Record</a>	Eliz Florey	1701 - 1713	Criminal Records: Minutes of the Court of Governors	Bridewell Royal Hospital
<a href="#">View Record</a>	Johes Florey	1715	Criminal Records: Sessions Papers	Middlesex Sessions
<a href="#">View Record</a>	Johes Florey	1717	Criminal Records: Sessions Papers	Middlesex Sessions
<a href="#">View Record</a>	Anne Fleur	1718	Criminal Records: Sessions Papers	Middlesex Sessions
<a href="#">View Record</a>	Isaiah Fleureau	1755	Criminal Records: Sessions Papers	Middlesex Sessions
<a href="#">View Record</a>	Abr Fleury	1723	Criminal Records: Sessions Papers	Middlesex Sessions

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- West Yorkshire, Quarter Session Records, 1637-1914
- West Yorkshire, Roman Catholic Oath Records, 1714-1787, 1829
- Peculiar of Knaresborough and the Archdeaconry of Richmond Ireland, Courts Martial Files, 1916-1922 and Ireland, Intelligence Profiles, 1914-1922 (from TNA)

**Durham Records Online** [www.durhamrecordsonline.com/](http://www.durhamrecordsonline.com/) has added:

- Barnard Castle Wesleyan Methodist Circuit registers
- Durham St. Margaret baptisms, marriages, burials: 1558-1700
- Sunderland Cemetery burials 1935-1947

**FindMyPast (£)** [www.findmypast.co.uk/](http://www.findmypast.co.uk/) has added:

- British Royal Navy Seamen, 1899-1924 (additions)
- Plymouth and West Devon Land Tax and Valuation Records, 1897-1949
- Devon, Tavistock Borough Court Luxton Manuscripts, 1839-1896
- Manchester Cremation Records, 1818-2001
- Marylebone 1821 and 1831 censuses
- Norfolk Parish Registers
- Irish Revenue Police, 1830-1857
- Royal Irish Constabulary pensions 1873-1925 and History & Directories
- New York Passenger Lists & Arrivals
- New Zealand, Women's Suffrage Petition 1893
- Western Australia births, marriages and deaths

**Scotland's People** [www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk/](http://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk/) has added:

- Valuation Roll 1930

**DeceasedOnline** <https://www.deceasedonline.com/> has added:

- Burton on Trent, Stapenhill

**Irish Genealogical Projects Archives** <https://www.irishgenealogy.ie/> has added:

- Fermanagh Aghavae Church of Ireland births 1815-1899 and Marriages 1815-1879
- Updates early births and deaths Records  
[Births recorded in Aghavea Col. 1815-1899 - See more at:](http://www.irishgenealogynews.com/2016/03/ireland-genealogy-projects-archives-end.html#sthash.TUT161B3.dpuf)  
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