

Genealogy software:

Personal Ancestral File (freeware)	www.familysearch.org
Legacy (freeware)	www.legacyfamilytree.com/LegacyStandard.asp
Family Tree Maker (commercial)	www.familytreemaker.com
Rootsmagic (commercial)	www.rootsmagic.com

Starting points and basic information:

Cyndi's List, one of the best starting points for genealogy, lists over 290,000 sites

www.cyndislist.com

Other researchers around the world will provide assistance – free! Consider joining one or more mailing lists categorised by: place, surname, occupation, etc.

Over 30,000 mailing lists available lists.rootsweb.ancestry.com

www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~jfuller/gen_mail.html

Rootsweb World Connect

wc.rootsweb.ancestry.com/

NZ History Online

www.nzhistory.net.nz/handsonhistory/genealogy-links

New Zealand Society of Genealogists

www.genealogy.org.nz

National Archives (formerly Public Record Office) information leaflets

www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/records/research-guide-listing.htm

Genealogy in UK and Ireland

www.genuki.org.uk

Statistical Accounts of Scotland

edina.ac.uk/stat-acc-scot/

Papers Past (1839-1945)

paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/cgi-bin/paperspast

Some pay-per-view / subscription sites:

Ancestry www.ancestry.com (also www.ancestry.co.uk and

www.ancestry.co.au)

Genes Reunited

www.genesreunited.com

Find My Past

www.findmypast.co.uk

British Origins (also Irish and Scots)

www.origins.net

RootsIreland

www.RootsIreland.ie

Scotland's People

www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk

Birth, Death and Marriage:**Civil registration:**

NZ BDMs

www.dia.govt.nz/Births-deaths-and-marriages

NZ Cemeteries

nzcemetery.kiwicelts.com/nzCemeteries/NZ_Cem.html

FreeBMD

www.freebmd.org.uk

Church records:

Family Search

www.familysearch.org

Online Parish Clerk projects

www.genuki.org.uk/indexes/OPC.html

Parish Register transcripts

www.parishregisters.co.uk

A typical Parish Register site

www.westcountrygenealogy.com/somerset/

FreeREG

www.freereg.org.uk

Wills:

Articles on Wills and Probates

www.ukgenealogy.co.uk/favorites/wills-probate.html

Spelling variants

Advice on searching for spelling variants for your family names:

www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~rwguide/lesson8.htm

Census:

Free online census records

www.censusfinder.com/

FreeCEN

www.freecen.org.uk

Some Other Useful Sites**Immigrants:**

Early ships to NZ freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~shipstonz/index.htm

Directories:

Historical Directories (England, Wales) www.historicaldirectories.org/hd/
 Historical Directories (Canada) sites.google.com/site/onlinedirectorysite/Home/can
 Historical Directories (USA) sites.google.com/site/onlinedirectorysite/Home/usa

Dictionaries:

Glossary of Old Medical Terms www.antiquusmorbus.com/
 Old trades & occupations www.genproxy.co.uk/old_trades_occupations.htm

Miners:

Tracing coal miner ancestors is a common problem. The Durham Mining Museum site has plenty of information about mines in the coalfields of North Eastern England as well as links to colliery information elsewhere.

Durham Mining Museum www.dmm.org.uk
 Also try the links in www.cmhrc.pwp.blueyonder.co.uk/links.htm
 Conditions in the coal mines www.adw03.dial.pipex.com/peel/mines.htm
 Database of mining deaths in Britain www.cmhrc.pwp.blueyonder.co.uk/deaths.htm
 Other mines in UK in 1896. www.ex.ac.uk/~RBurt/MinHistNet/pdmhssth.htm

Place finders and Map sources

To trace old villages, hamlets and even parishes which are difficult to find, possibly because they have been swallowed up by urban sprawl, try these parish location programs:

ParLoc (Parish Locator) www.parloc.pwp.blueyonder.co.uk
 Parfind (Parish Finder) web.onetel.net.uk/~gdlawson/parfind.htm
 Parfind is also available on-line at: www.genuki.org.uk:8080/big/churchdb/

Use old gazetteers such as Lewis's (available on CD - in the NZSG library at Panmure). Other gazetteers are available on the Web. Another option is to visit sites that deal with old maps.

Large-scale maps of most UK counties, including the first series published by the Ordnance Survey between 1846 and 1849 www.old-maps.co.uk
 ANY maps available on-line! oddens.geog.uu.nl/index.php
 The Gazetteer of Britain www.gazetteer.co.uk/
 Ordnance Gazetteer of Scotland www.electricscotland.com/history/gazetteer/index.htm
 World gazetteer world-gazetteer.com

Organisation Charts (Draw family trees. Commercial programs but with 30 day free trials)

TreeDraw (Version 1 was freeware) www.spansoft.org/
 Office Visio Professional 2010 www.microsoft.com (60 day free trial)
 Wizflow www.pacestar.com/wizflow/index.html
 Smart Draw www.smartdraw.com/downloads/
 EDrawSoft www.edrawsoft.com/
 ConceptDraw www.conceptdraw.com

Screen Capture can save repeat searches

PrintKey 2000 v.5.10 (freeware) www.freewareweb.com/cgi-bin/archive.cgi?ID=292
 FastStone Capture (freeware) www.faststone.org/FSCaptureDetail.htm
 SnagIt 10 (free trial) www.techsmith.com
 !Quick Screen Capture (free trial) www.etrusoft.com
 HyperSnap 6 (free trial) www.hyperionics.com