

[Findmypast: Meet One of the Four Titans of Family History Research Websites](#)

Findmypast.com is a family history and genealogy website based in [London, England](#), containing over eight billion family history records with more being added all the time. Findmypast is effective if you have British, Irish or otherwise European ancestry, but mostly British and Irish family histories. You get hints if the website has more information about the family you're researching. It is a searchable online archive of containing family history records, ranging from parish records and censuses to migration records, military collections, historical newspapers and lots more with 18 million registered users for enhanced networking capabilities with other family lines. For members around the world, the site is a crucial resource for building family trees and conducting detailed historical research.

In 2003, Findmypast was the first online genealogy site to provide access to the complete birth, marriage, and death indexes for England & Wales. Since that time, the company has digitized records from across the globe, including the 1911 Census and the recently released 1939 Register which they digitized in association with The National Archives. To learn what specific collections of records are currently searchable in Findmypast, go to

<https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Findmypast.co.uk> for a detailed summary. When seeking technical support, be aware that it is in England and their hours will correspond with Greenwich time instead of the business hours in the USA. There are three options for tech support if you purchase a premium account which does not include the free version obtained through your FamilySearch account. But if you have British/Irish ancestors, the paid premium account is highly recommended because Findmypast is a prime research source to subscribe to.

- Live Chat: chat online in real time to our Customer Support team by selecting the Chat option at the bottom of this page
- Send an email to support@findmypast.com
- Call +1 (855) 246-8234

Three Ways to Learn the Tricks of Using Findmypast.com

FIRST: the quickest way to jump into Findmypast is to use *The Family Tree Magazine* article entitled: "Findmypast Web Suite: Cheat Sheet" by David A. Fryxell located at <http://familytreemagazine.com/premium/findmypast-cheat-sheet/>. Here's a sample of these quick-links as essential short cuts of navigating and using Findmypast efficiently. Note: this published article offers more than just these quick links but tips on "how to" use these links cited below.

Findmypast Quick Links

<www.findmypast.co.uk/aboutus>

- Births, Marriages & Deaths

<www.findmypast.co.uk/BirthsMarriagesDeaths.jsp>

- Census search

<www.findmypast.co.uk/CensusChooseSearchType.jsp>

- Contact

<www.findmypast.co.uk/helpadvice/contact/enquiries>

- Family Tree Explorer

<www.findmypast.co.uk/familyTreeList.action>

- FAQs

<www.findmypast.co.uk/helpadvice/faqs/my-account>

- Help & Advice

<www.findmypast.co.uk/helpadvice>

- Knowledge base

<www.findmypast.co.uk/helpadvice/knowledge-base>

- Living relatives

<www.findmypast.co.uk/LivingRelatives.jsp>

- Migration records

<www.findmypast.co.uk/migration.jsp>

- Military records

<www.findmypast.co.uk/MilitaryChooseSearchType.jsp>

- Site Tour

<www.findmypast.co.uk/helpadvice/site-tour/viewing-records>

- Specialist records

<www.findmypast.co.uk/specialist.jsp>

- Subscribe

<www.findmypast.co.uk/payment-step1.action>

SECOND: Findmypast has some nifty official video tutorials on their website at The Findmypast Video Library located at: <https://www.findmypast.com/video-library>. Presently there are 34 unique headings each with one video tutorial in each heading plus related supporting articles. Below is a summary of these headings to illustrate the depth of these tutorials currently available with Findmypast.

- Getting Started with Your Family Tree
- Getting Started With Hints
- Findmypast's Irish Records with Brian Donovan
- US marriage records at Findmypast
- Getting Stared with Records
- Advanced FamilyTree Builder
- Getting Started on the 1939 Register
- Expert Insights into the 1939 Register
- A Guide to the Irish Parish Register
- Tips and 'tricks for Searching Irish 'Records
- Andre Marr Presents: Evacuation in WW2
- Andrew Marr Presents: The Eve of War
- Findmypast presents: The 1939 Register
- Andrew Marr presents; The Home in 1939
- Tracing Your First World War Ancestors
- Expert Help: Search Tips
- Introduction to the Findmypast Family Tree
- How To Save Newspaper Articles to Your Computer
- The Findmypast Family Tree Builder
- New and Upcoming, April 2015
- Your Irish Ancestors and the Law

- Exploring Parish Records
- Prisoners of War
- Findmypast Expert Help: Irish Records
- Getting the Most Out of Findmypast's Criminal Records
- Military History with Paul Nixon
- Breaking Down Brick Walls
- Expert Help – British Newspapers
- Expert Help: Military Records
- Expert Help: Censuses
- Reserving Your Waterloo Ancestors
- Getting the Most Out of Findmypast
- Exploring Crime, Prison and Punishment Records

THIRD: If you desire more “how to” step-by-step tutorials, look no further than to **The Family History Guide** which offer some straight-forward on-line tutorials that are excellent as primer-level for newcomers. But don't let me generalize this because there are a total of 35 step-by-step tutorials included in the following 7 pull-down menu offerings for learning how to use Findmypast in **The Family History Guide**. The parenthesis below indicates the number of tutorials in each pull-down menu.

- Get Started (3)
- Family Tree (7)
- Docs, Photos (5)
- Research Knowledgebase (7)
- Help (4)
- Technology (4)
- DNA (5)

Here's a sample list of tutorials in their Research Knowledgebase. Note: all of them have “hot” links for you to peruse with a few video tutorials interspersed as well.

[1: Get Organized](#) [2: Identify a Line](#) [3: Form a Strategy](#) [4: Findmypast Search Menus \(FMP\)](#) [5: Develop Search Skills](#) [6: Solve Problems](#) [7: Family History Trip](#)

Closing Comments

Do not under estimate the power and usefulness of all of the Four Titans of Family History Research as introduced in the October 17th posting. Fortunately, all members of our Church can register for free membership through their FamilySearch.org account. But non-members can also use all of them for free at any of our 5,100 family history centers in 140 countries throughout the world. See the October 19th posting to learn where and how to find these local family history centers in your locality that are readily available to both our members and the general public.

Already have a Family Tree in FamilySearch.org and don't want to manually create it again in Findmypast? You can import a GEDCOM file into Findmypast. Note: you cannot directly import your Family Tree in FamilySearch into Findmypast which opens up a debate for using proprietary family history software products to first create and maintain all of your family tree needs on your own computer with options of later exporting your family tree as GEDCOM files to any or all of the Four Titans of Family History Research Websites which will be addressed in future Facebook group postings!

Remember: V.I.P. assistance is only a mouse click away with these well-organized and throughout on-line tutorials.