

Welcome to the July Edition of the new Really Useful Bulletin which focuses on more ideas of things to do whilst at home. These are only suggestions to help you make progress or update your Family History Research.

Memorial/Monumental Inscriptions



When you are searching for the burial record of your ancestor, unlike the birth, marriage and death records are not recorded in any central database.

You may find some information in the parish records, but graves can sometimes be difficult to find, so here are some hints and tips to help you locate them.

Some burial records are listed on subscription sites such as www.findmypast.co.uk, www.ancestry.co.uk, www.thegenealogist.co.uk and www.deceasedonline.com and you may locate them on these sites but you will need to take out a subscription to view these records.

Most Family History Societies have recorded some graveyards in their local area and might have published a CD, booklet or download containing the Monumental Inscriptions. You can purchase these either through www.parishchest.com or the Societies' own websites.

If you know the area your ancestors may be buried, you could contact the local authority as some do have a searchable database on their website.

Alternatively, you would need to contact them directly, but they may ask for a fee to do a search; the price varies depending on the local authority. Some cemeteries, however, do have a free searchable database and are quite happy to undertake a search for you.

In London you may find that your ancestors were buried in one of the seven large cemeteries built due to overcrowding in London's churchyards. These are Abney Park Cemetery, Brompton Cemetery, Nunhead Cemetery, Highgate Cemetery, Kensal Green Cemetery, Tower Hamlets Cemetery and West Norwood Cemetery.

However, in some cases, graveyards have not been transcribed at all and it is possible you will be unable to find the location of the burial of your ancestor. But information is becoming available all the time, so don't give up! There may come a time when you just might find them.

There is also some useful information on the Family History Federation website at <https://www.familyhistoryfederation.com/education-gravestone>



War Memorials



If your ancestors served in World War I or World War II, their names may appear on a war memorial in the area where they lived.

A Google search may reveal if there is a war memorial in the town or village where they lived or you could search the Commonwealth War Grave Commission website at www.cwgc.org and see if their names appear on a national monument or a local one.

This site may also give you information about their family too. Their names may even be on a memorial in their places of work or old school.

Some villages and towns traced the names on the war memorials as part of the centenary in 2014 so you may find some more information from the local family history society there.

A useful website to look at is

<http://www.roll-of-honour.com> as this site has included many war memorials and transcribed the names; and this is another good website - <https://www.warmemorialsonline.org.uk> - as they will let you know precisely where your ancestors may be listed in the area they were living at the time of the war.

Family History Help

Do you know of someone who is struggling to carry on with their family history research because of a visual impairment? If so, please tell them that there is a group set up specifically to help people just like them.

The group's website address is:

<https://groups.io/g/Visually-Impaired-Genealogists>

They are also looking for help with transcribing, so if you feel you can help with this, please visit the website for more information.

Introducing Manorial Records



Unlocking the Mysteries of the Manor
for Family Historians

Ian H Waller FSG FGRA

Ian Waller has recently launched a new book to help you research which is called *Introducing Manorial Records*.

"This introductory guide to manorial documents will unlock the mysteries of the manor and all its records leading you through the process, explaining what you need to know and when you need to know it; where the documents can be found and how to interpret them so that you can use manorial documents to develop the history of your family. With a little patience and this book by your side, you will be pleasantly surprised at what you can do and what you do find!"

This new book is available to purchase at www.familyhistorybooksonline.co.uk

Family History Society Help

Editor Needed

Editor needed for Suffolk Family History Society's quarterly Journal "Suffolk Roots". The Editor does not have to live in Suffolk.

For more on the role go to the home page of www.suffolkfhs.org.uk

To put yourself forward contact publicity@suffolkfhs.org.uk



Launch of New Parish Chest Website

Comprehensive One-Stop Online Shopping Experience for all Family Historians!

The Family History Federation formally launched Parish Chest at its AGM on 31 May 2020.

Several commercial websites already offer basic information required for creating a family tree, but there comes a time when the researcher requires more local detailed information about a particular area, parish or topic which will add to their family story, "put meat on the bones" and complete the picture! Parish Chest now has the answer as it has brought together many data sets and much information, compiled and marketed by individual family history societies, with other genealogical goods and services. It's all in one place for ease of access, shopping and purchase!

The content of Parish Chest already has a good base upon which to increase quantity, quality and type of information on offer and includes the following:

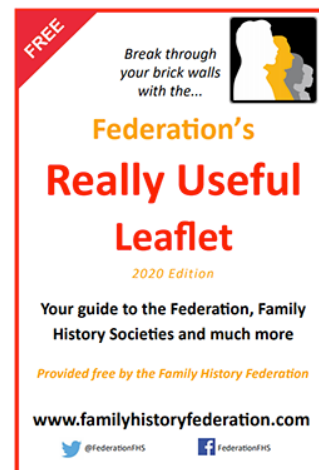
- **Parish Registers**
Transcriptions of births, baptisms, marriages, deaths and much more from local FHSs
- **Memorial Inscriptions**
Information from gravestones across the country, compiled by local FHSs
- **Nonconformists**
Baptists, Wesleyans, Independents, Quakers and many more nonconformist lists
- **Wills and Probate**
Indexes of wills and administrations
- **Military and Naval**
Militia lists and more
- **Directories**
Information from trade directories over the years
- **Poor Law Records**
Information on poor law and workhouses
- **Maps**
Essential for researchers; find one for your area
- **Census**
Many early censuses, few of which ever survived
- **Leaflets and Booklets**
Selection of How to leaflets and other useful booklets on many topics

- **Miscellaneous**
Coroners' notes, apprenticeships, ships, mining accidents and much more

If you belong to a family history group, do please tell them about Parish Chest and that they can have a "shop" on the site.

Groups that belong to the Family History Federation can collect subscriptions through Parish Chest free of commission charges, too.

Go to www.parishchest.com for more information



Our Really Useful Leaflet is now available on the FHF website at in the Resources area.

So head on over there and download a copy and we are sure you will find this Really Useful.

www.familyhistoryfederation.com





Family History Society



Liverpool and South West Lancs FHS

We may be in the middle of record office closures and personal lockdown, but the LSWLFHS and its constituent groups – Liverpool, Warrington, Widnes, Leigh, Skelmersdale and Southport - is finding its activities as busy as ever, if not busier.

Our online Groups, Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/groups/lswlfhs/> and Website Forum <https://www.lswlfhs.org.uk/phpBB3/index.php> are proving to be, not only very active, but also very fruitful in dealing with the many queries that they are receiving. There is a wealth of knowledge and experience available through our Group members which can be accessed through our online resources. We will do all we can to help with questions that come our way; in addition, we have a huge collection of hints, links and suggestions that can point to online resources to help you solve your family history mysteries.

As well as this kind of help, we are also still very active in project work; the latest one is our research into 'Female Convicts Transported to Tasmania'. This is a summary of the project:

For the past five years the Liverpool & South West Lancs Family History Society have been working with The Female Convicts Research Centre in Tasmania researching the backgrounds of women prior to their transportation.

This included their family, their background and baptism, where they lived and the census records – and also, obviously their criminal records, where they were tried and any newspaper reports about the trial.

We assembled a small team of volunteers who were eager to do this and had computer access either at home or at their local library.

From 1803 to 1853, 12,500 female convicts were transported to Van Diemen's Land (Tasmania), as punishment for crimes - some major and some very minor. After serving their sentences, they were released into the community. Their transportation left a lasting legacy.

Currently we have found the backgrounds of over 3,000 of these women and girls. Each of them has a story to tell. We aim to remember them all, to give them back a voice.

We are always looking for more help and if you are currently at a brick wall with your own research, or would just like to join our team, please let me know.

There is no pressure on anyone; everyone just does what they want to do, when they want to do it, and all our volunteers support each other on what they are doing.

So, any advice or help you may need on your family history within our area, please use our online resources outlined above. If you are interested either in the results of our convicts research or wish to be involved in the project, please contact our Projects Co-ordinator, Pat Bellas, through our website.



Ideas for the Weekend



If you have Irish Ancestors we have information about a magazine called *Irish Roots* which may help you in your Irish research.

Irish Roots magazine is dedicated entirely to Irish ancestral research and is Ireland's leading genealogical publication for all those researching their Irish ancestry. *Irish Roots* magazine has been published since 1992 and is available quarterly in June, March, September and December.

The magazine is available as a print subscription, a digital subscription and an app version. Individual copies and back issues are also available in these formats. A yearly print subscription costs only £30 including postage worldwide. For further details visit www.irishrootsmagazine.com



**WEEKEND
CONFERENCE**
24-26 JULY 2020

The first Family Tree Academy: Weekend Conference, in association with FamilySearch, will be taking place online between 24 to 26 July 2020. The free web-based family history learning experience will comprise video guides, discussion panels and downloadable handouts. The team of presenters from FamilySearch will take delegates through topics aimed to help people both new to family history and those who already have some years of experience. The presentations will be aired live online from 5pm each day, followed by a live family history panel discussion beginning at 6.30pm each day. Viewers will be able to put their questions to the panellists. Both the presentations and the panel discussions will be streamed via the Family Tree Facebook and YouTube pages. The Programme To view the full programme of talks, visit the following link: <https://familytr.ee/fullprogramme> Helen Tovey, editor for Family Tree 'We were really pleased by how much people enjoyed our Family Tree Virtually Live event in April and now with online learning very much part of the family history scene, we're really excited about this new event. So tune in from 24 July'. For further details Helen Tovey, Editor of Family Tree magazine on helen.t@family-tree.co.uk



**Family History Federation
Beyond the Census V Conference
Saturday 5th September**

Cancelled

Due to the current situation we have regrettably taken the decision to cancel the Beyond the Census V Conference in 2020.

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