



Historical Sources Websites

These are a few of the websites that we tend to use on a regular basis. There are many others out there to be explored.

No list of websites for historical research can be exhaustive.

Please note that all of the links were live when this leaflet was produced.

National Archives

The National Archives: www.nationalarchives.gov.uk

Discovery-The National Archives catalogue (also includes catalogues from some local record offices): <https://discovery.nationalarchives.gov.uk>

National Records of Scotland: <https://www.nrscotland.gov.uk/>

The Public record Office of Northern Ireland (PRONI): www.nidirect.gov.uk/proni

The National Archives of Ireland: www.nationalarchives.ie

The National Library of Wales: www.library.wales/collections/learn-more/archives

Archives Hub. (Search the catalogues of the archives from over 350 institutions): <https://archiveshub.jisc.ac.uk>

Other archives in this area

Cumbria Archive Service: www.cumbria.gov.uk/archives/

Durham County Record Office: <http://www.durhamrecordoffice.org.uk>

Northumberland Archives: www.northumberlandarchives.com

Tyne and Wear Archives: <https://twarchives.org.uk>

University archives in this area

Newcastle University Special Collections: www.ncl.ac.uk/library/special-collections

Durham University Special Collection: www.dur.ac.uk/library/asc

Registration (birth, marriage and death certificates from 1837 on)

General Registry Office: www.gov.uk/general-register-office

Northumberland Registrars' Office: www.northumberland.gov.uk/Registration.aspx

North Tyneside Registrars' Office:
<https://my.northtyneside.gov.uk/category/533/contact-registrars-office>

Newcastle Registrars' Office: www.newcastle.gov.uk/services/births-deaths-and-marriages

Cumbria Registrars' Office:
www.cumbria.gov.uk/registrationservice/births_marriages_deaths.asp

Libraries

The British Library: www.bl.uk

Northumberland Library Service: <https://northumberland.spydus.co.uk>

Newcastle Local Studies and Family History: www.newcastle.gov.uk/services/libraries-culture/history-and-heritage

Newcastle City Library: www.newcastle.gov.uk/services/newcastle-libraries-community-hubs

Online Libraries – scans of books

Hathitrust: www.hathitrust.org

Google Books: <https://books.google.com>

World Digital Library: www.wdl.org

Internet Archive: <https://archive.org>

Criminal ancestors

Our Criminal Ancestors (University of Hull and Leeds Beckett University):
<https://ourcriminalancestors.org/>

The Old Bailey Online: www.oldbaileyonline.org

Prison History Online (Links to other sites): www.prisonhistory.org

DNA Testing

International Society of Genetic Genealogy (how DNA testing can help your genealogical research): <https://isogg.org>

URL: www.northumberlandarchives.com

Family history – searching online

Ancestry (Subscription site): www.ancestry.co.uk

Findmypast (Subscription site): www.findmypast.co.uk

Myheritage (Subscription site): www.myheritage.com

Familysearch (Free account needed): www.familysearch.org

Northumberland Bishop's Transcripts on Familysearch:
<https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1309819>

FreeBMD (Free civil registration index): www.freebmd.org.uk

FreeCen (Free census information from UK and Ireland): www.freecen.org.uk

FreeReg (Free transcriptions of parish registers): www.freereg.org.uk

Genuki (Free general family history information): www.genuki.org.uk

Scotlands People (Subscription site): www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk

Historic Directories of England and Wales (Free digital images of trade directories):
<http://specialcollections.le.ac.uk/digital/collection/p16445coll4>

Workhouses: www.workhouses.org.uk

Family History Societies

Northumberland and Durham Family History Society: www.ndfhs.org.uk

Family History Federation (Includes family history links):
www.familyhistoryfederation.com

Society of Genealogists: www.sog.org.uk

The Guild of One Name Studies (Results of the studies of over 8400 surnames):
<https://one-name.org>

Local Interest

Beamish Museum, Peoples Collection (Photos and documents of the North East including Northumberland): <http://collections.beamish.org.uk>

Northumberland Communities (Images, maps and documents):
<https://communities.northumberland.gov.uk>

The Society of Antiquaries of Newcastle: www.newcastle-antiquaries.org.uk

Maps

Old Maps Online (worldwide historic maps): www.oldmapsonline.org

National Library of Scotland (includes searchable OS for England):
<https://maps.nls.uk/>

Maritime

Maritime History Archive (Including crew lists): <https://www.mun.ca/mha/>

Crew Lists Indexing Project: <https://www.crewlist.org.uk/>

National Maritime Museum: <https://www.rmg.co.uk/national-maritime-museum>

Military

The Northumberland Fusiliers Museum: www.northumberlandfusiliers.org.uk

Request WWII service records: www.gov.uk/get-copy-military-service-records

The London Gazette (Reports commissions and decorations) www.thegazette.co.uk

Commonwealth War Graves Commission: www.cwgc.org

North East War Memorials Project: www.newmp.org.uk

Mining

The Durham Mining Museum (Info about pits in Durham and Northumberland):
<http://www.dmm.org.uk>

The North of England Institute of Mining and Mechanical Engineers:
<https://mininginstitute.org.uk>

Newspapers

The British Newspaper Archive (Subscription): www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk

Wills

North East Inheritance Database (Durham University database of Durham and Northumberland wills, pre 1858):
<http://familyrecords.dur.ac.uk/nei/data/advanced.php>

The National Archives wills: <https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/help-with-your-research/research-guides/wills-1384-1858/>

Post 1858 wills online: <https://www.gov.uk/search-will-probate>

Other Useful Sites

Keys to the Past (Durham and Northumberland Historic Environment Record):
<http://www.keystothepast.info>

Britain From Above (Images from the air): www.britainfromabove.org.uk

FaceBook: there are numerous groups for all aspects of family and local history research. Do check them out!

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