

YOUR FAMILY HISTORIAN



Welcome to our Midsummer 2021 Newsletter

Online Family History shows seem to be coming thick and fast at the moment, and long may it continue. We at AGRA are fully behind such initiatives to both encourage and assist enthusiasts to pursue their family's story and have resourced the 'Ask the Expert' feature at many of these shows.

If you have a particular problem, or there's just something you're not quite sure about, why not take advantage of a free 15-minute consultation with a professional Genealogist. We're more than happy to help!

Good hunting!

Andy Robson, Genealogist



The long awaited GEDCOM 7.0 is here!

Family history researchers will be familiar with Genealogical Data Communication or GEDCOM files. This genealogical data standard was created by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints to enable users to save and transfer their family tree data between family history software and websites.



The newest version, FamilySearch GEDCOM 7.0 was released on 7th June 2021. What's New in FamilySearch GEDCOM 7.0? The great news is that it now includes Zip packaging capabilities for photos and files and Notes have been expanded for more versatile use and styling of text.

Users of GEDCOM 7.0 will be able to import files from older GEDCOM versions. It may be some time before GEDCOM 7.0 is implemented by all the major genealogy software companies but you can find out more about GEDCOM 7.0 on the FamilySearch page:

<https://www.familysearch.org/gedcom/>

Ancestry Acquires Forces War Records.

Ancestry has announced that it has acquired the UK Military records website Forces War Records. Forces War Records is the leading UK Military genealogy specialist website. It was founded in 2010 and has transcribed over 26 million Commonwealth Military Service Records. In a statement announcing the news Ancestry said that they were excited to bring these collections to new customers worldwide.



THE GENEALOGY SHOW 2021

FRIDAY 25 JUNE - SATURDAY 26 JUNE

JOIN OUR BIG 2021 VIRTUAL EVENT!

One of **THE BEST** international **Genealogy and Family History Shows** is going virtual! This year's show will be broadcast across the globe, straight to the homes of genealogists of every background and experience level. Packed full of **industry-leading speakers** and the **highest quality exhibitors**, **THE Genealogy Show 2021** has something for everyone and is not to be missed.

2-day virtual event

Friday 25 June (12:00AM BST) – Saturday 26 June 2021 (11:59PM BST)

- World renowned keynote speaker line up!
- Industry leading exhibitors!
- One-to-one consultations with expert wizards!
- Live chat with other guests!
- Articles, games, competitions + much more...

Only £20 per person

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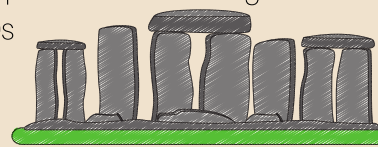
Get in quick before tickets go back to full price, at **£30** per person

The British NEWSPAPER Archive

The British Newspaper Archive reaches a new milestone with 43 million pages now available to search.

The British Newspaper Archive is a subscription service but one well worth taking a look at and possibly investing in. You can access hundreds of Newspapers from across England and Ireland dating from the 1700s

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Good news for those researching Irish Ancestors

I know many of you are interested in researching Irish Ancestry so wanted to let you know that Ancestry have added seven new collections of Irish Family History records to their site (> 5 million new records). Three of these collections have never been published online before:

- Ireland, Court of Chancery Records (1633-1851);
- Ireland, Exchequer Court of Equity Bill Books 1674-1850 and
- Ireland, Church of Ireland Search Forms for Baptisms, Marriages and Burials 1731-1870.

FHF Really Useful Family History Show

Early Bird Discount available until 30th June 2021

November seems a long way away right now but you can plan ahead and get an early bird discount for your show tickets. I'll be attending as one of AGRA's 'Ask the Experts' again so already have the date in my diary!

Friday 12th November 2021, 6:00pm - Saturday 13th November 2021, 6:00pm BST

Day ticket for November 2021 show



Early bird discounted price is available until 30th June.

RRP: £10.00

£7.50

Buy

1921 Census Update

Those of us waiting eagerly for the release of the 1921 census for England and Wales will have to be patient a little longer. Findmypast, selected as The National Archives' commercial partner to make the 1921 Census of England & Wales available online have stated that :

Owing to the restrictions associated with numerous pandemic lockdowns during 2020 and 2021 that have affected work on digitising the 1921 census records, there is a possibility there may be a small delay to the original release date of January 2022. We are working hard to overcome these challenges and are committed to publishing the historic 1921 census records online as soon as possible in early 2022.

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Please read the Instructions and Examples shown on the back, and then fill up the Schedule carefully and on time.

NAME and RESIDENCE	RELATION to head of family	AGE	SEX	MARRIAGE	BIRTHPLACE and NATURALISATION	EDUCATION and EMPLOYMENT
Frank Burke Johnson	Head	43-2	M	Married	Stafford, Staffordshire, King's Indian Service	Doctor, Employed
Bertha Johnson	Wife	36-6	F	Married	Stafford, Staffordshire, King's Indian Service	School Teacher, Rongfield School
Edgar Burke Johnson	Son	11-4	M		King's Indian Service	White House
Nellie Rose Johnson	Daughter	5-10	F		King's Indian Service	Blue House

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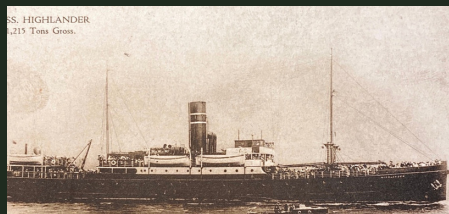
We had heard that the Scottish 1921 Census could be released as early as June 2021 but ScotlandsPeople, who will be releasing the census only state that 'the 1921 census returns will be released in 2021'.



Andy Robson
a day ago • 7 min

IRREGULAR BORDER MARRIAGES - ...

Lamberton Toll in the 1890s Although much has been written about the Irregular Border Marriages at Gretna Green, there were also many...



SS. HIGHLANDER
2,115 Tons Gross.
s. Highlander sails from Aberdeen to Newcastle every Thursday, returning from Hull every Wednesday and from Newcastle every Thursday.

Deborah Ismay
7 hours ago • 3 min

SS HIGHLANDER - FROM COASTAL PASSENGER...

I recently found a postcard showing a photo of a small ship amongst a box of memorabilia I inherited from my Great Grandmother. What was...

Check out our Family history Blog

We regularly add posts to our Family History Blog, covering topics on family history, local history, DNA analysis and military history.

Why not take a look. Click the images opposite to read our latest two blog posts or click the link below to see all our articles.

Blog



We Test Out MyHeritage's New Feature: Photo Repair

Earlier this year MyHeritage wowed us all with their new feature to animate photographs - deep nostalgia. This month they released another new feature - Photo repair. This automatically fixes scratches, tears, holes, stains and other damage on historical photos.

We decided to put the feature to the test. Below, on the left, you'll see a badly damaged photo which we uploaded. to MyHeritage. We used the 'Repair' option and with a single click many of the imperfections vanished. However there were still quite bad marks on the face in particular. So we then clicked on the 'Extensive Repair' option. Sadly, though, I could not see very much improvement. The enhanced photograph by MyHeritage is in the centre for comparison. The final version of the photo on the right was repaired by our professional restorer.

Our verdict: this feature is great for quickly fixing minor imperfections but you'll still want a professional to repair extensively damaged photographs.

If you have any photographs you'd like brought back to life then contact us for a free, no obligation quotation.

**Original damaged
photo**



**MyHeritage
repaired photo**



**Your Family Historian
repaired photo**



learn more about YFH Photo Restoration Services:

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