England Probate Records Part 2

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Probate Records are valuable to those who are recipients of the estate, lawyers, families, neighbors, friends, taking care of the poor, religions and also to Genealogists, Family Historians and those who work online. This class is to show what probate records can be located online from England and how to access these as indexes and some images.

What's New:

www.gov.uk
This is a brand new Index listing and the Probate Records can be ordered online. These are for all probate records proved 1858-2014 in the Principal Probate Registry. There are also Soldiers wills 1850-1986 indexed with most probate listed are years around WWI and WWII. All the records indexed can be purchased for 10 pounds. The document is a registered copy and can be downloaded: 10 working days.

www.ancestry.com
This website has some great indexes and images to probate in England
Index:
Principal Probate Registry/National Probate Calendar 1858-1966 check for people who died before 1858
Index and images:
Prerogative Court of Canterbury pre-1858 Wills only to PROB 11.
Dorset
Gloucester
London

www.britishorigins.com or www.origins.net  See new www.findmypast.co.uk  Indexes
The British Index Library Volumes: Many county indexes pre-1858.
Cheshire (Index and Images)
Derby (Litchfield)
Devon
Essex
Gloucester
Hertford
Kent
Lancashire
London
Northampton
Oxford
Rutland
Shropshire (Litchfield)
Somerset
Staffordshire (Litchfield)
Surrey
Warwickshire (Litchfield)
Yorkshire
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www.thegenealogist.co.uk
Index and images for Prerogative Court of Canterbury pre-1858 Wills only
Indexes for different periods of time pre-1858
Berkshire
Bristol
Dorset
Gloucestershire
Huntingdon
Lancashire
Leicestershire
Lincolnshire
London
Northampton
Oxford
Staffordshire
Suffolk
Surrey
Staffordshire
Worcestershire
Yorkshire

www.nationalarchives.gov.uk
Index and images for Prerogative Court of Canterbury pre-1858 Wills only
Seamens Wills pre-1886
Death Duty Registers 1796-1811
Discovery Catalog PROB series incomplete also access of County Record Office Probate record information.

ONLINE PROBATE INDEXES AND IMAGES
- www.nationalarchives.gov.uk
  PCC wills 1383-1858
  Estate Duty 1796-1812
  Wales probate indexes pre-1858
  Catalog search under Class PROB
  Look under county for index
  Estate Duty Register 1796-1903 &
  many different court indexes PPR 1858-1966
  PCC wills 1383-1858 images
- www.genuki.org.uk
- www.findmypast.co.uk
  some courts
- www.ancestry.com
- www.thegenealogist.co.uk
- www.britishorigins.com
- www.llgc.org.uk
  PCC wills 1383-1858
  Many indexes for certain counties and time periods
  Almost all of Wales probated documents in the Welsh Courts. Written in English.
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Almost every county in England has some kind of Probate Index Online. They are usually incomplete, but are still worth looking at.

Some of these websites have digital images that can be looked at for free and some have transcripts of the old handwriting.

The Family History Library is in process of compiling a binder with websites and updated probate access at both the Family History Library and online. The online listing which is also listed above and below can be found at https://wiki.familysearch.org under England and Wales probate records. Each county of England with probate records and online probate indexes is listed in the wiki.

**Online Indexes:**
- http://wiki.familysearch.org Search under each county
- www.ancestry.co.uk many indexes for counties
- www.findmypast.co.uk a few county indexes.
- www.britishorigins.com Vast amount of county indexes.

Berkshire:
- www.thegenealgist.co.uk

Buckinghamshire

Cambridgeshire:
- www.cfhs.org.uk/camwisdex.html

Cheshire:
- www.findmypast.co.uk
- www.familysearch.org
- http://www.cheshire.gov.uk/Recordoffice/Wills/
- http://www.disley.net

Cornwall:
- http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~sterth/wills_by_name_ac.htm
- http://members.iimetro.com.au/%7erosewarne/probate1.PDF
- http://members.iimetro.com.au/%7erosewarne/probate2.PDF

Cumberland:
- http://www.uclan.ac.uk/ahss/education_social_sciences/history/probate_index.php
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Derbyshire:
www.findmypast.co.uk
http://www.genuki.org.uk/big/eng/DBY/ProbateRecords/index.html
http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/leisure/record_office/our_collection/derbyshirewills/
www.wirksworth.org.uk/WILLS.htm
www.pentrich.org.uk/html/wills.html

Devon:
www.findmypast.co.uk
http://history.wiltshire.gov.uk/heritage/index.php
http://www.devon.gov.uk/index/democracycommunities/neighbourhoods-villages/record_office/family_history_3/wills_records.htm
http://genuki.cs.ncl.ac.uk/DEV/DevonWills/index.html

Dorset:
www.ancesrty.com
http://history.wiltshire.gov.uk/heritage/index.php
http://members.iinet.net.au/~suegar/
www.thegenealgist.co.uk

Durham:
http://familyrecords.dur.ac.uk/nei/
Durham and Northumberland probate records, 1527-1857

Essex:
http://seax.essexcc.gov.uk
http://linux02.lib.cam.ac.uk/earlscolne/probate/index.htm

Gloucestershire:
www.ancestry.com
www.findmypast.co.uk
http://www.bristol.gov.uk/ccm/content/Leisure-Culture/records-and-archives/bristol-wills-indices-1792-1858.jsessionid=430569C8E98ACDB88892D7258551E712?page=2#internalSection2
http://www.genuki.org.uk/big/eng/GLS/ProbateRecords/index.html
http://history.wiltshire.gov.uk/heritage/index.php
http://www.genuki.org.uk/big/eng/GLS/ProbateRecords/LMindex.html
www.thegenealgist.co.uk

Hampshire:
http://calm.hants.gov.uk/DserveA/search.htm
http://history.wiltshire.gov.uk/heritage/index.php
http://www.genuki.org.uk/big/eng/BRKwills/

Hereford:
http://www.genuki.org.uk/big/eng/HEF/ProbateRecords/index.html
http://homepages.which.net/~eleanor.harris/index4.htm
http://www.genuki.org.uk/big/eng/HEF/ProbateRecords/about.html
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Kent:
www.familysearch.org
www.findmypast.co.uk
http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~mrawson/probate.html

Lancashire:
www.findmypast.co.uk
www.ancestry.com
http://www.xmission.com/~nelsonb/lws.htm
http://www.uclan.ac.uk/facs/class/humanities/family/Probate/WillIntro.htm
www.thegenealgist.co.uk

Lincoln:
http://microsites.lincolnshire.gov.uk/archives/section.asp?docId=53085&catId=13105&pageTitle=Lincoln+Consistory+Court+Wills+Index
www.thegenealgist.co.uk

London:
London Signatures currently includes 10,000 Archdeaconry Court of Middlesex Wills (AM/PW), covering the period 1609 - 1810, and 23,500 Diocese of Winchester, Commissary for the Archdeaconry of Surrey marriage bonds (DW/MP), for the period 1673 - 1850.
http://www.history.ac.uk/gh/invent.htm
http://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/Corporation/LGNL_Services/Leisure_and_culture/Records_and_archives/About_LMA/Volunteers.htm
www.ancestry.co.uk under card catalog and London. 1507-1858 135,000 records
www.findmypast.co.uk
www.thegenealgist.co.uk

Norfolk:
http://www.norfolksources.norfolk.gov.uk/ Probate 1800 – 1857

Northamptonshire:
www.findmypast.co.uk
www.thegenealgist.co.uk

Northumberland:
http://familyrecords.dur.ac.uk/ni/
Durham and Northumberland probate records, 1527-1857

Oxford:
www.findmypast.co.uk
http://users.ox.ac.uk/%7Emalcolm/genuki/big/eng/OXF/probate/1550-90.txt
www.thegenealgist.co.uk

Rutland:
www.findmypast.co.uk
www.thegenealgist.co.uk
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Somerset:
www.findmypast.co.uk
http://www.gomezsmart.myzen.co.uk/
http://www.somerset.gov.uk/archives/Wills.htm

Staffordshire
http://www.staffsnameindexes.org.uk/
www.findmypast.co.uk
www.thegenealogist.co.uk

Suffolk:
http://www.familyhistoryonline.net/database/SFKProbate.shtml
www.ancestryinstitution.com
www.thegenealogist.co.uk

Surrey:
www.findmypast.co.uk
http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~engsurry/
www.thegenealogist.co.uk

Sussex:
www.findmypast.co.uk
http://www.familyhistoryonline.net/database/SussexFHGprobate.shtml

Warwickshire
www.findmypast.co.uk

Westmorland:
http://www.uclan.ac.uk/ahss/education_social_sciences/history/probate_index.php

Wiltshire:
http://history.wiltshire.gov.uk/heritage/index.php
http://www.genuki.org.uk/big/eng/BRKwills/

Yorkshire:
www.findmypast.co.uk
www.thegenealogist.co.uk
http://www.uclan.ac.uk/ahss/education_social_sciences/history/probate_index.php
http://www.originsnetwork.com/help/popup-aboutbo-yprex.htm
http://www.genuki.org.uk/big/eng/YKS/#ProbateRecords

Wales
http://www.llgc.org.uk/index.php?id=searcharchivaldatabases
http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/a2a/advanced-search.aspx?tab=1

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