

A Genealogist's List of Online England & Wales County-wide Indexes to Church Records

This list provides the largest and most powerful 'finding' sources county by county for online indexed or transcribed *CMBs (christenings, marriages and burials) in England and Wales. The websites below show county-wide coverage for each county which are currently available to family history researchers.

Here's a color-code key to the best websites:

FS – FamilySearch.org; see at <https://familysearch.org/search>

FMP - FindMyPast.co.uk; see at www.findmypast.co.uk

AC - Ancestry.com; see at www.ancestry.co.uk

OPC – Lancs, Kent, Cornwall, Sussex, Warwickshire, etc., "Online Parish Clerk"; Google to find

Joiner MI – Joiner Marriage Index; see at www.joiner-marriage-index.org.uk (\$)

FHS – Family History Society; Google to find website by county name; CMBs = chrs/marr/burs

TheGenealogist or TG – see at www.thegenealogist.co.uk (\$)

FreeReg – see at www.freereg.org.uk

BMI - Boyd's Marriage Index - now located on FMP (see above)

Soc. Gen. – Society of Genealogists, London has to be listed here—with the largest county coverage of parish register transcripts found in any single library; also has hundreds of databases of smaller collections unavailable elsewhere; see at www.sog.org.uk (\$); see pg 3

ENGLAND - County list of key websites with significant databases for finding ancestry:

- **Bedfordshire:** FS – 1.5m or ~90% county coverage; Bedfordsh. FHS CDs - CMBs to 1812
- **Berkshire:** FMP – 1.4m; FS – 1.2m (70% co. coverage); Berksh. FHS CDs – Marr/Burs
- **Buckinghamshire:** FMP – 2.1m; FS – has abt 1.2m or nearly 50% county coverage; Buckinghamshire county archive has some marriage licences online;
- **Cambridgeshire:** Cambridgeshire FHS – CDs for 100% co. to 1900; FHL has CDs; FS 1.9m - ~70% coverage for co.; FreeReg – 46%; Boyds Marr Indx – 85% at FMP
- **Cheshire:** FS – 8.8m ~70% coverage; Ancestry – 5m BTs; FMP – 6.5m Cheshire Parish Reg. (CMBs) Proj (31 parishes only);
- **Cornwall:** FS – 3.1m; OPC – 2m; FreeReg – 85% (marrs); FMP – 2.1m; 85% marrs
- **Cumberland:** FS – has 1.5m (80+% county coverage)
- **Derbyshire:** FMP – 7.8m 85%; Ancestry – 7.8m; FS – 5m
- **Devonshire:** FMP – 7.4m and FS – 4.4m—abt 50% coverage; Devonshire FHS – printed transcripts of most parish registers, OPC (part.)
- **Dorsetshire:** Ancestry.com – 7.7m; FMP – 4.6m; FS – 3.3m; theGenealogist – 1.5m, OPC
- **Durham:** FMP – 3.6m; FS – 3.3m; www.durhamrecordsonline.com; theGenealogist – 1.8m; FreeReg – 25%; Boyd's Marriage Index or BMI – 75% (avail. on FMP & FS)
- **Essex:** FS – 3.4m; Ancestry – abt 2.2m entries; theGenealogist – 2.5m; FMP – 700k; also Essex Rec. Office (SEAX) online has images of PRs but no transcriptions;
- **Gloucestershire:** Ancestry.com – 10.5m; FS – 4.3m; Avon FHS CDs; theGenealogist – 1.5m- mostly post-1812; Boyd's Marriage Index or BMI – 50% (avail. on FMP & FS) Gloucestershire archives – at: <http://www3.gloucestershire.gov.uk/genealogy/Search.aspx>
- **Hampshire:** FS has 6.3m (part. pre-1750); theGenealogist – 3.2m; FMP – 3.1m; Hants Record Office marriage index (mostly complete); FreeReg – abt 30% coverage; OPC (part.)

- **Herefordshire:** FS – has over 80+% county coverage up to 1880; Bertram Merrell Marr. Index (on microfiche at FHL); Herefordshire FHS – marrs 1538-1957; burials- 1813-1839
- **Hertfordshire:** FMP – 2.1m; FS – has nearly 90% or 1.8m up to 1875
- **Huntingdonshire:** FS – 1.4m; FMP has 228k burials
- **Kent:** FS 9.8m; FMP –7.4m; Ancestry – 2m; Kent FHS has CDs with abt 30% marrs. Coverage; **OPC- ~25%**
- **Lancashire:** FS 21m, incl Mchstr; Ancestry – 16.7m, incl Mchstr; see also Liverpool RCa. – 2.6m; **Lanc OPC 9.3m**; FreeReg – 30% FMP – 2.5m for Lancs Co.; 2.6m Manchester
- **Leicestershire:** FMP – 3.5m; Leicestersh. Fam. H. Soc.CDs - 70% cov; FS – 2.5m or 70%;
- **Lincolnshire:** FS – 6.9m or abt 85+%; FreeReg – 82% coverage; FMP – 4.8m
- **London [City of]:** FS abt 90+%; Ancestry.co.uk – abt same; BMI – 85% (avail. FMP & FS)
- **Middlesex:** Ancestry.co.uk – 54.8 million (~80+%, largest online; Westminster mostly excluded); plus Pallots Marriage Index – 1780-1837 (80%); Docklands ancestors – abt 1m entries for Greater London's East-end parishes of Middlesex; FMP 5.4m for Westminster; FS – 5 million entries; Westminster only--FS - 1.8m; BMI – 80% (avail. on FMP & FS)
- **Norfolk:** Ancestry – 17.8m; FreeReg.org.uk - nearly 75% coverage; FS – 5.1m; FMP – 6.2m; theGenealogist – 3.6m; Genealogy.doun.org has 300+k PR/BTs entries; see also Tinstaafl
- **Northamptonshire:** Ancestry – 7.6m; Northamptonshire FHS published CMB indexes on CDs - see at www.familyhistorynorthants.co.uk; FreeReg – 71% coverage; FS – FHL has CDs
- **Northumberland:** FS – 5.4m or 85+% coverage; FMP – 2.3m; Joiner MI; FreeReg – 80% coverage; theGenealogist – abt 2+m; Boyd's Marriage Index or BMI – 80% (avail. - FMP/FS)
- **Nottinghamshire:** Ancestry – 4.3m; FreeReg - 90% cov FMP – 2.2m; FS – 1.8m; TheGenealogist – 1m; Boyd's Marriage Index (BMI) – 76% (avail. on FMP & FS)
- **Oxfordshire:** AC – 4.3m; Oxford FH Soc. (website – CDs for sale (\$))
- **Rutlandshire:** LRFHS.org.uk has numerous CDs available; FS abt .600k or 80% coverage for county; FMP - ~361k; Boyd's Marriage Index or BMI – 50% (avail. on FMP & FS)
- **Shropshire:** FMP – 2.7m (has most burials) FS – 2m (~75%, some burials) AC – 1.3m Boyd's Marriage Index or BMI – 54% (avail. on FMP → also available at FS)
- **Somerset:** FreeReg.org.uk – has nearly 85% county coverage; Ancestry 9.6m; FMP – 5m; FS - 30% or 2m; theGenealogist – ~1m; **OPC (part.)**
- **Staffordshire:** FS – 9.6m or 85+% coverage; FMP – 4.6m; FreeReg – 3.2m
- **Suffolk:** FS 2.4m or ~50%; Suffolk FHS CDs - ~60% coverage (by deanery name), burials - 100%; Boyd's Marriage Index or BMI – 33% (avail. on FMP & FS) FMP – 1m
- **Surrey:** Ancestry – 6.5m; FS – 5.7m or abt 80+% coverage; FMP – 1.1m; BMI – 56%
- **Sussex:** FS – 5.8+m coverage; theGenealogist – 4m; **Sussex OPC - many parishes completed**; Burchall Marr index - E. Sussex; Leeson Marriage Index – on CDs; FMP – 1.2m
- **Warwickshire:** FS – 6.3m; Ancestry – 5.6m; FMP – 4.9m; **Warwickshire OPC has indexed many parishes**; FreeReg – 56% coverage; theGenealogist – 4.7m
- **Westmorland:** FS – 70+% coverage or 1.2m
- **Wiltshire:** Ancestry – 7.4m; FMP – 6.3m; FS – 3m or nearly 50% coverage; Nimrod Marriage Index is complete; FreeReg – 80% - mostly marriages; **OPC (part.)**
- **Worcestershire:** FS – nearly 75% coverage or 2.5m; see Birmingham and Midland Society publications; theGenealogist – 2.1m+ entries
- **Yorkshire:** FMP – 24m; 13.8 E.Riding; Ancestry.co.uk – 13m PRs/5.8m BTs – tot. 18.8m; FS – 12.1m; Joiner Marriage Index – 2m+; Sheffield Indexers – partial data, no post-1754 entries for S. Cathed; Boyd's Marr Index (BMI) – W. Riding ~60% (avail. on FMP & FS)

England Church Register Totals:

FamilySearch.org: 176 million (11 May 2018) – both Church of England & Nonconformist
 Ancestry.co.uk – 172 million (11 May 2018) – both Church of England & Nonconformist
 Findmypast.co.uk – 105 million (11 May 2018) – Church of England

TheGenealogist.co.uk - ~70 million (11 May 2018) – Church of England & Nonconformist
FreeReg.org.uk – 46 million (11 May 2018) – Church of England

WALES County List – total CMBs: FMP – 9 million (about 65%)- see name of county) FS.org – 7.5m:

- **Anglesey:** FMP – 502,000; FS.org – 301,000
- **Breconshire:** FMP – 304,000; FS.org – 313,000
- **Denbighshire:** FMP – 892,000; FS.org – 819,000
- **Caernarvonshire:** FMP – 404,000; FS.org – 227,000
- **Cardiganshire:** FMP – 151,000; FS.org – 200,000
- **Carmarthenshire:** FMP – 590,000; FS.org – 702,000
- **Flintshire:** FMP – 628,000; FS.org – 657,000
- **Glamorganshire:** FMP – 2.1m; FS.org – 2.3 million
- **Merionethshire:** FMP – 293,000; FS.org – 191,000
- **Monmouthshire:** FMP – 617,000; FS.org – 450,000
- **Montgomeryshire:** FMP – 993,000; FS.org – 593,000
- **Pembrokeshire:** FMP – 495,000; FS.org – 539,000
- **Radnorshire** FMP – 145,000; FS.org – 150,000

MISCELLANEOUS Considerations for Find Ancestors online at FamilySearch.org and other websites

- FamilySearch.org – is now indexing (including burials) in most England counties, generally; IF your county is NOT listed in the “Browse all published collections” on the FS “Search” engine page, then instead, search under the name of county by typing it in; or search at the parish level (spelled correctly).
- Society of Genealogists, London: their outstanding in-house transcription and online collections include about 11,000 of England’s 12,800 parishes, plus numerous valuable other exclusive and significant (including online) collections via S.O.G. membership
- **Wiki.familysearch.org** – look under single parish name, or County’s List of Parish’s on County page. Scroll to “Church Records”; then click links to parish records online
- **FreeBMD.org.uk** – civil registration of births, marriages and deaths up to 1983; to 2015 FMP and Ancestry
- **England/Wales** Civil Registrations of births: indexes at Findmypast will now be showing mother’s maiden name; deaths at Ancestry.com will be showing ages at death, 1837-2015.
- Probate records: most counties have county-wide indexes available online; Google under 1) county name, with the search terms “index” and “probate” (or “will”); or better, use Wiki.familysearch.org and click on “England/[name of]County/Probate”; follow steps
- “Google” the search terms: 1) [name of] county 2) “Indexes” and 3) “Baptisms” etc for online databases and/or transcriptions