

Lancashire Family History & Heraldry Society



Chorley Branch Education Group Talk Handout First Steps

An Introduction Civil Registration 1

Civil Registration

- Started in England and Wales – 1837
- Started in Scotland – 1855
- Started in Ireland – 1864
- Marriages for the Church of Ireland **only** from 1845

In England, Wales and Northern Ireland

- We can only view the Indexes not the certificates
- These are arranged in yearly quarters in alphabetical order
- After 1984 the indexes are arranged alphabetically for the whole year
- Indexes on Fiche are available at Manchester Central Library.
- Indexes can be viewed online here at the Research Centre, Astley Hall Farmhouse and at most Libraries.
- New indexes have been done and they are available on line at LancashireBMD, CheshireBMD, etc.
- We will look at these in more detail next week

The on-line registration indexes for England and Wales cover from 1837 to

	Ancestry	Find My Past	FreeBMD	GRO
Birth	2005	2006	1975	1917
Marriage	2005	2008	1976	1942
Death	2007	2007	1975	1967

NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	DISTRICT	REFERENCE	VOL	PAGE
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MANNING

LEONARD GEORGE 10 MR 1910 BIRMINGHAM 32 1467
 VICTOR LAURENCE 18 JA 1930 WALDSTONE 16 1105

MANNERS

CHARLES 09 MR 1905 TORBAY 21 2109
 ETHEL 22 JY 1902 LEEDS 05 0826
 FRANCIS WALTER 02 DE 1898 POOLE 23 0543
 HILDA ETHEL 14 AP 1903 WANDSWORTH 15 1284
 JACK DAVID 16 JE 1928 BATH 22 0151
 OLIVE MURIEL 03 JY 1904 SLOUGH 19 0481

MANNES-SMITH

EDWARD VALENTINE ABOUT 1897 LEWES 18 1112

MANNINE

PETER 13 NO 1900 SOUTHWEND/S 9 2535

MANNING

ALBERT EDWARD 10 MR 1910 LAMBETH 14 0374
 ALICE 25 NO 1887 CHESTER/E P 35 0018
 CECIL NORMAN 28 DE 1909 BOSTON 7 1170
 CECILIA GERTRUDE F R 31 JA 1906 BROMLEY 11 0882

CHARLES HENRY 25 AU 1893 TAUNTON D 23 1200
 CLIFFORD NORMAN F 14 MR 1906 TAUNTON D 23 1351
 CYRIL JOHN B 27 JE 1908 LONDON CITY 14 0842
 DANIEL 22 AU 1916 HAMMERSMITH 12 1478
 DORA ANN 22 NO 1887 NORWICH OUT 10 1831
 DORIS 17 SE 1906 DURHAM WEST 1 1316

DORIS 10 AU 1913 CAMBRIDGE 9 0519
 DOPIS MATILDA 05 MY 1903 WERTHYR TYD 27 0303
 DOROTHY HELEN 01 AU 1914 EXETER 21 1129
 DOROTHY STELLA 13 SE 1901 ENFIELD 12 0497
 EDGAR 22 NO 1920 BIRMINGHAM 32 1507
 ELIZABETH MAUD ABOUT 1905 LINCOLN 7 1540
 ELSIE DORIS 15 JE 1902 BRAINTREE 9 1255
 ELSIE EVA M 15 JY 1903 GRAVESEND 16 0836
 ERIC ARTHUR 28 NO 1923 STEPNEY 15 0277
 ERNEST JOHN 20 SE 1892 NEWHAM 15 1506

ETHEL MAY 10 OC 1906 POPLAR/B GRN 14 1012
 FRANK 26 MR 1898 NORTHALLERTN 2 1977
 HUGH 03 JA 1915 HOLSWORTHY 21 1162
 JOHN HENRY 15 MR 1908 TAMESIDE 39 1433
 JOHN THOMAS 25 JY 1896 STAMFORD 7 1866
 LAURA ELIZABETH 16 OC 1908 BARKING/DHAM 11 0026
 LEONARD JOHN 10 SE 1916 HENDON 13 0409
 LILY 21 NO 1886 GRAVESEND 16 0713
 MAPIA 19 DE 1901 LIVERPOOL 36 0392
 MARY ALICE 22 JY 1906 WIGAN 39 2034

MATTHEW 04 AP 1927 MANCHESTER 38 0590
 MAUD HARRIET A 06 MR 1889 CHELMSFORD 9 1591
 MINNIE 08 FE 1902 OLDHAM 39 0029
 OLIVE 24 NO 1889 NORTH BUCKS 19 1016
 THERESE SUZANNE 01 DE 1896 WEYMOUTH 23 0847
 WILFRED CHARLES 09 OC 1898 YEOVIL 23 1430
 WILLIAM THOMAS 24 MY 1896 ROSS 29 0568
 ZENA KATHLEEN 20 JY 1911 EAST RETFORD 8 0119

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BRIDGET JOSEPHINE 12 JY 1928 LEEDS 05 0596
 DONALD HENRY C 07 OC 1918 SEFTON NORTH 37 0434
 ERNEST GEORGE 15 OC 1918 BIRMINGHAM 32 0800

In Scotland

- Certificates can be accessed and ordered on line and cost £1.50 each and contain the full certificate detail but are not a legal document
- You can go to the Scotland's People Centre in Edinburgh and do your own research, which is all computerised, for a 2 hour free taster session and £15 per day and 30p per copy
- There are time limits on what you can print off – 100 years for births, 75 years for deaths & 50 years for marriages – but you can copy these registration documents down by hand

Do I need to buy every certificate for every member of the family?

NO

- By combining information from the registration indexes with newspaper reports, photographs and census data you can gather together a lot of information about your family

Irish Records

- Irish records have their own system as well. The records of births, marriages and deaths for all of Ireland up to 1921, and for Eire since 1921 are held at:
 - Register General
Joyce House
8/11 Lombard Street East
Dublin 2
- The online indexes for Eire can be found at Ancestry and Find My Past (1845 – 1958)
- Records for Northern Ireland since 1921 are at:
 - Oxford House
49/55 Chichester Street
Belfast
BT1 4HL
- The indexes can be searched at <https://geni.nidirect.gov.uk/>

Isle of Man

- Civil registration of marriages started in 1849, of births and deaths in 1878. The records are at Register Offices in Douglas, Peel, Castletown and Ramsey
- Addresses are in the talk notes
- You can search the indexes online at <https://www.manxbmd.com/>

Channel Isles

- The official records of Births, Marriages and Deaths of all twelve parishes in Jersey commenced in August 1842
- Guernsey commenced in 1840 except that marriages in the Established Church were not recorded until 1919
- Alderney Births and deaths started in 1850 and marriages in 1886
- Sark BMD's started in 1925
- No indexes for these are available on line but quite a lot of church records are at Ancestry and FindMyPast for example

- The addresses to write to are

- **Jersey**

- The Superintendent Registrar,
10 Royal Square,
St. Helier,
JE2 4WA,
Jersey,
Channel Islands.

Office Hours 9.00 - 12.30 p.m.

- **Guernsey**

- HM Greffier,
The Royal Court House,
St Peter Port,
GY1 2PB,
Guernsey,
Channel Islands.

Office Hours 9.00 – 5.00 p.m.

- **Alderney**

- Court Office
QEII Street
Alderney
GY9 3TB

01481 822817

email: alderneyregisters@gov.gg

- **Sark**

- The Greffe
Las Chasse Murette
Sark
GY9 0SF

Office hours are 2-4p.m. Tuesday. Wednesday & Friday

Birth Registration

What information can we get from a birth certificate?

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[Printed by Authority of the Registrar-General]
B. Cert.
S.R.

CERTIFIED COPY of an  ENTRY OF BIRTH.
Pursuant to the Births and Deaths Registration Acts, 1836 to 1929.

Registration District Darlington

1919 Birth in the Sub-District of Darlington in the Counties of Darlington C. B. &c

10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
Baptismal Name, if added after Registration of Birth.	Signature of Registrar	When Registered	Signature, Description and Residence of Informant.	Rank or Profession of Father	Name and Maiden Surname of Mother	Name and Surname of Father	Sex	Name, if any	When and Where Born.
	<u>J. F. Parker</u> Registrar.	<u>Twenty sixth April 1919</u>	<u>John Edward Chapman</u> Father <u>36 Zetland Street</u> <u>Darlington</u>	<u>Electrician</u> <u>Bridges</u> <u>Works</u>	<u>Harriet Chapman</u> formerly <u>Willis</u>	<u>John Edward Chapman</u>	<u>Boy</u>	<u>Tom</u>	<u>Seventeenth March 1919</u> <u>36 Zetland Street</u> <u>Darlington</u> <u>J.D.</u>

1. Alan Gilbert Blakeson Deputy Superintendent Registrar for the District of Darlington in the COUNTY BOROUGH OF DARLINGTON, do hereby certify that this is a true copy of the Entry No. 91 in the Register Book of Births No. 57A for the above-named Sub-District, and that such Register Book is now legally in my custody.

WITNESS MY HAND this 17th day of September 1940.

Alan Gilbert Blakeson
Deputy Superintendent Registrar

CAUTION.—Any person who (1) falsifies any of the particulars on this Certificate, or (2) uses it as true, knowing it to be falsified, is liable to Prosecution.



- Registration District , Sub District and County / Borough
- Entry number for that book
- Date & Place of birth
 - If a time entered check for multiple births.
 - (Not Scotland as all births have time of birth.)
- Name of child
- Sex of child
- Name and Surname of the Father
 - If blank suggests illegitimacy
- Name and Surname of Mother plus her maiden name
- Rank and Profession of Father (Occupation)
- Informant & relationship to child and address
- Date of registration
- Registrar's name, signature and status

Where do we go from here?

- Once we have a mother's maiden name we can start looking for a marriage in the indexes
- Start with the quarter in which the child was born, if you know / think it is the eldest, and work backwards
- By using both surnames, and the same reference number, we can double check that we have the right marriage

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MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN APRIL, MAY AND JUNE, 1951.

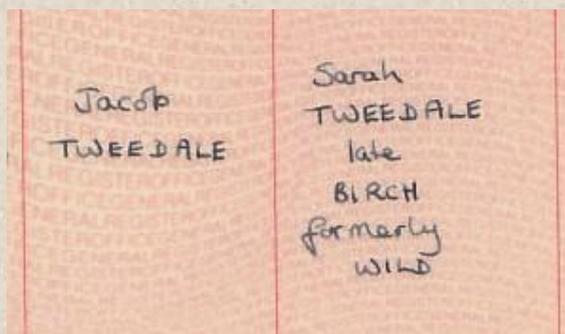
District.	Vol.	Page.	Names of persons married.		District.	Vol.	Page.
Barnstaple	7 a	493	THORNTON, Donald W.	COOPER	Preston	10 f	426
Fakenham	4 b	846	-- Doris E.	TAYLOR	Evesham	9 d	231
Taunton	7 c	454	-- Douglas R.	DUCKETT	Bradford	2 b	216
Bedwellty	8 c	113	-- Edward	BOYLAN	Bradford	2 b	210
Chipping N.	6 b	1510	-- Edward H.	COOK	Barnstaple	7 a	908
Portsmouth	6 b	877	-- Eileen M.	SOLOMONS	Wandsworth	5 d	1331

-- Ida	MITCHELL	Dewsbury	2 b	508
-- Ida A.R.	GREENAWAY	Edmonton	5 e	610
-- Ida E.	PETTY	Bristol	7 b	53
-- Irene	THORNTON	Preston	10 f	426
-- Irene	BRIGGS	Derby	3 a	338
-- Irene A.	MARSHALL	Surrey Mid.E.	5 g	381
-- Irene V.	KITCHEN	Barnsley	2 b	50

Same Year and quarter, Matching names, Same District, Same Volume and Same Page

- These days it is not necessary to do this cross checking but this is what is happening when the computer does it for you
- But errors sometimes occur
 - There are two people in a marriage and normally two marriages per page
 - So there should be 4 names with the same volume / page number combination
 - However you often see 3 or 5 names
 - This is mainly down to transcription errors

- If the mother had been married before it will give her former married name(s) and her maiden name.



- This will lead you to a second marriage.
- In this case the father was also widowed but there is no indication of a former marriage.

Marriage Registration

What information can we get from a Marriage Certificate?

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CERTIFIED COPY of an ENTRY OF MARRIAGE Pursuant to the Marriage Acts, 1811 to 1939.

Printed by authority of the Registrar-General.

M. Cert. A.P.

Registration District *Of Amounderness.*

145. Marriage Solemnized at *Longridge Independent Chapel.* in the District of *Amounderness.* in the County of *Lancaster.*

No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of Father.
<i>25.</i>	<i>December 27th 1945.</i>	<i>Sam Chapman.</i>	<i>26 years.</i>	<i>Bachelor.</i>	<i>Leading Seaman C/557/1978 Royal Navy.</i>	<i>Royal Naval Div Station Bishop.</i>	<i>John Edward Chapman (Deceased).</i>	<i>Electrician's Labourer.</i>
		<i>Janie Catherine Thornton.</i>	<i>23 years.</i>	<i>Spinster.</i>	<i>Auxiliary Nurse.</i>	<i>1st Wilfrid's School Longridge.</i>	<i>Charles Thornton.</i>	<i>Electrical Engineer.</i>

Married in the *Longridge Independent Chapel* according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the *Congregationalists* by *Certificate.*

This Marriage was solemnized in the presence of *Tom Chapman* in the presence of *A. W. Chapman* and in the presence of *Leonard Kenneth Glynn Rees* Authorised Person for *Said Chapel* *Janie Catherine Thornton* *Elise Thornton*

I, *Leonard Kenneth Glynn Rees*, Authorised Person under the Marriage Act, 1888, do hereby certify that this is a true copy of the Entry No. *45.*

WITNESS MY HAND this *27th* day of *December*, 19*45*.

CAUTION.—Any person who 1) falsifies any of the particulars on this Certificate, or 2) uses it as true, knowing it to be falsified, is liable to Prosecution.

Leonard Kenneth Glynn Rees
Authorised Person.

- Registration District
- Place at which the marriage took place and in which county
- Entry number for that book
- Date of marriage
- Groom's name, age, condition (bachelor, widower etc.), rank or

profession (Occupation), residence at time of marriage, father's name and rank/profession & whether deceased

- Bride's name, age, condition (spinster, widow etc.), rank or profession (Occupation), residence at time of marriage, father's name and rank/profession & whether deceased
- Church Denomination
- After Banns, by Licence, by Certificate
- Signatures of bride, groom and witnesses
- Signature of Authorised person or Registrar
- Details of who issued the copy and when

BUT

You do need to know the church where the happy couple were married or what religion they were for the registrars to have a chance of finding the certificate

Of course, at the moment, many places are registering as marriage venues so in the future many more place names will be required

Where do we go from here?

- **If** either the Bride or Groom is widowed, then we can look for an earlier marriage.
- For a widowed bride the surname given will be that of her former husband.

2 Name and surname	3 Age	4 Condition	5 Ra
Jacob TWEEDALE	27 years	widower	ca st
Sarah BIRCH	25 years	widow	-
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- For the Groom and the Bride we have their age, so we can calculate the year of birth.
- Thus we can search for a birth certificate.

Civil Registration - Tweakings

- 1866 – death indexes give age at death

MANTLE, Archibald. 0.....	Dudley	6 c.	62
— Charles. 38.....	Haslingden	8 e.	78
— Charlotte. 45.....	Pancras	1 b.	108

- 1875 – parents are made responsible for registering birth
- 1875 – the father of an illegitimate child has to be present at the registry office if the mother wants the father's surname on certificate
- Sep 1911 – maiden name of the mother is put in the birth indexes

Mantle, Arthur R.	Raymond	Bucklow	8 a	328
— Christine I.	May	Lambeth	1 d	401a
-- Edna S.	Vranch	S. Stoneham	2 c	139
— Frances H.	Rosskilly	Tiverton	5 b	624
— Jean E.	Waterer	Milton	2 a	1824
-- Marie I.	Harris	Bedwellty	11 a	261
-- Marjory N.	Tidball	Tiverton	5 b	633
— Mary	Mantle	Bury	8 c	883
— Pearl M.	Stiles	Thenet	2 a	1890
-- Robert	Lawrence	Thrapston	3 b	302
-- Sydney	Kemps on	Haslingden	8 e	135
-- Theodora	Hiam	Bromley	2 a	1003

- Sep 1911 – surname of the other spouse is put in the marriage indexes

Mantle, Albert D.H.	Tonge	Manchester	8 d	488
— Arthur R.	Honeysett	Battle	2 b	115
— Beatrice M.	Lewis	St. Asaph	11 b	635
— Elizabeth	Turner	Durham N.W.	10 a	853
— Elsie	Kershaw	Heywood	8 o	1392
— Fred	Williams	Carmarthen	11 a	3063
— Freda	Massey	Warrington	8 o	416

- 1969 – date of birth recorded in death indexes

DISLEY					
EDITH	20	MY	1894	BURY	38 0593
EDWARD	18	AU	1928	PRESTON/S R	40 2397
FREDERICK	ABOUT		1920	SALFORD	39 0939
SAMUEL	02	AU	1879	GREENWICH	12 0954
WALTER	14	OC	1903	LEIGH	39 2353

Recent Changes

- The age of the deceased is recorded in the death indexes before 1866 and is now available online
- The maiden name of the mother in the birth indexes before Sep 1911 is also online
- But more of this next week

Lancashire Family History & Heraldry Society Chorley Research Centre at Astley Hall Farmhouse

Opening times

Saturday Noon—4:00pm

Monday, Wednesday & Friday 10:00am—4:00pm

Last appointment 3:00pm

Booking advisable—Tel. 01257 231 600 (Answer phone when centre is closed)

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