

# Lancashire Family History & Heraldry Society



## **Chorley Branch Education Group Talk Handout First Steps**

### **An Introduction Civil Registration 1**

## **Civil Registration**

- Civil Registration is the method of recording births marriages and deaths that is still in use today.
- 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

## **Here are some Sample pages**

This is a death for the September quarter 1981

It gives the Surname followed by various Christian names

In more recent years the next item is the date of birth

Then the registration district

Lastly the Volume and Page number in the GRO register

You will need the information from all these columns to order a 'Certificate'.



NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	REFERENCE	DISTRICT	VOL	PAGE
MANKYING					
LEONARD GEORGE	10 MR 1910	BIRMINGHAM		32	1467
VICTOR LAURENCE	18 JA 1930	NAIDSTONE		16	1105
MANKIES					
CHARLES	09 MR 1905	TORRAT		21	2109
ETHEL	22 JY 1902	LEDS		05	0826
FRANCIS WALTER	02 DE 1898	POOLE		23	0543
HILDA EMEL	14 AP 1903	WANDSWORTH		15	1284
JACK DAVID	16 JE 1928	GATH		22	0151
OLIVE MURIEL	03 JY 1904	SLOUGH		19	0481
MANNYS-SMITH					
EDWARD VALENTINE	ABOUT 1897	LEVES		18	1112
MANNINE					
PETER	13 NO 1900	SOUTHEND/FS		9	2335
MANNING					
ALBERT EDWARD	10 MR 1910	LANDETH		14	0374
ALICE	25 NO 1887	CHESTER/FE P		33	0018
CECIL NORMAN	28 DE 1909	BOSTON		7	1170
CECILIA SEATRUBE ?					
	31 JA 1906	BROMLEY		11	0882
CHARLES HENRY	25 AU 1895	TAUNTON B		23	1200
CLIFFORD NORMAN F	14 MR 1908	TAUNTON D		23	1351
FRANK JOHN B	27 JE 1908	LONDON CITY		14	0842
DANIEL	22 JU 1916	MANNERSMITH		12	1478
BONA ANN	22 NO 1887	NORWICH OUT		10	1831
DOCIS	17 SE 1906	SURHAM WEST		1	1316
DOVIS	10 AU 1913	CAMBRIDGE		9	0519
DOVIS MATILDA	05 MY 1903	MERTHR TYE		27	0303
DOUDITH HELEN	01 AU 1914	EXETER		21	1129
DOUDITH STELLA	13 SE 1901	ENFIELD		12	0497
DOBAN	22 NO 1920	BIRMINGHAM		32	1507
ELIZABETH PAUL	ABOUT 1905	LONDON		7	1540
ELSIE DORIS	13 JE 1903	BRANTREE		9	1255
ELSIE IVA R	13 JY 1905	GRAVESEND		16	0836
EMIL ANTHONY	28 NO 1923	STEPNEY		15	0277
ERNEST JOHN	20 SE 1892	NORMAN		13	1506
ETHEL MAY	10 OC 1906	POPLAR/8 BRN		14	1092
FANKE	26 MR 1898	NORTHALLERTON		2	1977
FUCH	05 JA 1915	MILSWORTHY		21	1162
JOHN HENRY	15 MR 1908	TAMESIDE		39	1433
JOHN THOMAS	25 JY 1876	STANFORD		7	1866
LAWRA ELIZABETH	16 OC 1908	DANKING/SHAR		11	0026
LEONARD JOHN	10 SE 1916	HEWDS		13	0409
LETY	21 NO 1884	GRAVESEND		16	0713
MAIRA	19 DE 1901	LIVERPOOL		36	0392
MARY ALICE	22 JY 1906	WISAN		39	2034
NATTHW	04 AP 1927	MANCHESTER		38	0590
NADU HARRIET A	06 MR 1829	CHILWORTH		9	1591
NANCIE	08 FE 1902	GLAMAN		39	0029
NANCY	24 NO 1889	NORTH BUCKS		19	1016
NANCY SUZANNE	01 DE 1896	WIMBORNE		23	0847
NANCY CHARLES	09 OC 1898	DEVON		23	1430
WILLIAM THOMAS	24 MY 1896	ROSS		29	2368
JONA KATHLEEN	20 JY 1911	EAST BETFORD		8	0119
NANDSET					
MARSDEN JOSEPHINE	12 JY 1928	LEDS		05	0596
MARSDEN HENRY C	07 OC 1918	SEFTON NORTH		37	0434
MARSH	15 OC 1918	BIRMINGHAM		32	0800
MARSH GEORGE	13 JC 1899	KNOXLEY		36	0019
MARSH JOHN	02 FE 1927	GLAMAN		39	0031
MARSH JOSEPH	15 AP 1919	TAMESIDE		39	1548
MARSH ANNE	16 AP 1933	STOCKPORT		39	1293
MARSH THOMAS	27 MY 1896	MILLSLEY		25	0602
MARSHOCK					
MARSH MARY	19 OC 1887	NEW FOREST		20	0353
MARSH CHARLES WILLIAM	02 AU 1900	HAYRING		13	0335
MARSH ALAN WALTER	23 JE 1938	WESTMINSTER		15	1877
MARSH BONA ELIZABETH	23 SE 1909	SLOUGH		19	0509
MARSH ELIZABETH ALICE	29 MY 1897	ROCHDALE		39	0498
MARSHIDGE					
MARSH WANDA	21 FE 1913	SPOXFORD		20	0210
MARSH HELEN MICHELLE	05 FE 1964	CRAWLEY		18	1586
MARSH WINNIE	02 MY 1907	WYCOMBE		19	1118
MARSELL					
ALBERT EDWARD	20 JA 1898	SOUTHEND/FS		9	2310
ALBERT EDWARD	01 NO 1908	SURREY S W		17	1086
ALBERT	06 SE 1892	BRISTOL		23	0374
ANN JANE	12 NO 1894	STOKE/FT		30	1330
EDMUND VINCENT	01 MR 1891	HUNTON		21	1252
ELNA MARY C	11 SE 1905	DERBY		6	0583
ELIZABETH ANN	02 NO 1895	WOLVERHAMPTON		34	0548
ESTHER DOROTHY	18 MR 1915	SWANSEA		27	2346
FREDERICK JOSEPH	31 MR 1910	T & W		20	1770
FREDERICK WILLIAM	27 MY 1913	BIRMINGHAM		32	0930
ELCOTS KATE	14 DE 1892	WORTHING		18	2131

NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	REFERENCE	DISTRICT	VOL	PAGE
MARSELL					
HARRY GEORGE	22 MY 1895	LUULOW		30	0070
IRIS	19 MR 1920	COVENTRY		33	0149
IVY MARY	05 AU 1904	WOLVERHAMPTON		31	0771
JAMES REGINALD	30 MY 1905	SURREY W		17	0391
JANE	04 MY 1901	WITCHEN		10	0449
JEAN MILDRED	13 DE 1932	DELYN		24	0207
JOHN WALTER S	22 MR 1904	DEVIZES		23	1497
LOUIS THOMAS	22 JE 1925	BIRMINGHAM		32	0672
MARGARET	26 MR 1906	SALING		12	0035
PAUL ANDREW	11 SE 1963	TORR		2	2309
RAYMOND	- MY 1933	DERBY		6	0782
SAMUEL	22 NO 1905	WALSALL		34	0236
SARAH	26 NO 1902	MANSFIELD		8	0234
SYDNEY	26 MR 1892	MACCLESFLD		35	0657
THOMAS FREDERICK	03 FE 1899	SOUTH STAFF		30	0919
WILLIAM	18 FE 1905	BROKHOUANE		10	0067
WILLIAM FRANCIS	18 SE 1905	BIRMINGHAM		32	1534
WILLIAM NEVILLE	14 FE 1933	SHREWSBURY		30	0289
MARSH					
ANTHONY	17 JA 1945	SHEFFIELD		3	1430
BEAUCHAMPTON JOHN	13 FE 1956	GRIENWICH		32	0993
MARY FLORENCE	18 DE 1892	NEWCASTLE/2		2	0655
MARSH					
LILIAN MARY	11 AU 1924	DERBY		38	0390
TERENCE WALTER	05 NO 1900	SALISBURY		23	1866
MARSH					
DORIS	24 MY 1895	KINGSTON/H/T		15	1674
MANSFIELD					
ALBERT	05 AU 1896	DERBY		6	0073
ANTHONY ALBERT	15 FF 1944	SHIMMOND		23	2027
CHARLES	27 FE 1922	MARCHESTER		38	0976
ELIZABETH ANN	03 JA 1902	MUNCASTON		31	0089
ELLEN	04 MY 1904	LEICESTER C		6	1787
ELSA MAY	03 FE 1913	POCKLINGTON		7	0935
EMILY GRACE	12 JY 1902	CRATTON		11	1527
ERNEST	30 JA 1918	STOCKPORT		39	1322
ETHEL	15 AU 1913	STOKE/FT		30	1554
EWELYN MAY	05 OC 1896	TORRAT		21	2191
IVY	09 SE 1911	CARDEN		16	1599
JANE ELIZABETH	17 FE 1903	READING/WOR		19	0157
LILIAN MARY	15 NO 1898	NORTHAMPTON		7	2165
MAY LOUISE	29 JA 1894	NORWICH OUT		10	1805
PATRICK	08 DE 1917	BRINT		11	0816
PERCY HANDL	29 AU 1892	CAMBRIDGE		9	0721
PERCY WILLIAM J	26 JA 1906	ISLINGTON		13	1267
RICHARD STAFFORD	02 AU 1899	BIRMINGHAM		32	1566
ROSINA ANNIE	29 MY 1892	THURROCK		9	2674
THOMAS	31 MY 1899	LANDETH		14	0300
VIOLET AMY	01 JY 1900	NARLOW		9	2208
VIOLET IRENE	31 DE 1913	ST ALBANS		10	0566
WALTER	02 DE 1905	BRISTOL		22	0346
WILLIAM DOUGLAS	21 MR 1914	DERBY		6	0835
MANSHIP					
LISA	08 SE 1961	BONCASTER		3	0515
MANS					
SARAH ELIZABETH	11 FE 1892	BARKING/SHAR		11	0090
MANSLEY					
MARY AUDREY	31 OC 1931	LIVERPOOL		36	1253
MANSOR					
ALBERT	15 SE 1915	S SHIELDS		2	1242
ANNIE MAY	12 AP 1892	BIRMINGHAM		32	0712
ERNEST SHANAM	13 DE 1888	LIVERPOOL		36	0741
GEORGE	21 OC 1935	KINGSHILLIA		13	1496
MARY	28 FE 1903	BIRMINGHAM		32	0128
MARY McDONALD	21 JE 1895	HALLASEY		37	0976
PERCY	03 SE 1916	SURHAM WEST		1	1526
WALTER	29 MY 1911	CARDEN		14	1783
MANSOR					
JINAD	07 JY 1961	NOTTINGHAM		8	0819
MANSOR					
JOSEPH GEORGE	04 JA 1933	SALISBURY		23	1842
MANS					
ETHEL ELIZA	24 JY 1888	CRICHTER		18	1395
GEORGE HENRY	18 SE 1920	SURREY W W		17	0536
MURIEL BETTY	06 JA 1901	SURREY W W		17	0692
MANSELL					
IRINE	27 SE 1910	CHELTENHAM		22	1271
LEILA	23 JA 1890	BATH		22	0222
WILLIAM STANLEY F	11 MY 1898	NORWICH OUT		10	1860
MANTILLA					
ARTHUR THOMAS	08 NO 1908	68 YARMOUTH		10	1140
MANTILL					
ALICE	17 NO 1896	GLAMAN		39	0229
ALICE JANE	16 DE 1890	HUNTINGDON		9	0896
CHARLOTTE MARY A	23 MY 1904	NOTTINGHAM		8	0526
DAISY	21 JA 1889	SOUTH STAFF		30	0940
FRID	27 JA 1919	HUNTON		21	1187



Or they can be hand written like this

SURNAME of PARENT	NAME (if any) SEX of CHILD	SUP. REGISTRAR'S DISTRICT	2 <sup>d</sup> Vol. Page
Mantell	Charles	Scalhill	XVII 528
Mantorp	Anna	Plomesgate	XII 420
Mantorp	George William	London	II 170
Mantle	Caroline Maria	Guckfield	VII 362
Mantle	Charles Watson	Newmarket	XV 126
Mantle	Elizabeth	Milton	V 422
Mantle	Emily Ann	Sheppa	V 426
Mantle	Hannah	Quelley	XVIII 308
Mantle	Loren Myrum	Quelley	XIII 296
Mantle	Martha	Knighton	XXVI 267
Mantle	Richard	Newtown 1 <sup>st</sup>	XXVII 130
Mantle	Stephen	Cawstray	XVIII 150
Mantle	Thomas	Hebby 1 <sup>st</sup>	XVII 39
Manton	Catharine	Manchester	XX 754
Manton	Elizabeth	Uppingham	XV 707
Manton	Emma	Stamford	XIV 639
Manton	Jane	Wirral	XIX 334
Manton	John Henry	Goole	XXIII 257
Manton	Julia	Bedford	VI 29
Manton	Mary Ann	Holbeach	XIV 437
Mantripp	William George	Lufford 4 <sup>th</sup>	XIII 495
Manuel	George	Stafford	XVII 134
Manuel	Georgiana Susanna	Stamford	VIII 25
Manuel	John Owen	Hestonog	XXVII 175
Manuel	Hannah	Newtown 1 <sup>st</sup>	XXVII 124
Manuel	Henry Benjamin	Greenwich	V 272
Manuel	Richard	Newtown 4 <sup>th</sup>	XXVII 126
Manuel	Female	C. Ashford	V 9
Manuell	Emma	Greenwich	V 269
Manuell	George	Sheffield	XXII 507
Manuell	Mary	Duric	IX 350
Manoll	Arthur	St Davion	IV 542
Manwaring	Elizabeth	Swansea	XXVI 528
Manwaring	Jane Ann	Manchester	XX 775
Manwaring	Margaret	Swansea	XXVI 531
Manwaring	Mary	Leath	XXVI 512
Manwaring	Phabi	Southureh	XX 212
Manwaring	Sarah	Key	XXVI 543
Manwaring	Male	Cranbrook	V 79
Manwaring	Elizabeth	Newcastle	XVII 54

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

	Ancestry	Find My Past	FreeBMD	GRO
Birth	2005	2006	1979	1917
Marriage	2005	2005	1979	-
Death	2005	2007	1980	1957

### Ordering a Certificate from the GRO

- The information you require is in the indexes
  - The forenames and surname
  - The year and quarter
  - The registration district
  - The volume number
  - The page number
- You can order certificates online at [www.gro.gov.uk](http://www.gro.gov.uk)
  - **What you will need -**
    - One of the following valid credit or debit cards – MasterCard, Visa Credit Card, Visa Debit Card, Visa Electron or Maestro Card - £9.25 per certificate
    - Your full name and postal address
    - An e-mail address
    - Details of the registration event you are applying for - e.g. birth, death, marriage, civil partnership or adoption
- Alternatively you can ring the Certificate Services Centre on +44 (0)300 123 1837 and place your order
  - Or
  - Write to Certificate Services at  
PO Box 2, Southport, Merseyside, PR8 2JD
  - You cannot visit the office to place an order

### Elsewhere in the British Isles

- The starting date, system and contact addresses vary for other jurisdictions
- The details for the following jurisdictions are given in the notes
  - Scotland
  - Ireland and Northern Ireland
  - Isle of Man
  - The Channel Isles



## Scottish Civil BMD's

- Register entries can be accessed and ordered on line and cost £1.50 each and contain the same detail that is on the full certificate but what you get is 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 see the documents on screen and then copy these registration documents down by hand



## Irish Civil BMD's

- 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 BMD's

- 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 Civil BMD's

- 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](mailto:alderneyregisters@gov.gg)
- **Sark**
- The Greffe  
Las Chasse Murette  
Sark  
GY9 0SF  
Office hours are 2-4p.m. Tuesday. Wednesday & Friday



## 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.

## Birth Registration

What information can we get from a birth certificate?

CB 981981

(Printed by Authority of the Registrar General)

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

B. Cert.  
S.R.

Registration District <i>Darlington</i>									
1919 Birth in the Sub-District of <i>Darlington</i> in the <i>County of Darlington C. B. W.</i>									
No.	Time and Place Born	Sex	Name and Surname of Father	Rank and Profession of Mother	Rank or Profession of Father	Informant, Occupation and Address of Informant	When Registered	Signature of Registrar	Signature of Registrar
91	<i>Leventerch March 1919 30 Jettard Street Darlington D.D.</i>	<i>Boy</i>	<i>John Edward Chapman</i>	<i>Widow formerly Willis</i>	<i>Electrician Bridges Works</i>	<i>John Edward Chapman Father 30 Jettard Street Darlington</i>	<i>Twenty sixth April 1919</i>	<i>J. H. Barker</i>	<i>Registrar</i>

*Alan Gilbert Blakes* Superintendent Registrar for the District of *Darlington* in the County Borough of *Darlington*, in the Register Book of Births No. *57* for the above-named Sub-District, and that such Register Book is now legally in my custody.

WITNESSED BY HAND this *17* day of *September* 19*20*

*Alan Gilbert Blakes*  
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.
  - (This is not the case for 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.

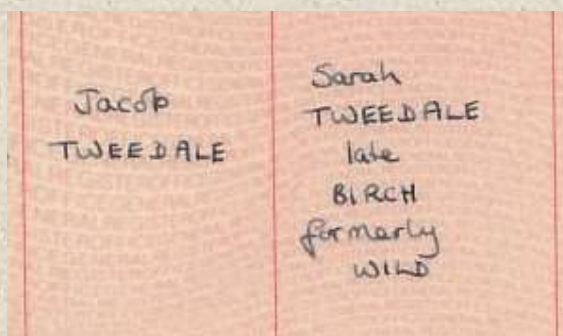
District.	Vol.	Page.	Names of persons married,		District.	Vol.	Page.
Barnstaple	7 a	493	THORNTON, Donald W.	COOPER	Preston	10 f	426
Fakenham	4 b	846	-- Doris E.	TAYLOR	Evesham	9 d	231
Taunton	7 c	454	-- Douglas R.	DUCKETT	Bradford	2 b	216
Bedwellty	8 c	113	-- Edward	BOYLAN	Bradford	2 b	210
Chipping N.	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?

0 182179

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

M. Cert. A.P.

Registration District *D. Amounderness.*

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


1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
When Married.	Name and Surname	Age	Condition	Rank or Profession	Residence at the time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname	Rank or Professional Father
<i>December 25<sup>th</sup> 1945.</i>	<i>Sam Chapman.</i>	<i>26 years</i>	<i>Bachelor</i>	<i>Leading Stenographer 1937-1938 Royal Navy</i>	<i>Royal Naval Six Station Institute.</i>	<i>John Edward Chapman (Deceased).</i>	<i>Electrician's husband.</i>
<i>1945.</i>	<i>Jeanie Catherine Thornton</i>	<i>23 years.</i>	<i>Spinster</i>	<i>Auxiliary Nurse.</i>	<i>1st Wilfrid's Street Longridge.</i>	<i>Charles Thornton</i>	<i>Electrical Engineer.</i>

MARRIED in the *Longridge Independent Chapel* according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the *Anglican Church* by *Certificates*.

Full Name of Groom *Sam Chapman* in the Presence of us *A. W. Chapman* and in the Presence of *George Samuel Thomas Reed.*  
Full Name of Bride *Jeanie Catherine Thornton* *Elise Thornton* Authorized Person by *Said Chapel*

*George Samuel Thomas Reed* Authorized Person under the Marriage Act, 1898, do hereby certify that this is a true copy of the Entry No. *45*.

WITNESSED BY ME this *27<sup>th</sup>* day of *December*, 1945

*Leon*  Authorized Person

NOTE.—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
- 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 Residence
Jacob TWEEDALE	27 years	widower	C S
Sarah BIRCH	25 years	widow	-
Joshutonia	Choml	Rumarr	

- 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.



# Death Registration

What information do we get from a Death Certificate?

**IQ 024308** [Printed by authority of the Registrar General.]

**CERTIFIED COPY of an ENTRY OF DEATH.**  
**Pursuant to the Births and Deaths Registration Acts, 1836 to 1947.**

**D. Cert. R.B.D.**

**Registration District Preston**

**Death in the Sub-District of Preston North East in the County Borough of Preston**

No.	When and where Died.	Name and Surname.	Sex.	Age.	Rank or Profession.	Cause of Death.	Signature, Description and Residence of Informant.	When Registered.	Signature of Registrar.
316	Twenty Eighth December, 1951. Royal Infirmary, U. D.	Charles THORNTON	Male	56	of 1 St Wilfrid's Terrace, Longridge, U.D. Electrician Journeyman.	1a Congestive Heart Failure b Myocardia c Chronic Bronchitis P. M. Certified by R. C. Hildesley. M. B.	C. D. Thornton Son 33 Alfred Street Preston.	Thirty First December, 1951.	J. Wilding  Registrar.

John Wilding, Registrar of Births and Deaths for the Sub-District Preston North East in the County Borough of Preston do hereby certify that this is a true copy of the Entry No. 316 in the Register Book of Deaths for the said Sub-District, and that such Register Book is now safely in my custody.

WITNESS MY HAND this day of 4 JAN 1952

**AUTION.**—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 and Place of death
- Place of death
- Name and Surname of Person who has died
- Sex of Person who has died
- Age of Person who has died
- Former address and Rank/Profession (Occupation) of Person who has died
- Cause of death and who certified death
- Name, status and residence of informant
- Date of registration of death
- Name and signature of Registrar
- Detail of who issued the copy the copy entry detail and when the copy was done

## 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

- If you use the GRO index on line then the age is given from 1837 to 1957
- 1875 – Parents are made responsible for registering birth. Prior to that it was the registrar’s responsibility.
- 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.	Roskilly	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

- If you use the GRO index on line then the mother’s maiden name is given from 1837 to 1917



- 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

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