

## SOCCGS England SIG Meeting – January 11, 2021

Happy New Year!



**Winter Webinar Series -- [www.isbgfh.com/Winter-Webinar-Series](http://www.isbgfh.com/Winter-Webinar-Series)**

JAN 16 - IRISH CHILDHOOD

JAN 30 - ALL KINDS OF LOYALISTS

FEB 13 - RECORDS OF THE NATIONAL EDUCATION SYSTEM IN IRELAND

FEB 27 - EMIGRATION FROM ENGLAND

MAR 13 - EMIGRATION FROM SCOTLAND

MAR 27 - EMIGRATION FROM IRELAND

APRIL 10 - SCOTLAND OVERVIEW

### England Reference Articles - Dropbox

- New series -- Family History Companion series
- Eight articles from *Family History Companion* by Mark Pearsall:
  - Tackling the Census by David Annal
  - The Emergence of Civil Registration by Audrey Collins
  - Hearth Tax by Peter Seaman
  - Heralds' Visitations by Adrian Ailes
  - Inquisitions post mortem by Sean Cunningham
  - Marriage at sea by Christopher T. Watts
  - Searching parish registers by Mark Pearsall
  - Wills before 1858 by Karen Grannum

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## The National Archives



[www.nationalarchives.gov.uk](http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk)

### Introduction to The National Archives (TNA)

- TNA is not a library
- TNA is not a family history site

### The National Archives of where?

- England and Wales (from 1536)
- the United Kingdom (which included Ireland)
- records from central UK government departments and agencies, plus parts of the legal system of England and Wales
- British or English colonies or dependencies (including America colonial records)
- certain historical documents, such as Domesday Book (1086)

### Formation of The National Archives

Public Records Act of 1958 governs what records come into TNA; established 2003

Public Record Office, Historical Manuscripts Commission, Her Majesty's Stationery Office

### The National Archives website

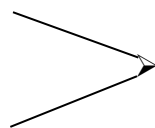
[www.nationalarchives.gov.uk](http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk)

#### Navigating – Getting started:

TNA website > “Help with your research” button > “Start here” button:

What we have; What we don't have

What's online; What's not online



links to short videos

## Research Guides: 358 guides in 12 subject categories

- |                                 |                                      |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| - <b>family history</b>         | - political and economic history     |
| - World War I                   | - foreign and colonial history       |
| - World War II                  | - land and maps                      |
| - military and maritime         | - medieval and early modern          |
| - social and cultural history   | - records for current legal purposes |
| - criminals, courts and prisons | - online collections                 |

To search research guides by Category: Begin on TNA home page > Click on “Help with your research” button > Click on “Use our A-Z Index” button > Click on “Choose a different subject” link > select category of your choice > select a guide from the results list for your category.

To search with A-Z Index to keywords: Click on “Our A-Z Index” link > Step 1: select a letter in the alphabetical list > Step 2: select a keyword in the list > select a guide from the results list for your keyword.

To search by subject: Click on “Search all guides” link > enter your name of your topic or subject in the search box and click Enter > select a guide from the results list for your subject.

(More detail to be provided on how to use The National Archives website in future SIG meetings and in extended versions of handout)

## Selected Bibliography

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