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Guide to **England ancestry, family history and genealogy**: parish registers, transcripts, census records, birth records, marriage records, and death records.

Country Information [\[edit\]](#) [\[edit source\]](#)

England is one of the four constituent countries of the [United Kingdom](#) (together with [Scotland](#), [Wales](#) and [Northern Ireland](#)). It has a history that goes back over a thousand years. In 1707, the Kingdom of England joined the [Kingdom of Scotland](#) in union to become the [Kingdom of Great Britain](#). The official language is English.^[1]

Why England Historic Counties are Used [\[edit\]](#) [\[edit source\]](#)

The England counties listed below are based on historic boundaries pre-1974. The records dating before 1974 are located within the information found in the historic counties. This practice better assists our patrons who are researching their ancestors before the modern time period.

England Wiki Topics



England Beginning Research

- Guided Research
- England Research Strategies
- England Record Finder

Record Types

- Cemeteries
- Merchant

The FamilySearch website has an excellent reference page on [England Genealogy](#). This page is a research guide for England ancestry and is useful to both the beginner in England genealogy research as well as those with more knowledge and experience. The page is divided in sections to organize the material and links it contains to other webpages for specific topics. There are many different topics listed in the “**England Wiki Topics**” sidebar on the right side of the England Genealogy page (highlighted in red box on picture above). Some of the helpful links are shown below.

Getting Started [\[edit\]](#) [\[edit source\]](#)

Getting Started with England Research

Links to articles on getting started with English research.

- [Guided Research](#)

- "How to" Guides
- [How to Find Birth Records](#)
- [How to Find Marriage Records](#)
- [How to Find Death Records](#)
- [Research Strategies](#)

[See More Research Strategies](#)

England Research Tools

Links to articles and websites that assist in English research.

- [England Record Finder](#)
- [Imperial Gazetteer of England and Wales](#) - (1870)
- [England Websites](#)
- [England counties list](#) -with their Chapman Code abbreviations

[See More Research Tools](#)

England Research Page:

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Welcome to our England research page. We've brought together tools to help you with your research in England.

<https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/location/1986340?region=England>

Perhaps one of the single most useful reference pages is the one for England Parishes. You can navigate to this page by clicking on “Parishes” in the Wiki Topics list.

England Parishes

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Listing of the articles that list each parish of England by historic county.

- Bedfordshire Parishes
- Berkshire Parishes
- Buckinghamshire Parishes
- Cambridgeshire Parishes
- Cheshire Parishes
- Cornwall Parishes
- Cumberland Parishes
- Derbyshire Parishes
- Devon Parishes
- Dorset Parishes
- Durham Parishes
- Essex Parishes
- Gloucestershire Parishes
- Hampshire Parishes
- Herefordshire Parishes
- Hertfordshire Parishes
- Huntingdonshire Parishes
- Kent Parishes
- Lancashire Parishes
- Leicestershire Parishes
- Lincolnshire Parishes
- London Parishes
- Middlesex Parishes
- Norfolk Parishes
- Northamptonshire Parishes
- Northumberland Parishes
- Nottinghamshire Parishes
- Oxfordshire Parishes
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- Shropshire Parishes
- Somerset Parishes
- Staffordshire Parishes
- Suffolk Parishes
- Surrey Parishes
- Sussex Parishes
- Warwickshire Parishes
- Westmorland Parishes
- Wiltshire Parishes
- Worcestershire Parishes
- Yorkshire Parishes A-I

The England Jurisdictions page provides a brief description of the 1851 historical map and a list of jurisdictions with descriptions.

England Jurisdictions

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 - 3.1 County Abbreviations and Chapman Code

[Interactive England Jurisdiction Map 1851](#) [edit | edit source]

FamilySearch has an interactive map of the 1851 Jurisdictions of England. This map allows the user to choose a jurisdiction (such as a county, parish, or diocese) then choose different nearby jurisdictions (like hundred, rural deanery, or province) to see where vital records were housed. A table pops up showing what years parish registers exist, the names of other associated jurisdictions, and other similar search tools.

[Jurisdictions](#) [edit | edit source]

A jurisdiction is an area governed by a system of laws. Each jurisdiction has a geographic boundary with some type of authority (i.e., manor, parish, town, county). This authority has the power to apply and enforce the law. In England birth, marriage, death, census, and other genealogical records are organized and stored in different governmental levels such as

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- Church Directories
- Church Records
- Civil Registration
- Court Records
- Crime and Punishment
- Directories
- Emigration & Immigration
- Heraldry
- Genealogies
- Jewish Records
- Merchant Marine
- Military Records
- Naturalization & Citizenship
- Newspapers
- Nobility
- Occupations
- Online Records
- Periodicals
- Parishes
- Poorhouses, Poor Law, etc.
- Probate Records
- Religious Records

For those who are still not sure about using gazetteers as part of your research, you might look at the [England Gazetteers](#) page by clicking on “Gazetteers” in the Wiki Topics list.

England Gazetteers

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- 3.1 Gazetteer Contents

Online Gazetteers [edit | edit source]

- FamilySearch Places
- FamilySearch Interactive Map - type in England in the search box
- Survey of English Place-Names, a county-by-county guide to the linguistic origins of England's place-names – a project of the English Place-Name Society, founded 1923.
- England Jurisdictions 1851
- A Vision of Britain through Time
- Gazetteer of England and Wales at Ancestry, (\$)
- The Imperial Gazetteer of England and Wales, 1872 at Ancestry, (\$)
- Topographical Dictionary of England
- A Vision of Britain Through Time
- GenUKI
- Nearby.org
- Gemaps: Old Interesting Maps of England, Wales and Scotland
- World Gazetteers at Archive.org

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• Cemeteries	• Merchant Marine
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• Crime and	

In previous meetings we discussed the value of directories. Click on “Directories” in the Wiki Topics list for the [England Directories](#) page.

England Directories

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1963 Kelly's Directory of Torquay and Paignton

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Don't forget to use this button, located just above the map of England, for an extensive list of [England Online Genealogy Records](#).

England Online
Genealogy Records

If you are researching other parts of the British Isles, you can also use the FamilySearch website to find research guides for Scotland, Wales, Ireland or any other country with similar reference information, links for Wiki topics, and research tips and guidance.

Scotland: https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Scotland_Genealogy

Wales: https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Wales_Genealogy

Ireland: https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Ireland_Genealogy

Printable Version



Places Within

This is a feature in the Search function of the FamilySearch catalog. It allows you to find places within another place you are searching, for example, states or provinces within a country; counties within a state or country; parishes within a county.

For more detail see video lesson by Debbie Gurtler: “I Didn’t Know You Could Search Like That! FamilySearch Catalog” <https://www.familysearch.org/en/help/helpcenter/lessons/i-didnt-know-you-could-search-like-that-familysearch-catalog> (about four minutes long).

Example for a search of the county of Middlesex > click on “Places within England, Middlesex >

Part of England			
Places within England, Middlesex ►			
Abney Park	Greenford-Parva	London	St. Andrew Holborn
Acton	Greenhill	Longford	Stanmore
Ashford	Hackney	Marble-Hill	St. Anne-Soho
Barnet	Hackney-Wick	Marylebone	Stanwell
Barnet-Fryern	Hadley	Mayfair	St. Botolph-without-
Bayswater	Haggerstone	Mile-End-New-Town	Aldgate
Beauvoir Town	Hammersmith	Mile-End-Old-Town	St. Catherine-by-the-Tower
Bethnal Green	Hampstead	Mill-Hill	St. Clement-Danes
Blackwall	Hampton	Millwall	Stepney
Bloomsbury	Hampton Hill	Mimms (South)	St. George-Bloomsbury
Bow	Hampton-Wick	Monken-Hadley	St. George-Hanover Square
Brentford	Hanger Hill	Muswell-Hill	St. George-in-the-East
Bromley by Bow	Hanwell	Neasdon	St. Giles-in-the-Fields
Bromley-St. Leonard	Hanworth	New Brentford	St. James Picadilly
Brompton	Harefield	New Hampton	St. James Westminster

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