

Family History Resources

We've gathered together some of the FREE popular family history websites you can use at home.

You can also take advantage of our temporary access to Ancestry at home through your Bolton library ticket.

If you're just starting out researching your family tree, we've got plenty of hints and tips here:

www.boltonlams.co.uk/archives/family-history-resources/tips-for-researching-family-trees



Ancestry Library

Log on via our Library Catalogue <http://ow.ly/zsGq50yWK4s>

Ancestry provides access to billions of records including census data, birth, marriage and death records, directories, photos, and more from countries all over the world

You can now access our family history resource Ancestry Library Edition from home while our libraries are closed. All you need is your 8-digit borrower number & PIN!

Family Search

www.familysearch.org



This resource is provided by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints and contains transcribed parish records, family trees, submitted by users and members of the LDS. Also included are the International Genealogical Index (I.G.I.) and census returns.

The site requires registration but offers free access to its resources.

FreeBMD

www.freebmd.org.uk

This site allows you to search birth, marriage and death records for England and Wales from 1837-1992. You will need to check the site for exact coverage of areas.



Lancashire BMD

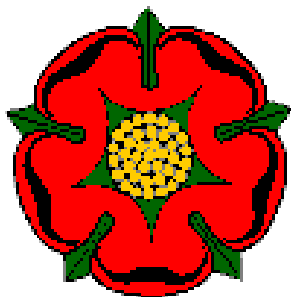
www.lancashirebmd.org.uk



Birth, marriage and death records for the historic county of Lancashire. Though extensive, you will need to check the site for completed years for each area.

Lancashire On-Line Parish Clerks

www.lan-opc.org.uk



This site aims to preserve the records from the various Lancashire parishes and to provide online access to that data, free of charge, along with other data of value to family and local historians conducting research in the County of Lancashire. It includes baptisms, marriages and burials from the earliest records up to the end of the 19th century.

The Commonwealth War Grave Commission

www.cwgc.org



The Commonwealth War Grave Commission is charged with keeping records of the 1.7 million Commonwealth war dead. You will find cemetery and memorial registers showing the service details and, in some cases, family details, of the men and women buried or commemorated there. There are also some casualty records available to search.

The Bolton Remembers Database

boltonremembers.org



A database recording Bolton's War Dead from the conflicts from the Boer War to Afghanistan. A useful resource for tracking down Bolton-linked ancestors who may have served in the Armed Forces

Don't forget to write all the information down. There are many free family tree charts you can download from the internet and printout, maybe as a present for someone special!

The next time you make contact with an older relative to ask they are, take the opportunity to talk to them about your family history. It's also an opportunity to sort through those family photographs, as well as writing the name of the people included on the back (lightly in pencil or an acid free pen, of course)!