

Some useful web sites for local studies and genealogical searches

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The following list is a selection of several key sites which can be used as a starting point. They include guides to other more specialist web sites, details of the holdings of libraries and archive collections, general guides to family history etc,

www.bbc.co.uk	The BBC online search facility provides access to genealogical information. Click on search and type in genealogy - select items from list.
www.cyndislist.com/	Cyndi's list of genealogy sites. Over 40,000 sites, divided into subject categories. Very comprehensive.
www.earl.org.uk/familia	Electronic directory of family history resources in UK & Ireland library authorities.
www.earl.org.uk/magnet	Holdings of local newspapers and periodicals in UK & Ireland libraries.
www.genuki.org.uk	Genuki - the UK & Ireland Genealogical Information Service - provides hundreds of links arranged by counties and subject topics. Information about towns, villages, surnames, family history societies etc. A key resource.
www.hmc.gov.uk/	Royal Commission on Historical Manuscripts. Information about manuscript collections, publications, information sheets, national Register of Archives. Search facility for HMC [NB the Royal Commission has now merged with English Heritage. Ed.]
www.hmc.gov.uk/archon/	Archives on-line. Details of archives held in repositories throughout the UK.
www.ihr.sas.ac.uk/	Institute of Historical Research site Access to UK and worldwide history websites.
www.ihr.sas.ac.uk/search/	History on-line. Allows searches for books in print, journals and articles, teachers, theses and current research.
www.portico.bl.uk/	British Library sites. - sections on manuscripts, maps, newspapers useful for family history. Information about Colindale Newspaper Library.
www.pro.gov.uk/	Public Record Office site. How to use public records, leaflets for family historians, information on Family Records Centre.
www.rootsweb.com/	Rootsweb provides access to surname lists, genealogical archives, newsgroups, links to websites e.g. useful annotated list of British sites provided by British Isles Family History Society.

GENEALOGICAL SITES - ORGANISATIONS & SOCIETIES

A selective list of some major organisations/key sites. Searching through these will lead to links with smaller/regional groups.

www.cwgc.org/	Commonwealth War Graves Commission site. This is very popular and access can be slow.
www.familysearch.org/	Family Search internet test site. This site is now up and running, but at peak times can be quite slow.
www.ffhs.org.uk/	Federation of Family History Societies. Information about members, FFHS publications, lectures, contacts.

www.ihgs.ac.uk/

Institute of Heraldic and Genealogical Studies. Details of courses, research and publications.

www.lds.org/

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints web site. Includes family history resources section.

www.one-name.org/

Guild of One-Name Studies.

www.sog.org.uk/

Society of Genealogists - Information about library, bookshop, courses, information leaflets, contents of *Genealogist's* magazine and *Computers in Genealogy*.

LEICESTER/LEICESTERSHIRE SITES

www.le.ac.uk/leicester/

City of Leicester Information plus links to other key city sites. Produced by Leicester Promotions with the support of Leicester University.

www.leicester.anglican.org

Diocese of Leicester information which contains some historical information on the web pages of a number of local churches.

www.genuki.org.uk/indexes/LEIcontents.html

Genuki's Leicestershire site gives you an excellent table of contents linking you to specific hard information library catalogues and other key Leicestershire websites.

www.geocities.com/Heartland/Pointe/3446

Leicestershire & Rutland Family History website - links to local family history groups, information on library, record office, cemeteries etc

www.le.ac.uk/archaeology/lahs/lahs.html

Leicestershire Archaeological and Historical Society news, lecture programmes, publications and the history of the society.

www.leics.gov.uk/

Leicestershire County Council

www.leicester.gov.uk/

Leicester City Council web site

www.leicester.co.uk

Leicester Web - full of links to other sites

www.thisisleicestershire.co.uk/

Leicester Mercury official website that gives you a brief guide to current news and the county's historical attractions.

LOCAL PLACE SITES

Good examples of multimedia developments.

www.charnwoodbc.gov.uk

Charnwood Borough Council's guide to the countryside and historical and tourist attractions.

<http://westworld.dmu.ac.uk/highfields/histcont.html>

Highfields Remembered is an excellent example of a local history site that has a number of multimedia features and aims to be organic in its structure. The project arose out of a joint venture between Leicester City Libraries and De Montfort University.

www.rutland-on-line.co.uk

Rutland on-line includes information on local companies and the Rutland community. It gives you the opportunity to chat on-line and create your own home page. An excellent source if you're trying to track down ancestors that came from the Rutland area.

This list has been produced by staff from the Central Reference and Information Library, Bishop Street, Leicester, LE1 6AA. Tel: 0116 255 6699.

New web sites are being produced all the time and the Editor would be interested to hear from anybody of sites which they think might be of interest to other readers of the *Leicestershire Historian*.