

# Abbey Genealogy Enthusiasts

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## Notice Board

- **Graveyard Tours Online**  
A new website that was recommended in a magazine is [www.ukgraves.info](http://www.ukgraves.info)  
Here you can see many photographic tours of burial grounds and cemeteries across the UK. Worth a visit!
- **New on Ancestry**  
Ancestry have now completed the Scottish census collection with completing the 1881 and 1901 census. Also they have added a new section 'what's new' which is aimed to keep users and family historians updated on all the features that is added.  
The Scottish census is set out completely differently to England and Wales, which can be easy to read and understand.  
[www.ancestry.co.uk](http://www.ancestry.co.uk)
- **[www.bristolinformation.co.uk](http://www.bristolinformation.co.uk)**  
Anyone looking in the Bristol area? Well this site has some general information and facts about genealogy and searching in Bristol. Also contains information on the pubs, schools and churches within the Bristol area.
- **Kent Family History Society**  
If you have any ancestors in the Kent area this site will definitely be in aid. There are many useful links which include the microfiche's that they hold and cd publications for areas within the county.  
[www.kfhs.org.uk/](http://www.kfhs.org.uk/)
- **The Trip to Chelmsford**  
We had another interesting trip to the Chelmsford record office. Although many of us never came back with a lot of results, we had a great deal of help from David who met us there and gave us some good tips on using ancestry and other ways to obtain results.

## Genealogy Tips



Researching our ancestors from time to time is not as easy as we would like it to be, we all come across brick walls in some shape or form and the further we go back, the less we have any information.

So here are some Tips I have put together which may help in your research.

### ☞ Talking to Your Living Relatives

Talk to your living relatives and get all the information you can. Maybe ask them to write any stories, facts or memories they may have of your ancestors. It all helps and gives you more of an understanding on the background, wealth and areas your ancestors lived or came from. First hand information is always the best even if some facts are slightly muddled they are guidance in the right direction.

### ☞ When Searching Census's

When searching the census's always bare in mind that transcriptions and mistakes can be made. Ages can be slightly out by a year or two and spelling is one of the biggest problems you may come across.

Put yourself in the mind of a transcriber who was recording the census at the time. Maybe they were slightly deaf or miss heard when recording. Or like many families who were unable to read or write, the transcriber may record their names how they believed they are spelt, rather than how they are.

### ☞ Putting your mind in your Ancestors

There are many reasons why when searching the census records that you are unable to find your ancestors how you expect. Although the times were different marriages still broke up, family and children went to stay with relatives and friends, they changed occupations and they did move around.

## Search the Search Engine!

Sometimes just typing the name you are looking for and maybe the area can bring results. An example of this, is my cousin Dawn asked me a while back to look up some of her ancestors which included an Emma Cons and her niece Lillian Baylis . She gave me their ages and where they were born and straight away I found them on a census together. Meaning nothing to me I just typed their names in Google and discovered Emma Cons was once the owner of the Old Vic theatre where many stars like Sir Laurence Olivier performed and her niece Lillian Baylis had her own theatre in London which still exist and is known as the “Lillian Baylis Theatre” with a her own monument outside. The search engine also picks up messages on forums which have helped me a great deal with results.

## May

*The name of this month is of doubtful origin. Ancient writers suggest it to be derived from Maia, the mother of Mercury: to whom the Romans were accustomed to sacrifice on the first day of the month. May- day is the name given to the first day of the month in England and in the old days the people went out at dawn to welcome the advent of spring. May- queens and May –poles were general throughout the country. The last may pole was taken down in 1717.*

## Our Ancestors Medical Dictionary

**Eel Thing** – Erysipelas - An acute disease of the skin and subcutaneous tissue caused by a species of streptococcus

**Enteric fever** - Typhoid fever

**French pox / Great pox** - Syphilis

**Glandular fever** -Mononucleosis - a common, acute, infectious disease, usually affecting young people, caused by Epstein-Barr virus and characterized by fever, swollen lymph nodes, sore throat, and lymphocyte abnormalities

**Green fever/sickness** - Anaemia - a pathological deficiency in the oxygen-carrying component of the blood, measured in unit volume concentrations of hemoglobin, red blood cell volume, or red blood cell number.

## Quiz- Make The Date **Answers**

1. When was Big Ben first heard on the radio?  
**A 31-12-1923**
2. When was St Thomas a Becket murdered?  
**A 29-12-1170**
3. When was the Wright brother's first flight?  
**A 17-12-1903**
4. When did Major Glen Miller go missing over the English channel?  
**A 15-12-1944**
5. When did Amundsen reach the South Pole?  
**A 14-12-1911**
6. When did Marconi send 1<sup>st</sup> trans Atlantic radio signal?  
**A 12-12-1901**
7. When did the Japanese attack Pearl Harbour?  
**A 07-12-1941**
8. When was the ship Marie Celeste found abandoned?  
**A 04-12-1872**
9. When was the M1 officially opened?  
**A 02-11-1951**
10. When was the Battle of Trafalgar?  
**A 21-10-1805**
11. What year was Mickey Mouse created?  
**A 19-09-1928**
12. When did England win the World Cup at Football? **A 30-07-1966**
13. When was William Shakespeare born?  
**A 23-04-1564**
14. When was the London underground open?  
**A 10-01-1863**
15. When was the Wheel invented?  
**A 01- 04-2007 BC (Trick Question)**

## Contribute to the Newsletter

Tell us how your getting on with your research so far and have you discovered any hidden skeletons you want share with us. Have you come across some unexpected Ancestors, lost relatives, a famous Ancestor? Or do you have any old photos and stories you would like to share in the newsletter, it's all history and we'd be happy to hear it.

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