



Notice Board

➤ My Heritage

An interesting website that's has a few helpful downloads and a tree builder which my help some of view who don't use any software.
www.myheritage.com

➤ Army Museum

We offer advice on how to search for Army ancestors and to research into your family history and military genealogy
www.armymuseums.org.uk/ancestor.htm

➤ London Census

Each householder was required to complete a census schedule giving the address of the household, the names, ages, sex, occupations and places of birth of each individual residing in his or her accommodation. In 1851 householders were asked to give more precise details of the places of birth of each resident, to state their relationships to him or her, marital status and the nature of any disabilities from which they may have suffered. Find out more...
www.londoncensus.co.uk

➤ British Royals

This is a very interesting website that contains the family trees of the royals and general information about them. The website includes books, pictures and wide range of information for all you history lovers.
www.britroyals.com

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In early 1981, some members of the Genealogical Society of Victoria felt that as there was an increasing interest in convicts and the convict system of Australia, the formation of a group dedicated to the promotion of this interest would be beneficial.
<http://home.vicnet.net.au/~dcginc/frames.htm>

Our Ancestors Were Big Readers !



Before the times of TV and radio our ancestors also enjoyed being entertained. They never had the technology and gadgets we have today to keep them amused, however they had books. And for those who could read and write, reading became a great passion for the Victorian culture.

The romantic works of Robert and Elizabeth Barrett Browning encouraged many authors and other poets in their writing. The Victorians demanded a good story with a good plot, a range of characters and they enjoyed the unexpected outcome of novel. This brought to life many of our most classic authors that we still read today, such as Charles Dickens, Thomas Hardy, Charles Kingsley, Lewis Carrolls, The Brontes, Jane Austin and George Eliot.

The works of these authors give us a glimpse of the times and the in many novels it gives you the sensitivity of the times. In Thomas Hardy's *Tess of the d'Urbervilles* the novel describes Tess the young woman who is a victim to rape and how she is despised by society after losing her virginity before marriage, despite the fact that she was raped. No one is supportive of Tess and even her family in many ways seem to blame her.

In George Eliots *Daniel Deronda* it describes the different classes of people from the Jewish community living in the slums of London to the wealthy Daniel Deronda who was born Jewish but his mother gave him up for adoption to provide him a better life.

Our victorian authors are found on the bookshelves of many of us today, there works have been made into films, documentaries and plays that we all can relate to.

Campaign Medals

Campaign or War Medals were awarded to members of the armed services, for taking part in a campaign or for service in time of war. Medals or Stars were awarded for a campaign or war (e.g. the Crimean War). Clasps were often added to the medal for taking part in particular battles within that campaign or war.

Information about the award of campaign medals is recorded on medal rolls. These are usually arranged by regiment/battalion (for the Army) or by ship (for the Royal Navy), then by rank, then name. Medal rolls do not give detailed information about individuals: they record the recipients' regimental/service number, and a note of the clasps to which he or she was entitled.

a) Before 1914

Before 1914, there are no indexes, so details about an individual can be difficult to find unless you know quite a lot about his service already.

Army, 1793-1902: see WO 100

Royal Navy and Royal Marines, 1793-1902: see ADM 171

b) First World War, 1914-1918

All servicemen of all services, some women, and some civilians, were eligible for one or more campaign medals if they served abroad. These records are the nearest we have to a full "roll-call" for the First World War. For more information, consult E Joslin, A Litherland and B Simpkin, *British Battles and Medals* (1988).



Medal	Awarded for
1914 Star	For service under fire in France and Belgium, 5 August-22 November 1914. Includes sailors serving ashore.
1914-1915 Star	For service in all other theatres of war, 5 August 1914 and 31 December 1915; and for service in France and Belgium, 23 November 1914-31 December 1915
British War Medal	For service abroad (including India) 5 August 1914 - 11 November 1918, or 1919-1920 in Russia.
Silver War Badge	For retirement, or discharge due to sickness or wounds caused by war service, at home or abroad, after 4 August 1914
Victory Medal	For military and civilian personnel who served in a theatre of war.
Territorial Force War Medal	To members of the Territorial Forces who joined before 30 September 1914 and served in a theatre of war between 5 August 1914 and 11 November 1918.

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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