

DU Learning Guide

Family History

"There's always something more to discover about my family."

What's it all about?

The Internet is a great tool for anyone who wants to find out about their family history. Although a lot of information is still only in paper records, the amount available online is growing all the time. The Internet can also provide the means to contact others who are hunting for the same records and advice on sources.

Try this

The popularity of family history means that most websites require you to register and to pay for the information they provide.

A good place to start is with the site www.findmypast.com

You'll have to register and buy credits to view records via this site, but you can explore first:

- Type www.findmypast.com into the address bar of your browser
- Press **Enter** to display the home page of the site
- Click on the words get started in family history at the top right of the page
- Click on the links in the list at the left of the screen to find out more.



More websites to explore

Ancestry.co.uk

www.ancestry.co.uk

A good search site, plus advice and tools for maintaining your own records. Requires payment.

Family Records

www.familyrecords.gov.uk

Links to all Government organisations involved with family records.

Family Search

www.familysearch.org

Records held by the Mormons who have a great deal of data on family history. Free to use.

Genes Reunited

www.genesreunited.co.uk

Part of Friends Reunited. Free to register and search, additional paid for services.

GENUKI

www.genuki.org.uk

A charity for the advancement of genealogy – lots of good advice about family history research.