



## Getting the Most Out of FindMyPast

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[FindMyPast](http://www.findmypast.com) is part of DC Thompson Family History, a subsidiary of the UK (Dundee) based publishing company involved in magazine, newspaper and comic book publishing. Their Family History division includes recognizable names such as *Scotland's People*, the *British Newspaper Archive*, *Genes Reunited* and added this year, *Origins* and *Mocavo*. All of these additional sites are run independently.

### Overview of FindMyPast

The largest collection of records for FindMyPast are in the UK and Ireland collections. In 2012, FindMyPast moved into the US and Canadian market, becoming a partner in the digitization and indexing of the 1940 census. According to their website, they have 18 million registered users and 1.8 billion records. Their model is to actively partner with libraries and archives including FamilySearch, the British Library, the New England Historic Genealogical Society, the National Archives (UK) and Eneclann among others.

### Options to Subscribe

Personal subscriptions to FindMyPast are available for their various geographic areas; the UK, Ireland, Australia/New Zealand or US/Canada. There is also a World subscription providing access to all of the geographic areas and a Pay-Per-View option where an individual can purchase credits and use them to view specific records within a limited time frame. In October (2014) they announced the creation of FindMyPast Community Edition for libraries, schools and archives. FindMyPast is available at the Family History Centers of the LDS church.

### Search Strategies

When you search on FindMyPast (or any other database) think about what information you are seeking. Rather than searching all of the databases, select the specific collection that focuses on your research question. You can select categories of records from the drop down *Search* menu, or select a specific database using the *A-Z of record sets*. Don't forget to read the section *Learn more about these records* so you understand what is included.

### Family Trees

You can upload your family tree using a GEDCOM to FindMyPast, but unlike Ancestry, at the present time, the trees are not shared.

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