

Strategies for FindMyPast

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Search all records

Who
First name Last name

When
Born YYYY +/- 2yrs

Where
World Location

THE CATHOLIC HERITAGE ARCHIVE

ARCHDIOCESE OF NEW YORK
ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA
ARCHDIOCESE OF BALTIMORE

Millions of New Catholic Records

Up to 100 million new records online for the first time, only on Findmypast

New & Exclusive: Catholic Heritage Archive

Begin your journey with our new Starter Package

A full list of all of our record sets

FindMyPast.com

- Fastest growing repository
- Millions of new records every week
- Find My Past Fridays



Recent Additions

- New Norfolk records, Royal Navy Allotments, Victoria births and British Newspapers
- Australian Electoral, early immigration records to North America & Barbados and passenger lists from Britain to Africa.
- *Victoria Petty Sessions, Queensland passengers lists, Irish newspapers and new additions to the Periodical Source Index*

Free Records

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL <https://www.findmypast.com/free>. The browser's address bar shows "Secure" and "https://www.findmypast.com/free". The browser's tabs show "Free Ancestry Records - 1 x" and "Richard". The browser's bookmarks bar shows "OpenDNS Login to yc", "Imported From IE", "Welcome To Rose Pub", "Xfinity TV Guide", "Irish Research", "Greenway Support Co", "Patient Portal Login P", "SpamExperts", and "Other bookmarks". The Findmypast website header is blue and contains the Findmypast logo, a home icon, a "Family tree" dropdown menu, a "Search" dropdown menu, "Free Records", "My records", "Blog", "Help", and a "My Account" dropdown menu with a user profile icon. The main content area features a large image of a steamship with the Statue of Liberty in the background. Overlaid on this image is the text "What records are free to view?" in a large, white, sans-serif font. Below this text is a paragraph: "To help you make a start with your family history research, we've made a selection of our key records free to access, meaning you can explore them at no cost, whenever you like. With over 830 million records included in our FREE collection, there's never been a better time to start building your family tree with Findmypast." Below the paragraph is a blue button with the text "Search now". At the bottom of the page, there are two smaller images: on the left, a document titled "Free Inhabitants in" with a signature and the text "enumerated by me, on the"; on the right, a photograph of a man in a white shirt and tie holding a baby.

Free for All to Search

- **US Censuses**

Census records are the best resource to use when beginning to build your family tree, and Findmypast is the only place online that you can get FREE access to full US census records (1790-1940)

Free for All to Search

- **US & Canada: Public Records of Birth, Marriage and Death**

Birth, marriage and death (BMD) records form the foundations of your family history research and provide a great basis to build your family tree. Discover dates and places of when and where your ancestors were born, married and died. Notable inclusions in our free BMD collections are Texas divorce records, New Jersey death records and British Columbia birth records.

Free for All to Search

- **Irish Catholic Parish Registers**

If you're one of the 40 million Americans with Irish heritage, there's a very good chance you'll find your ancestors in our 10 million Catholic Parish Registers.

Published online in partnership with the National Library of Ireland, the collection contains birth, marriage, burial and confirmation records from more than 1,000 parishes, covering 98% of the Catholic population in Ireland.

Free for All to Use

- **Build your own family tree**

Our free, feature-filled family tree builder gives you everything you need to create an amazing family tree and store all of your discoveries safely online. Attach records, images and even voice recordings, preserving your research for future generations.

Search All Records

[Search all records](#)
Any record at your fingertips

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Newspaper Research

The screenshot shows the findmypast.com website interface. At the top, there's a browser window with the URL search.findmypast.com/search/us-and-world-newspapers. Below the browser, there are search filters for 'Who' (First name, Last name) and 'What else?' (Keywords). A search button is visible on the right. The main content area is titled 'US & World newspapers' and features a large image of newspaper clippings with headlines like 'YANKS DOWN 102 MORE GERMAN PLANES' and 'Made Today'. A quote from Judy S, San Clemente, CA, is displayed on the right side of the main area. Below the main content, there are links for 'Help searching US & World newspapers', 'About the US & World newspaper collection', and 'Why newspapers?'. A 'Show hidden icons' button is located at the bottom right.

US & World newspapers

Who optional
First name Last name

What else? optional
Keywords
Enter keyword(s), e.g. Columbus, Civil War, or Statue of Liberty

Search

Choose from our collections

- British newspapers
- Irish newspapers
- PERiodical Source Index
- US & World newspapers

Narrow your search results

By Country
United States

By State [Show filters](#)

By Publication [Show filters](#)

By Date [Show date range](#)
January 1st YYYY

US & World newspapers

Some interesting tales in here to be sure. I unearthed articles about my family I never expected to find.

Judy S, San Clemente, CA

[Help searching US & World newspapers](#)

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Show hidden icons

About the US & World Newspaper Collections

- Our US & World newspaper collections provide access to nearly 120 million pages from newspapers published in all 50 states, Washington, D.C., Panama, and the Virgin Islands. Titles include a variety of local papers, as well as national publications, including the *New York Times* and the *Washington Post*.
- Global historical newspapers from China, Denmark, France, Germany, Jamaica, and South Africa are also searchable within the collection

Filter by Publication

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL `search.findmypast.com/search/us-and-world-newspapers`. A modal window titled "Filter by Publication" is open, displaying a search bar and a grid of letter filters. The letter 'B' is selected. Below the filters, a list of newspaper names is shown, each with a radio button. The list includes:

- Boone Svenska Harold
- Boonville Enquirer
- Boonville Republican
- Boonville Standard
- Boonville Warrick Democrat
- Boonville Weekly Enquirer
- Boothill News
- Boston Daily Globe
- Boston Evening Globe
- Boston Globe
- Boston Post
- Boston Post Gazette
- Boston Sunday Post
- Boswell Times
- Bowling Green Clay County Advocate
- Bowling Green Clay County Citizen
- Bowling Green Clay County Democrat
- Bowling Green Clay County Review
- Bowling Green Clay County Weekly Herald
- Bowling Green Democratic Archives
- Bowling Green Review

At the bottom of the modal, there are "Cancel" and "Apply filters" buttons. The background shows a search results page with filters for "By Country" (United States) and "By State" (January).

Military Service & Conflict

- Findmypast has over 60 million military and conflict records, which contain reliable, accurate, and revealing information about your ancestor's service history in conflicts that often impacted millions around the world. The records cover both world wars as well as a range of other national and international conflicts dating from 1760 to the 20th century.

Military Record Search

Military Service & Conflict

Richard

search.findmypast.com/search-world-records-in-military-service-and-conflict

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World

All Categories

- Birth, Marriage & Death (Parish Registers)
- Census, Land & Substitutes
- Churches & Religion
- Directories & Social History
- Education & Work
- Immigration & Travel
- Institutes & Organizations
- Military Service & Conflict**
 - Boer Wars
 - Civil War & Rebellion
 - First World War
 - Government
 - Medal Rolls and Honours

First name(s) Last name

Name variants [i](#) Name variants [i](#)

All fields are optional

WHEN

Year Give or take Year Of Birth Give or take Year Of Death Give or take

WHERE

World

COUNTRY

[Browse Country](#)

SUBCATEGORY

[Browse Subcategory](#)

RECORD SET

[Browse Record set](#)

OPTIONAL KEYWORDS

REGIMENT

Institutes & Organizations

- Discover the black sheep in your family tree with these fascinating legal, criminal and institutional records. If your ancestor crossed the law, were incarcerated in prison, spent time in workhouses or had government dealings, here is the best place to find them. The crime records often include details of the victims as well as the criminals, and occasionally police photographs of your wayward relatives.

Education & Work

- Discover more about your ancestors' professions and studies in a variety of education, apprenticeship and work records dating as far back as the 1500s. Educational and professional records can be an invaluable source of information about when (and where) your relatives went to college, and how they made the family fortune.

Churches & Religion

- Religious and church records can be useful sources of information, not only if you're looking for your ancestors of a specific religious denomination, but when searching for your ecclesiastical ancestors too. Church directories, as well as communicant and confirmation rolls are commonly found in this category, and these may help you to decide where to seek further information.

Immigration & Travel

- Moving around the world was just as common in the time of your ancestors as it is today. Between 1836 and 1914 millions of Europeans migrated to the United States in search of jobs and a better life. Trace the whereabouts of your emigrant ancestors in our migration records and passenger lists.

Directories & Social History

- Postal and telephone directories, family histories and almanacs are fantastic resources that paint a picture of what life was like in the cities, towns, and villages your ancestors lived in at any given point in time. Some of the records provide information on specific trades and professions, while others reveal the titles and land holdings of your wealthier ancestors.

Census, Land & Substitutes

- Censuses are taken by governments to establish the numbers and characteristics of a population. Census and land records allow you to trace your ancestors through each generation of a family tree. You may be able to follow where a relative lived through each decade, or discover when they moved house or started a new job, and how their family evolved through births, deaths, and marriages. Furthermore, your ancestors' households will often reveal the names of their siblings, which would be difficult to trace using the birth indexes alone.

Birth, Marriage & Death (Parish Registers)

- Baptism, banns, marriage, and burial records are the building blocks for every family tree. Our extensive resources will help you to learn more about the most important events in your ancestors' lives. Prior to civil registration, parish registers kept a record of these events, and these can provide details of the significant milestones in your relatives' lives.

Vital Records Search

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL `search.findmypast.com/search-world-records-in-birth-marriage-and-death-parish-registers`. The page features a search form with the following sections:

- Navigation:** A sidebar on the left with a "World" dropdown and a list of categories. "Birth, Marriage & Death (Parish Registers)" is selected and highlighted in green.
- Search Fields:**
 - First name(s):** A text input field.
 - Last name:** A text input field.
 - Name variants:** Two checkboxes, both checked.
- WHEN:** A section for time-based filters.
 - Year Of Marriage:** A text input with "YYYY" and a dropdown for "-/+ 2yrs".
 - Year Of Birth:** A text input with "YYYY" and a dropdown for "-/+ 2yrs".
 - Year Of Death:** A text input with "YYYY" and a dropdown for "-/+ 2yrs".
- WHERE:** A dropdown menu set to "World" and an empty text input field.
- SUBCATEGORY:** A text input with the placeholder "Start typing a Subcategory" and a "Browse Subcategory" link.
- RECORD SET:** A text input with the placeholder "Start typing a Record set" and a "Browse Record set" link.
- OPTIONAL KEYWORDS:** An empty text input field.

At the bottom of the search form, there is a blue search button labeled "Search Birth, Marriage & Death (Parish Registers)" and a "Clear search" link.

Below the search form, there are two sections: "Learn about these records" on the left and "Useful links & resources" on the right.

Specific Sub-Categories

- [Social Security Death Index](#)
- [U.S. Veteran's Gravesites](#)
- [Massachusetts Vital Records to 1850](#)
- [Irish Births 1864 – 1958](#)
- [England & Wales births 1837 – 2006](#)
- [Australia, Births & Baptisms, 1792 – 1981](#)

U.S. Veteran's Gravesites

U.S. Veteran's Gravesites

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U.S. Veteran's Gravesites

Did your ancestor serve in the U.S. Civil War, World War I, or the Vietnam War? Search for your ancestors who served in the United States Military, or who were related to those who served, in this comprehensive collection of Veteran Gravesites dating back to the Revolutionary War.

[Learn more](#) [Useful links](#)

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WHO

First name(s)

Last name

Name variants ⓘ Name variants ⓘ

All fields are optional

WHEN

Birth year Give or take Death year Give or take

CONFLICT

CITY

[Browse City](#)

STATE

[Browse State](#)

My Records

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Secure | https://www.findmypast.com/account/fulfillments

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Delete records

| <input type="checkbox"/> Record Summary | Cost (Credits) | Last View | First View | Notes | Tags | Certainty Rating | |
|--|----------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|------|------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Reno Evening Gazette, Published: May 17, 1971 | 5 | January 22, 2017 | January 22, 2017 | Reno Evening Gazette... | | ☆ | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nevada State Journal, Published: June 7, 1964 | 5 | January 22, 2017 | January 22, 2017 | Nevada State Journal... | | ☆ | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ann M, Ray (United States & Canada) | 0 | December 29, 2016 | December 29, 2016 | Ann M, Ray (Unite... | | ☆ | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ann M, Ray (United States & Canada) | 0 | December 29, 2016 | December 29, 2016 | Ann M, Ray (Unite... | | ☆ | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Florence, Burke (United States & Canada) | 0 | December 28, 2016 | December 28, 2016 | Florence, Burke (...) | | ☆ | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Florence, Burke (United States & Canada) | 0 | December 28, 2016 | December 28, 2016 | Florence, Burke (...) | | ☆ | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Harold R, Chandler (United States & Canada) | 0 | December 16, 2016 | December 16, 2016 | Harold R, Chandler <... | | ☆ | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Michael, Kenny (Ireland) | 5 | December 2, | December 2, | Michael, Kenny | | ☆ | |

The Catholic Heritage Archive

THE CATHOLIC HERITAGE ARCHIVE



ARCHDIOCESE OF
NEW YORK

ARCHDIOCESE OF
PHILADELPHIA

ARCHDIOCESE OF
BALTIMORE

Welcome back Richard

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Search Your Parish Records

- The Catholic Church has long protected the privacy of its records. Their registers memorialise sacraments like baptism and marriage which are important religious events in a person's life. As a consequence every Priest in every Parish has a canonical duty to preserve these registers and keep them safe. To make matters more difficult, the registers are generally written in Latin, so even when you can get to see them they are difficult to understand.
- Findmypast has launched a ground breaking initiative to digitize the historic records of the Catholic Church. Last year we published the Irish records, and this year we commence publishing all the historic sacramental registers for England, Scotland and the USA. It's a big task, make no mistake! There are over 30 million records just for the Archdioceses of Philadelphia, New York and Baltimore, our first three US Dioceses. There even more for all of Britain. There are hundreds of millions of records for the USA alone.

CHA Has Been Launched

- The sorts of records you are likely to find include:
 - Baptisms
 - Marriages
 - Deaths & Burials
 - Census and more
- We are commencing this project with the Registers for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia in the USA and the Archdioceses of Birmingham and Westminster in England. The Philadelphia records start back in 1757, while those for Westminster and Birmingham in 1657.

The 1939 Register

The 1939 Register | findmypast.com

search.findmypast.com/search-world-Records/1939-register

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1939 Register

Find out what your ancestors were doing on the eve of WW2 by searching the 1939 Register, available to search online only on Findmypast. Discover exactly what they did for a living, maps of where they lived and even who their neighbours were. Or click on the address tab to search for your own address, or an address you know, to see who was living there in September 1939. Then you can put it all in context. Read newspaper articles and see photographs from the era.

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Person Address

WHO

First name(s)

Last name(s)

Name variants [i](#) Name variants [i](#)

All fields are optional [x](#)

BIRTH YEAR Give or take

BIRTHDAY

PLACE KEYWORDS

SEX [Browse Sex](#)

MARITAL STATUS [Browse Marital status](#)

What is the 1939 Register?

- At the outbreak of World War II, the government urgently needed to know everything it could about the civil population of England and Wales. This information would be key in the issuing of identity cards and ration books as well as organising conscription and, after the war, creating the N.H.S.
- To gather this information, they took a National Register. On September 29th, 1939, the personal details - including names, dates of birth, occupations, marital statuses - of 41 million individuals were recorded.
- This release is the result of over a year's work carried out by a team of hundreds who - in association with The National Archives - have conserved, scanned, transcribed and digitised over 1.2 million pages from 7,000 volumes, comprising the most significant record release of the decade, and one of the most important documents in modern British history. To put the scale of the work into context, were you to stack the books on top of each other, they would be 227m high, over double the height of St Paul's Cathedral.

Why is the 1939 Register so significant?

- The 1939 Register is one of the most important documents of modern British history. It captures a world on the eve of war, and is a great resource for anyone wanting to find out about their family at the start of World War II.
- In addition, owing to the fact that the War destroyed the 1931 census and prevented the 1941 census ever being taken, the 1939 Register is the only surviving record of the population of England and Wales between 1921 and 1951. The 1921 Census will not be available for a number of years, so the 1939 Register provides a unique opportunity to expand genealogical research and is a great resource for family, social and local historians.

Webinars

The screenshot shows a web browser window with two tabs: "Trace your Family Tree" and "Findmypast - Genealogy". The address bar shows the URL <https://blog.findmypast.com/all-webinars/>. The browser's bookmark bar includes "OpenDNS Login to yo", "Imported From IE", "Welcome To Rose Pub", "Xfinity TV Guide", "Irish Research", "Greenway Support Co", "Patient Portal Login P", "SpamExperts", and "Other bookmarks".

The website's navigation bar includes a menu icon, "Blog", "How to guides", "All Webinars", "Discoveries", and "Latest Records". Social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, and Google+ are also present.

All Webinars

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United States Marriage Records at Findmypast

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Getting Started with Hinting

As you build your family tree, Hints can help you discover new ancestors and find out more about those you already have on your tree. Watch our introductory video to learn more.

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Family Tree Online

The screenshot shows the findmypast.com website interface. The browser address bar displays 'tree.findmypast.com/#/trees'. The navigation bar includes the findmypast logo, a 'Family tree' dropdown menu, a search bar, and links for 'Free Records', 'My records', 'Blog', and 'Help'. The user's name 'Richard' is visible in the top right corner.

The 'Family tree' dropdown menu is open, showing the following options:

- Reed Family Tree
- View all trees
- Create a tree
- Import a tree

Below the dropdown menu, there are two buttons: 'Import a tree' and 'Create a tree'. A table displays the details of the 'Reed Family Tree'.

| Created | Updated ^ | Owner | |
|-------------|-------------|--------------|---|
| 29 Aug 2016 | 29 Aug 2016 | Richard Reid |    |

The footer of the page contains the URL: www.findmypast.com/family-tree?_ga=1.36746464.1795668963.1486577278

Import Your Own Work

Import a tree

 [Create a tree](#)

GEDCOM
Required

No file chosen

What's a GEDCOM?

Please note we cannot upload any media files referenced in your GEDCOM.
We accept files up to 140MB and containing a maximum of 120,000 people.
If you wish to load a larger file please email support@findmypast.com.

or

Family Tree Hints

- Hints are potential matches in our records to the people on your tree and you will see a link to a hint by an orange circle containing a number which appears next to a person's name on your family tree.
- When you click on the orange number icon, you will be taken to see any Hints that have been suggested for that person. Alternatively, you can click on the orange My Hints tab towards the top right of your Family Tree screen.
- Hints are based on a number of factors, including names, date and place of births, marriages and deaths.

Searching & Sharing Trees

- Your tree can be shared with other registered users of Findmypast. You can do this when looking at your own tree and by sharing the URL in the address bar of your browser. It can only be viewed by another Findmypast user who is signed into their account.
- Your family tree has privacy controls that you can use to prevent it being shared or made public for other people to see this content if you wish. To ensure the content remains private, go to the “Tree settings” option in your Family Tree and un-tick the “Public tree” box

Adding Photos to Your Tree

- You can upload a photo to an individual person's profile on your tree by first clicking on their name and then the 'profile' link.
- From here, you click on the 'media' link and then 'add media'.
- Finally, you choose which file / photo you would like to upload from your computer and it will take a few seconds to upload.
- You then have the option to add further information about the photo and to decide if you want it to be the main profile photo for that person in your tree.

Maximize Your Results

- Use your research from Ancestry, MyHeritage, or FamilySearch trees
- Test and verify the hints
- Use the different DNA services from Ancestry, MyHeritage, Family Tree DNA, 23 and Me, and GEDMatch to develop leads and hints
- And never forget to document your data with proper source citations.

Friends of Irish Research

- The Friends of Irish Research is a collection of friends with over 100 years of experience with a desire to utilize their experience and skills to promote the sharing of genealogical knowledge and to assist others in their family research.
- Fridays (7:30-9:30pm) at 899 N. Main St., Brockton, MA The 3rd Friday of each month is held at the ICC Library in Canton, MA
- <http://www.friendsofirishresearch.org>

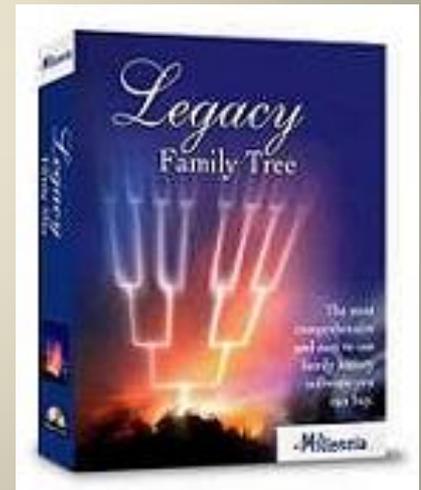
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