

**Paying for Internet sources,
are they worth it?**

**A demonstration of
some pay per view and subscription
web sources**

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pay per view web sources

1901 Census site - <http://www.1901censusonline.com/>

1837 Online - <http://www.1837online.com/>

FFHS Online - <http://www.familyhistoryonline.net/>

Family relatives – <http://www.familyrelatives.org>

The Genealogist – <http://www.thegenealogist.co.uk>

pay per view web sources

1901 Census site - <http://www.1901censusonline.com/>

Now managed by GenesReunited although you can still access via the old URL above but with links to GenesR.

Searching is free but access to data is by voucher or credit card.

Vouchers are £5 for 500 credits and once activated are valid for 6 months

A credit card payment of £5 buys 500 credits but they are only valid for SEVEN days.

pay per view web sources

1837 Online - <http://www.1837online.com/>

This site gives you access to BMD records 1837 - 2004 as well as 1861 & 1891 censuses, plus some Military Records.

Searching is free but access to data is by voucher or credit card.
1 BMD search is one unit and a census is 3 units

Vouchers can be bought and are £5 for 50 units and once activated are valid for 90 days.

A minimum credit card payment of £5 buys 50 units and they are only valid for 90 days, they can be topped up or more purchased initially.

pay per view web sources

FFHS Online - <http://www.familyhistoryonline.net/>

This site gives you access to 62 million records that have been supplied by Family History Societies from the UK and abroad.

Registration and searching is free and access to most, but not all data, costs 5 or 6 pence.

This can be paid by voucher or credit card, with “your account” being credited with the amount you require. Vouchers are for £5 or £10 and are valid for 6 months, as are credit card units.

pay per view web sources

Family relatives – <http://www.familyrelatives.org>

This site gives you access to 300 million online records

Registration is free as are over 100 million records, the remainder are on a pay per view basis, minimum purchase with a credit card is 60 units for £6 valid for 90 days – the maximum is 1500 units for £100 which are valid for 180 days.

pay per view web sources

The Genealogist – <http://www.thegenealogist.co.uk>

This site is part of the S&N Group

Search on line census, birth, marriage, death and parish records indexes and directories.

Various levels of subscriptions from £5 for pay as you go, to £12.50 per month for professional users.

subscription web sources

GenesReunited - <http://www.genesreunited.co.uk/>

Origins - <http://www.originsnetwork.com/>

Ancestry - <http://ancestry.co.uk> *or* [com](http://ancestry.com)

subscription web sources

GenesReunited - <http://www.genesreunited.co.uk/>

An Annual or Continuous membership £7.50 pa

Will notify you of matches to “your names”

You can contact “possible relatives” through the site

They also run the 1901 Census site and have access to BMDs
from 1837 - 2002

These two cost “credits” from vouchers that can be purchased at
50 for £5 but they are only valid for SEVEN days.

subscription web sources

Origins - <http://www.originsnetwork.com/>

This is the Origins Network giving access to British, Irish & Scots origins data.

There are various subscription packages ranging from 72 hours to annual, costs depending on which package (total access, British or Irish) that you require. There is no subscription to the Scots Origins as searching is free, and you pay for certificates etc. (Society of Genealogists members have free access to certain data).

subscription web sources

Ancestry - <http://ancestry.co.uk> *or com*

Possibly the largest subscription genealogical site around,
4 billion names worldwide on Ancestry.com with

Ancestry.co.uk giving you access to all

UK censuses and BMD data. There is also Ancestry.ca

Free trials are available but you need to have a credit card, and
don't forget to cancel if you finish researching before your free
time is up.

Vouchers are also obtainable for use with Ancestry.co.uk

World deluxe (everything) in \$347.40pa (£185)

UK deluxe is £69.95pa