

Summary of Sites referred to by Richard Heaton during the presentation

A brief overview of a few Old and New Sources for your Family History

Directories

Historical Directories (c.675 Directories)

<http://www.historicaldirectories.org/hd/index.asp>

BT Phone Books on Ancestry 1880 – 1984

<http://search.ancestry.co.uk/search/db.aspx?dbid=1025>

The Court and City Register 1776 from Google Books

[http://books.google.co.uk/books/about/The Court and City Register Or Gentleman.html?id=dvI9AAAACAAI&redir_esc=y](http://books.google.co.uk/books/about/The_Court_and_City_Register_Or_Gentleman.html?id=dvI9AAAACAAI&redir_esc=y)

Pigot & Co's Directory from Internet Archive

<http://archive.org/details/pigotcosnational1837dire>

London Directories at Guildhall Library (downloadable pdf)

<http://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/things-to-do/visiting-the-city/archives-and-city-history/guildhall-library/collections/Documents/london-directories-at-guildhall-library.pdf>

Recommended Reading

British Directories : A Bibliography and Guide to Directories Published in England and Wales (1850-1950) and Scotland (1773-1950) Gareth Shaw and Alison Tipper

Directories and Poll Books in the Society of Genealogists N J N Newington Irving

Guide to the National and Provincial Directories of England and Wales, excluding London (Royal Historical Soc 1950 – J. Norton)

POLL BOOKS

Google Books – Berkshire Poll Book 1796

<http://books.google.co.uk/books?id=PsYHAAAAQAAJ&pg=PA1&dq=The+berkshire+poll+1796&hl=en&sa=X&ei=ujjLUpyCN8iA0AWbk4HoBQ&ved=0CGMQ6AEwCA#v=onepage&q=The%20berkshire%20poll%201796&f=false>

Internet Archive Poll for the City of Norwich 1830

<http://archive.org/search.php?query=poll%20for%20members%20of%20parliament%20norwich%20AND%20mediatype%3Atexts>

Recommended Reading

Poll Books 1696-1872 by Jeremy Gibson and Colin Rogers

Electoral Registers 1832-1948 by Jeremy Gibson (published by Family History Partnership)

How Bedfordshire Voted 1685- 1735" Evidence of Local Poll Books Vol 1. 1685 -1715 by James Collett-White Pub 2006

Westminster Poll Books from the London Lives website

<http://www.londonlives.org/static/AHDSWHD.jsp>

ENGLISH SHORT TITLE CATALOGUE (ESTC)

Material Printed in the English Language up to 1800.

http://estc.bl.uk/F/?func=file&file_name=login-bl-estc

The ESTC is a great resource for finding what printed material could be available and where you might find it you may even find an ancestor was a printer or publisher

THE BERNAU INDEX

If you have not use this resource then you should ! Available at the Society of Genealogists – microfilm of card index to names mentioned in Chancery and other records from the 1500's onwards. Excellent resource for research – you will need to view the original records at the National Archive and will need to translate the old reference from Bernau to the new catalogue reference

ESSENTIAL READING (which explains how to translate references)

How to Use the Bernau Index by Hilary Sharp

MILITIA AND ARMY OFFICERS LISTS ON LINE

Militia Lists and Musters 1757 – 1876 by Jeremy Gibson and Mervyn Medlycott

Tudor and Stuart Muster Rolls by Jeremy Gibson and Alan Dell

Find My Past has put online Militia Lists within its Army Service Record collection (see link below)

<http://www.findmypast.co.uk/search/army-service-records/all>

Army Lists (Officers) check out the National Archive Website

<http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/records/looking-for-person/britisharmyofficerbefore1913.htm>

Typically you may want to consult

- Annual Army Lists, 1754-1879 - Arranged by regiment, of the regular army only. They are indexed from 1766
- Quarterly Army Lists (First Series), 1879-1922
- This series was replaced by the Half-yearly Army Lists in 1923.
- Colonel Hart's Army List 1839 and 1915

And Try the London Gazette

<http://www.london-gazette.co.uk/search>

North Wiltshire Musters for 1539 (very old web pages which I put together)

<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~dutilleul/ZWiltsMuster/IndexWiltsMuster.html>

OTHER RANKS DESERTERS FROM THE ARMY AND MILITIA (plus Navy, Marines, Criminal records etc)

Try Last Chance to Read where I have put online over 800 copies of the Police Gazette and predecessor Hue and Cry from my newspaper collection) ideal for less common surnames !

<http://www.lastchancetoread.com/>

NEWSPAPERS (LIGHT VERSION)

To Search over Australian (Trove), New Zealand (Papers Past), American (Chronicling America), and Singapore Newspapers try ELPHIND

<http://www.elephind.com/>

To find what is available worldwide try

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:List_of_online_newspaper_archives

And ICON

<http://icon.crl.edu/digitization.htm>

BUT FOR ENGLAND, IRELAND, SCOTLAND, WALES, ISLE OF MAN, and CHANNEL ISLANDS I have compiled a list of all site content for all the major and minor sites (or my best attempt) online accurate to early of September 2013 (see link below)

<http://goo.gl/a18292>

[Do remember when searching the long or serpentine S used in newspapers up until 1790 – 1808 and how to avoid it](#)

Recommended Reading (simply the best resource – excluding in my version at least anything online)

Local Newspapers 1750-1920 for England and Wales Channel Islands and Isle of Man by Jeremy Gibson, Brett Langston, and Brenda W. Smith

This provides an overview by County, highlighting “out of County” Material and then provides details of Titles by City and Major Town – It also highlights local library holdings of microfilm and some local indexes