

Q & A Session

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Does anyone know of any UK Crew Lists before 1835 that are searchable online.

- ▶ <https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/help-with-your-research/research-guides/merchant-navy-ships-records-crew-lists-musters-and-log-books/#5-muster-books-1747-1834> This series contains surviving muster rolls from 1747, agreements, 1835-1860, and official log books kept by the General Register and Record Office of Seamen. Liverpool Plymouth & Shields
- ▶ <https://www.crewlist.org.uk/> mostly after 1860
- ▶ <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1762440>
- ▶ www.findmypast.co.uk
- ▶ The surviving pre 1860 records are in The National Archives Kew and are not likely to be digitized.

How was adoptions handled especially in NSW in the 1880/90s, Were records kept, if so how does one get access to them?

- ▶ Known initially as boarding-out, foster care was the preferred method of care for neglected children in the second half of the 19th century, spreading from its beginnings in South Australia in 1866. The model selected was a variant of that advocated in the United Kingdom by women such as Florence Davenport-Hill in which children were placed in respectable working-class homes supervised by voluntary ladies committees Source <https://www.oxfordbibliographies.com/display/document/obo-9780199791231/obo-9780199791231-0102.xml>
- ▶ https://www.findandconnect.gov.au/ref/nsw/browse_1880s.html
You will not find personal information or private records on Find & Connect
The Find & Connect web resource brings together historical resources relating to institutional 'care' in Australia. You can use it to
 - read information about and view images of children's Homes
 - get help to find records about your childhood in 'care'
 - connect with support groups and services in your state/territory

Browse Homes - 1880s

- 1800s
- 1810s
- 1820s
- 1830s
- 1840s
- 1850s
- 1860s
- 1870s
- 1880s**
- 1890s
- 1900s
- 1910s
- 1920s
- 1930s
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- 1980s
- 1990s
- 2000s
- 2010s

- [Benevolent Asylum \(1821 - 1901\)](#)
- [Female School of Industry \(1827 - 1926\)](#)
- [Roman Catholic Orphan School \(1844 - 1886\)](#)
- [House of the Good Shepherd \(1848 - 1901\)](#)
- [Protestant Orphan School \(1850 - 1886\)](#)
- [Randwick Asylum for Destitute Children \(1858 - 1915\)](#)
- [Liverpool Asylum for the Infirm and Destitute \(1862 - 1933\)](#)
- [St Joseph's Orphanage, Goulburn \(1864 - 1975\)](#)
- [Nautical School Ship 'Vernon' \(1867 - 1892\)](#)
- [St Joseph's Orphanage, Bathurst \(1867 - 1975\)](#)
- [New South Wales Institution for the Deaf, Dumb and Blind \(1869 - 1957\)](#)
- [Lisgar Training Home for Domestic Servants \(1870 - 1909\)](#)
- [Sydney Female Refuge \(c. 1870 - 1926\)](#)
- [Biloela Industrial School, Cockatoo Island \(1871 - 1887\)](#)
- [The Infants' Home, Ashfield \(1877 - \)](#)

New South Wales - Historical records:

<https://guides.slv.vic.gov.au/adoption/forgottenAustralians#s-lg-box-wrapper-5863839> Historical records:

[Index to child care and protection \(State Records NSW\)](#)

Includes the following indexes

- Index to Mittagong Farmhome for Boys, 1907-21
- Index to Randwick Asylum for Destitute Children, 1852-1915
- Index to orphan schools records 1817-1886 (records relating to Female Orphan School, Male Orphan School and the Protestant Orphan School).
- Index to industrial Schools records 1867-1942 (compiled from a number of different records series, covering several NSW industrial schools).

[Sydney Benevolent Asylum index to admissions and discharges 1857-1900](#)

Index compiled from historical records of the Benevolent Asylum held at the State Library of NSW.

[NSW orphan school index 1817-1833 \[microform\] / Janet Reakes, compiler.](#)

Indexes Archives Office of New South Wales reels 2776 and 2777, which include: Reel 2776, Applications for admission into orphan schools, 1825-1833, Application for children out of orphan schools 1825-29 ; Reel 2777, Applications for children out of orphan schools, 1830-33, Female Orphan School admission books 1817-32, Male Orphan School Admission books 1819-33. (See below record)

[Application for admission into the orphan schools \[microform\] : letters received <1825-1833> ; Applications : children out of orphan schools, letters received, 1825-1833 / Clergy and School lands Corporation \(Archives Office NSW Reels 2776 and 2777\)](#)

Reels 2776 and 2777 are located at GM 24 in the Library's Newspapers & Family History Reading Rooms. These reels are also available to search and view electronically on [Ancestry Library Edition](#), available [onsite](#) to Library users. Select 'New South Wales, Australia, Applications and Admissions to Orphan Schools, 1817-1833' from Ancestry's database list.

[A decent set of girls- : the Irish famine orphans of the Thomas Arbuthnot 1849-1850 / Richard Reid, Cheryl Mongan](#)

[Wages paid to orphans index, 1849-1851 \[microform\] / compiled by Aileen Trinder & Pat Stemp.](#)

This index is also available on the [Pastkeys miscellaneous indexes \[CDROM\]](#)

[Index to children in the care of the State Children's Relief Department as of 05 April, 1883 / indexed and published by Susan Lark.](#)

[The "Forgotten" children in homes, reformatories and industrial schools in NSW : SRNSW: NRS 2438, 14722, 14723, 14724, 14730, 14739.](#)

[Reel numbers: 3850-3852 / compiled by Kaye Vernon.](#)

How is the best way to tackle completing or finding answers to Family Tree when after years of getting nowhere, is there a method that enables answers!

- ▶ Write your Goal (spotlight question) in ten words or less, focus :-Sometimes you need to answer one question before asking your focus e.g. did the country or county name change?
- ▶ 1- Gather and Review/analyse all info from Clues (documents you have already)
- ▶ 2. Sift - these clues so that you only have those remaining that will assist in answering your focus question: Did You Get It All: Timeline: Says Who: Identify the nuggets
- ▶ 3. Mapping - Where from and to where you want to go, what records exist, where can I find them: FamilySearch Wiki, Ancestry Card Catalog, FamilySearch Catalog. Do a timeline, check maps.
- ▶ 4. Digging - See if you can now find new information, remember websites are always adding new data. Search and note, maybe use screenshots, transcribe info.
- ▶ 5. Throw back to step 2, that is, Sift again
- ▶ 6. Do Genealogy - but only after you have completed steps 1 thru 4.
- ▶ If this does not work, then you probably have asked the wrong focus question.

Source: Roots Tech 2023 - Do Genealogy Step By Step with Diahan Southard, Janet Hovorka, Crista Cowan

SPOTLIGHT:

Grandfather's birth certificate

B: around 1890 in the British West Indies

CLUES:

Marriage license in 1919 Britain with his Father's names

US Draft card (are we sure it's the same guy?)

Father born 1921 in NY

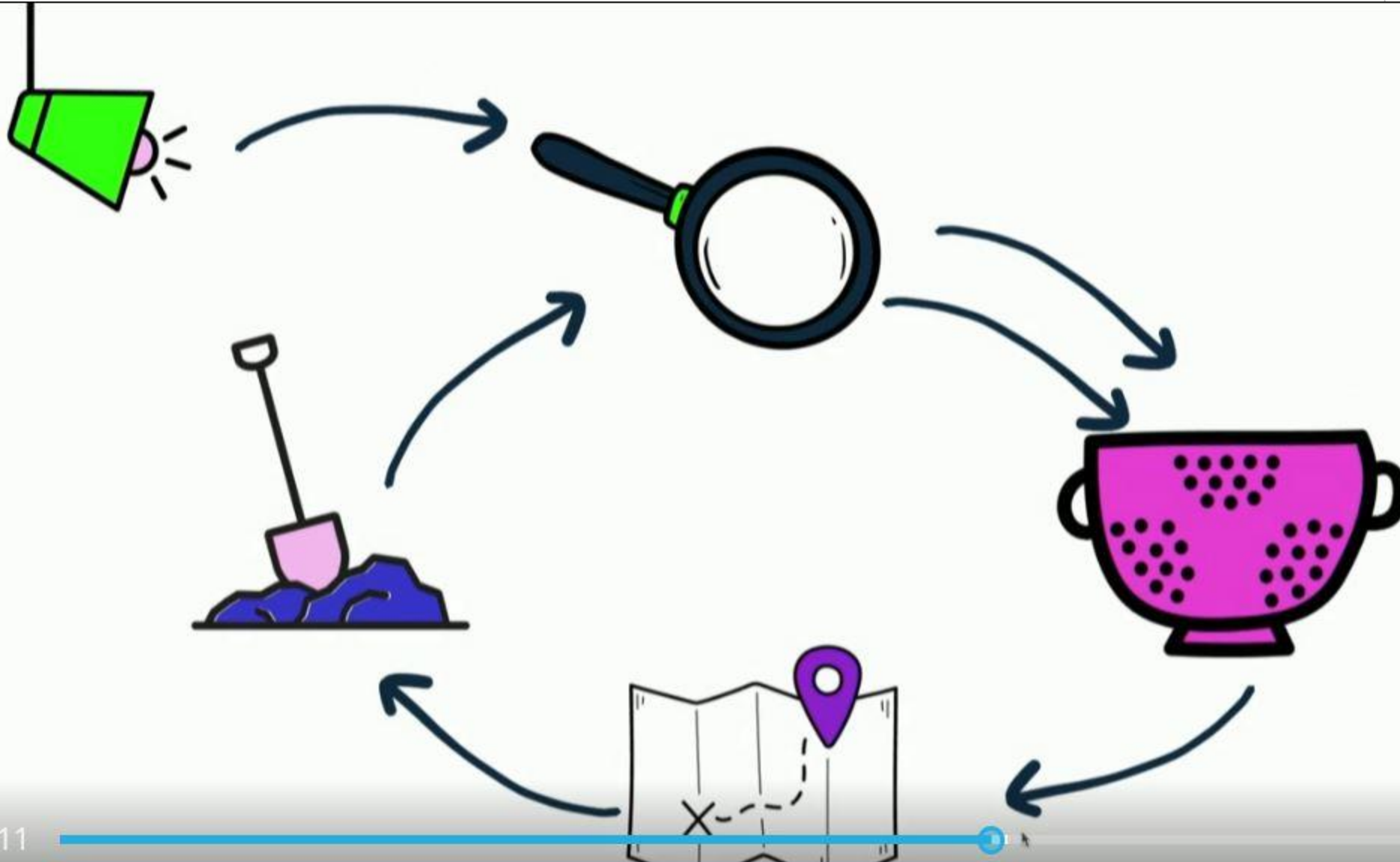
1930 Census he is in a mental institution

MAP:

English census records

Was he drafted?

1921 England census



- ▶ To view the full Session, type into browser <https://www.familysearch.org/rootstech/home>
- ▶ Choose RootsTech 2023 from the menu.
- ▶ Select either Speakers (to choose eg Diahana Southard, Crista Cowan etc.), Calendar, etc. In this instance I chose the search box for Diahana Southard, then click on Diahana's image and all her presentations from Roots Tech 2023 appear. This one is "Do Genealogy Step-by-Step"

1. There are some UK WWI and WWII War Diaries in the Ancestry Card Catalogue. Are all war diaries of this time available? If not, do you know when they will be digitised? WWI diaries are currently free on TNA but not WWII.

2. It seems tricky to find any particular diary from WWII so is there an easy way to search for them. For example, a search for Royal Army Service Corps only brings up 9 Ambulance records. There must be others, especially in the field of transport. I know I can search Google and it might give me a link to Ancestry but this might not be the most efficient way of searching.

Some records can be found on Find My Past.

The Imperial War Museum has a catalogue at

<https://www.iwm.org.uk/research/tracing-your-family-history/tracing-your-army-history/unit-and-operational-histories>

No, not all war diaries are available. We are uncertain as to when these may be digitized, we believe Ancestry is looking at transcribing, but it will be some years away.

It will probably be a similar situation as the WWI records, digitized for the 100 year anniversary.

Best to contact the Ministry of Defence and the Regimental museum.

3. I presumed if you searched all records for someone they should come up, including anything in the card catalogue. Is this correct?

- ▶ Searches depend upon what information has been digitized, which search engine or dataset you use etc. Not all search engines carry the same search results
- ▶ Google is the most well known.
- ▶ [DuckDuckGo](#) - Best alternative to Google for privacy
- ▶ [Bing](#) - Best for earning points whilst you search
- ▶ [Escosia](#) - Best for environmentally conscious users
- ▶ [Neeva](#) - Best ad-free alternative to Google
- ▶ [Yahoo!](#) - A popular web portal with a search engine powered by Bing
- ▶ [YouTube](#) - Best for video search
- ▶ [CC Search](#)- Best for finding copyright-free content
- ▶ [Baidu](#) - Best for Chinese users
- ▶ [Swisscows](#)- Best family-friendly search engine

Query regarding Sources and Citations

- a) 60 copies of one source namely Geneanet which has jammed my Sources drop down on Ancestry.
- b) What is correct way to source and cite?

Peter Godfrey tried to delete a source using his live tree on Ancestry as an example, however the 'Delete' option was greyed out so you cannot remove the source. It will need to be referred to Ancestry who should be able to reset/correct the error.

- ▶ It is imperative to document our data, we need to go through a good process to document our sources.
- ▶ Sources can be Oral, Printed, Newspapers etc., or internet resources such as Births, Marriages, Deaths, emails, letters and old documents.
- ▶ Citations: Cite the information, prove what is found, type of records, organisation, etc.
- ▶ We again went live to Ancestry and were shown examples of Sources and Citations and a preview of a family tree on Ancestry.

Backup to the Cloud and hard drive of some description e.g. USB, external hard drive.