

RECORDS OF CIVIL REGISTRATION FROM 1837

From 1 July 1837 births, marriages and deaths in England and Wales and births and deaths at sea have been registered by the officials of the Registrar General. Information for these records can be found on:

http://www.direct.gov.uk/en/Governmentcitizensandrights/Registeringlifeevents/Familyhistoryandresearch/DG_175464

The original registers for each registration district are held locally by the relevant registrar. These records cannot be consulted at present, but quarterly indexes can be found on a variety of websites, some of which charge for services:

<http://www.freebmd.org.uk/> -- this also includes a great deal of index information for births, marriages and deaths

<http://www.ukbmd.org.uk/>

<http://www.findmypast.co.uk/home.jsp>

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

<http://www.thegenealogist.co.uk/>

<http://www.ancestry.co.uk/>

In addition, you can try contacting local family history societies, libraries or record offices to see if they have indices for your area of interest. Many local libraries and Mormon Family History Libraries have these on microfilm. See www.familysearch.org for locations.

Details of local holdings are given in J. Green, *General Register Office and International Genealogical Indexes: Where to find them* (Federation of Family History Societies, 1987). In Yorkshire the indexes from 1837-1980 can be seen in York City Library, Museum Street, York, YO1 7DS. They can also be seen at Northallerton Library, 1 Thirsk Road, Northallerton, DL6 1PT and at Leeds Central Reference Library, Municipal Buildings, Leeds, LS1 3AB.

If you have a correct index references you can apply for a copy of a certificate on-line, see www.col.statistics.gov.uk for more details.

If you do not have an index reference you can still apply for copies to The General Register Office, PO Box 2, Southport, Merseyside, PR8 2JD (or phone 0870 243 7788). They will need a full name, the date of the event (as exact as possible), and the place where it took place.

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