

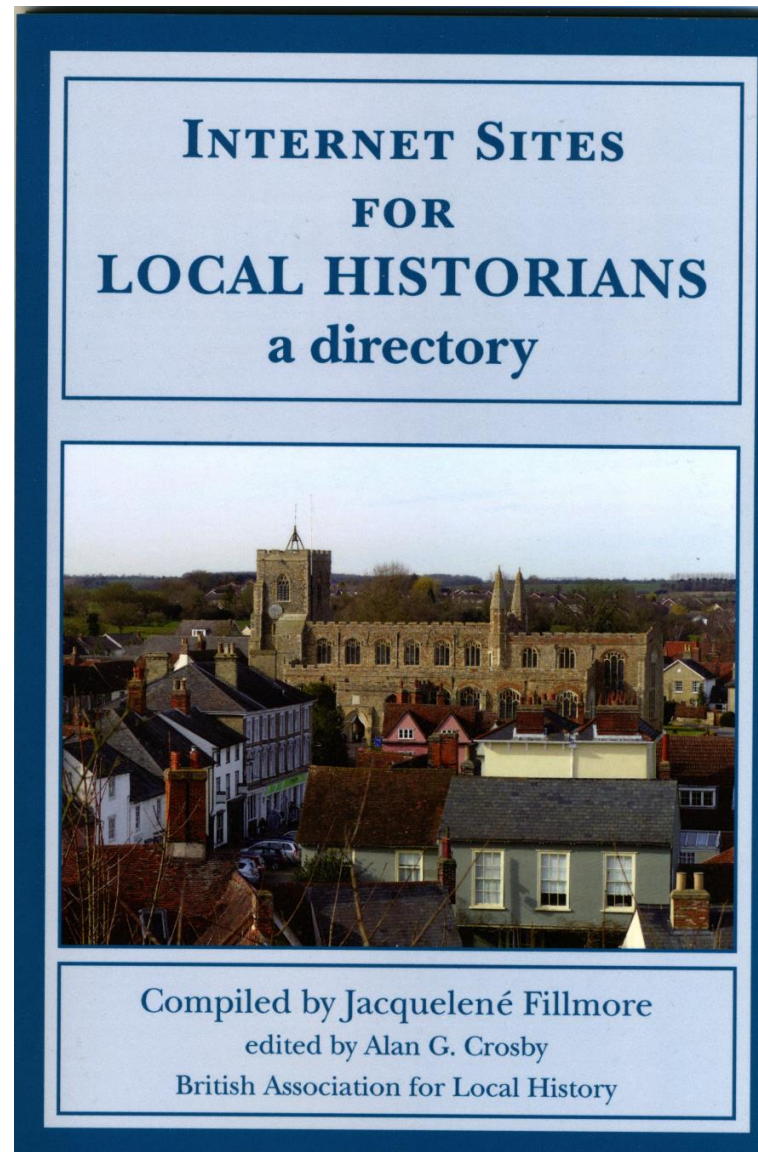
Going back in time: free resources for finding people, 13th to 18th centuries

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What I plan to cover today

- Online catalogues including The National Archives 'Discovery' catalogue
- Websites and downloadable resources
- Records of lives and landscape in the local countryside
- Family and place names
- Nursing and housing history
- The poor and the workhouse
- Where to find out more

Research guides

Choose a different subject Our A-Z index

Online collections

Over 5% of The National Archives' records have so far been digitised and we are continuing to put records online. Browse this section to find out how to search some of our most popular online collections.

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- ☐ Births, marriages and deaths
- ☐ Census and other national surveys
- ☐ Civilian occupations
- ☐ Courts, criminals and prisoners
- ☐ Domestic politics
- ☐ First World War
- ☐ Maps
- ☐ Medals and awards
- ☐ Merchant Navy
- ☐ Migration

66 guides available

How to look for records of...

1939 Register

Keywords: 1939 register census population statistics All records viewable online



Alien arrivals

Keywords: aliens (foreign nationals) immigration

All records viewable online



Alien entry books

Keywords: aliens (foreign nationals) migration naturalisation

All records viewable online

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- ☐ Second World War
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Aliens' registration cards 1918-1957

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British Army casualty lists 1939-1945

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British Army medal index cards 1914-1920

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[officers \(army\)](#) ☒ All records viewable online



British Army nurses' service records 1914-1918

Keywords: [army](#) [british army](#) [first world war](#) [nurses](#) [women's military service](#)

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A page from TNA's Discovery catalogue on PCC wills

Will of John Nower, Linen Draper of Ashford, Kent

Prerogative Court of Canterbury and related Probate Jurisdictions: Will Registers. Name of Register: Ruthen Quire Numbers: 51 - 103. Will of John Nower, Linen Draper of Ashford, Kent.

Location: Ashford, Kent

Held by:	The National Archives - Prerogative Court of Canterbury
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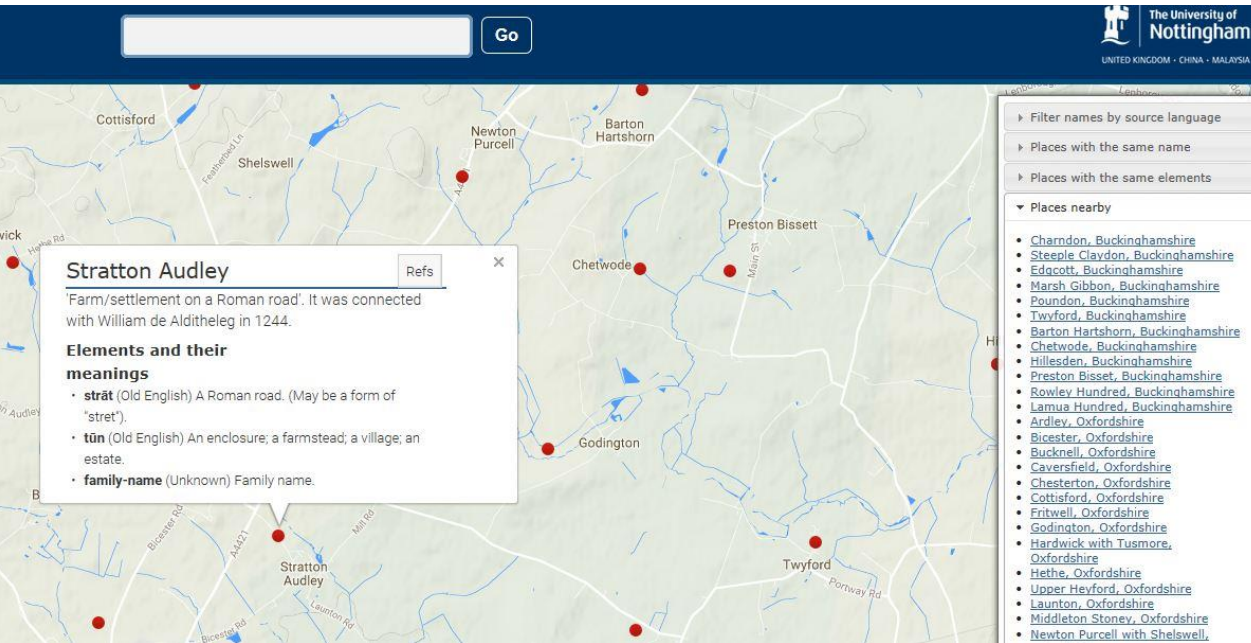
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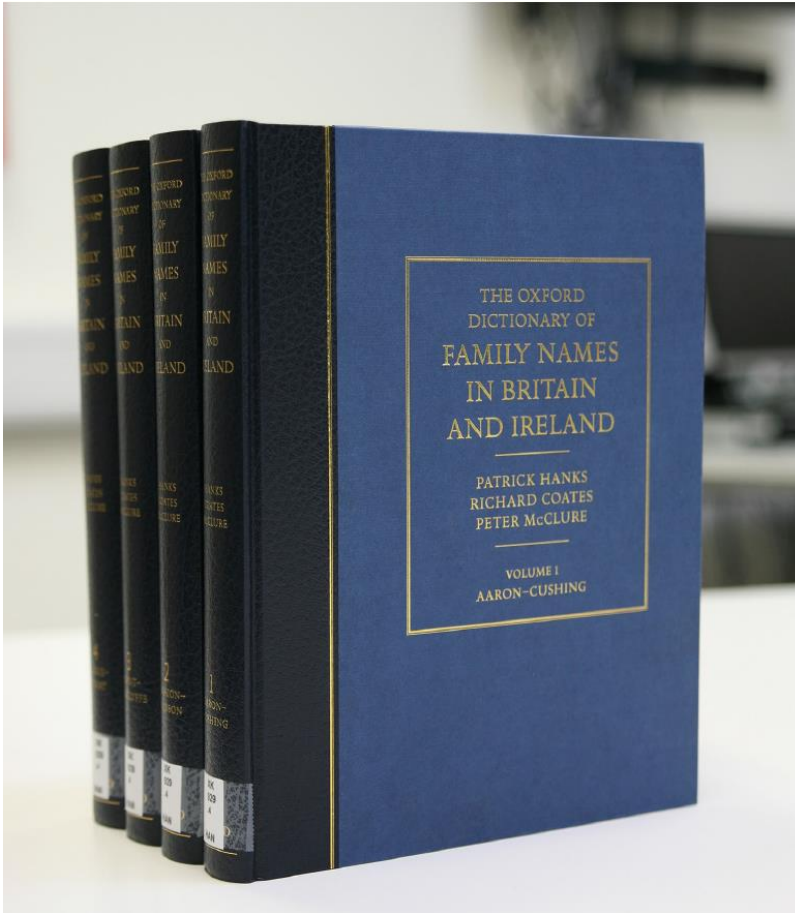
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Starting points: groups and individuals

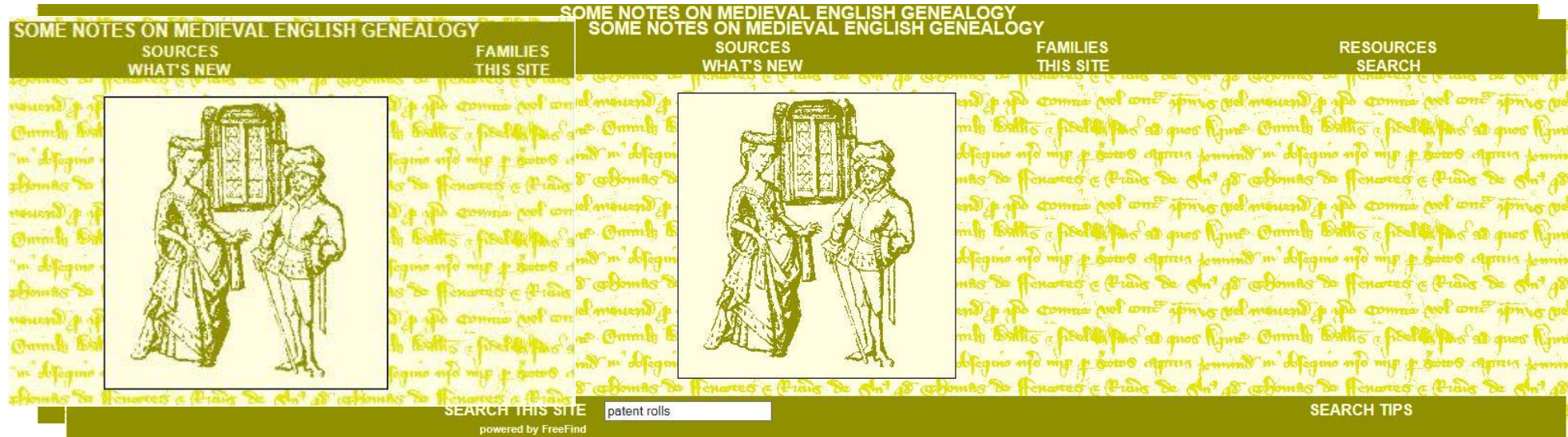


- Knights and ladies
 - Peasants
 - Yeomen
 - Farmers
 - Agricultural labourers
 - Schoolteachers
 - Governors and staff of workhouses
-
- Key to English Place Names, <http://kepn.nottingham.ac.uk/>

Oxford Dictionary of Family Names in Britain and Ireland



- Covers more than 45,000 surnames.
- Gives the origins of the name (mainly occupational, locative, or nickname).
- Includes every surname that currently has more than 100 bearers, or more than 20 bearers in the 1881 census.
- Maps the frequency of occurrences in by county in 1881



Calendar of Patent Rolls

Calendar of Close Rolls

Calendar of Charter Rolls

Calendar of Fine Rolls

Letters and Papers, Foreign and Domestic (Henry VIII to modern times)

Descriptive Catalogue of Ancient Deeds

medievalgenealogy.org.uk and [British history Online](http://BritishHistoryOnline.org.uk)



Royal College of Nursing

<https://www.rcn.org.uk/library/services/family-history>



Family history guides

- › Family history nursing in wartime
- › Family history up to 1921
- › Family history 1922 to 1943
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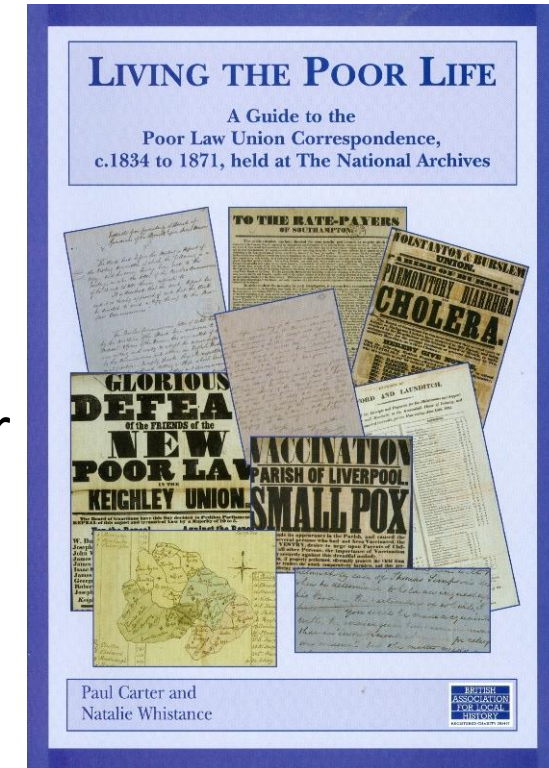
New opportunities for research on workhouse ancestors- staff and inmates

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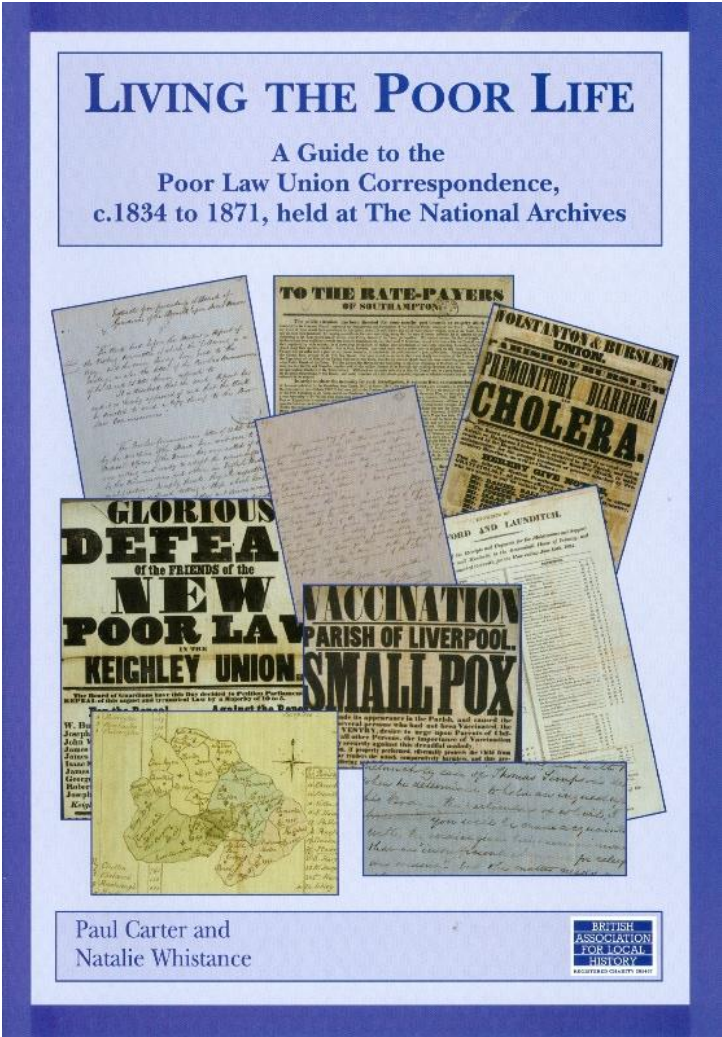


Living the Poor Life Project

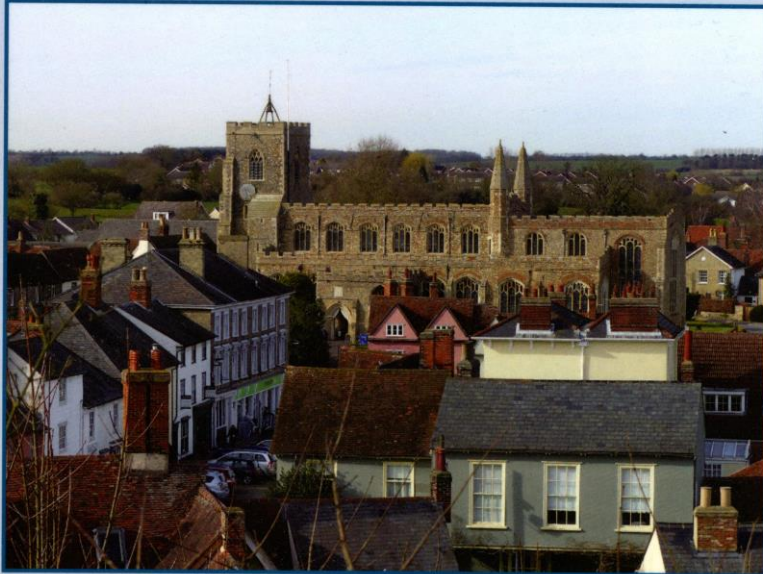
- Find names, place names and subjects in 22 selected Poor Law Unions
- Find people in the records of other Poor Law Unions
- How to search and download the relevant records free using the National Archives catalogue Discovery
- How to find and use other Poor Law records (TNA and local record offices)



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