

Genealogical Research



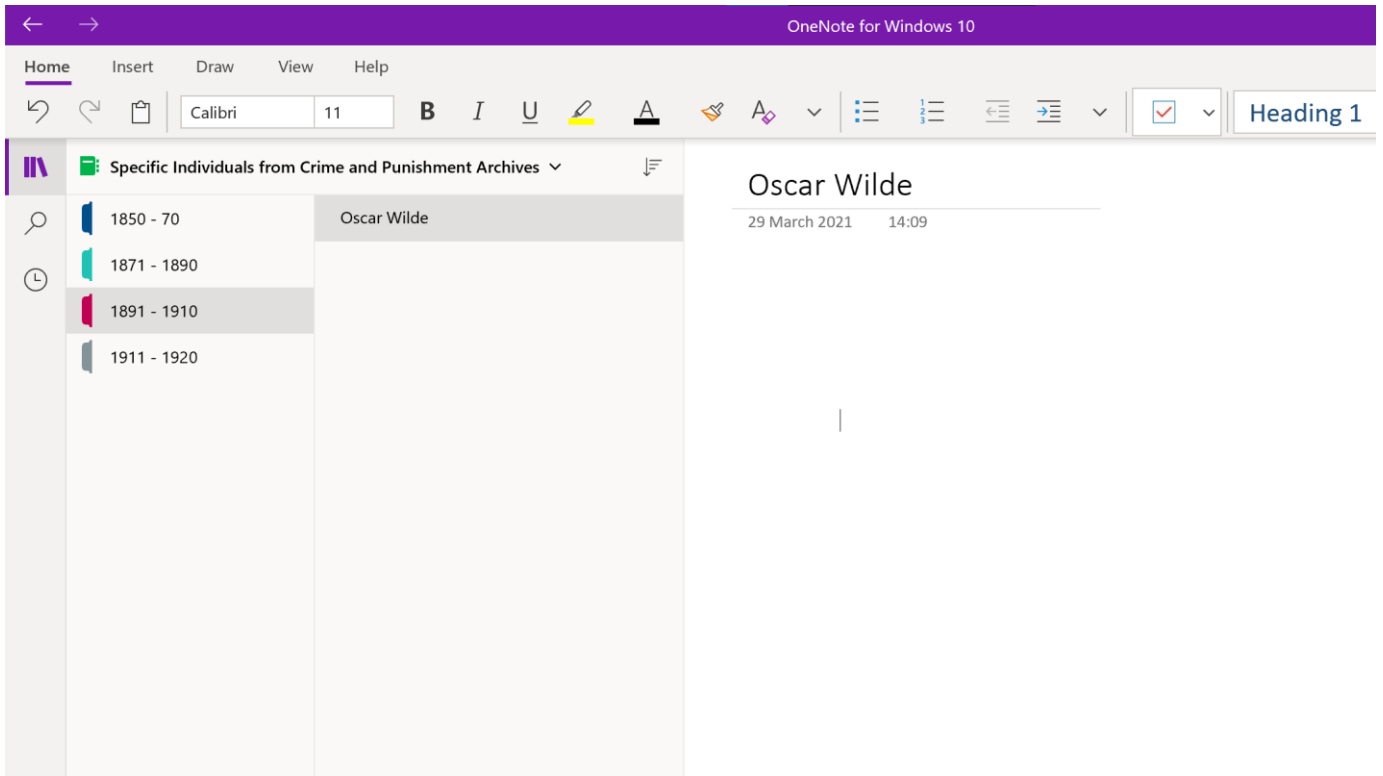
How To Guide

A note on the use of the How to Guides

The help guides included in this toolkit are introductions to the one approach towards undertaking research within online criminal archives, the British Newspaper Archive, Find my Past, and Ancestry. The guides are in no way comprehensive of all approaches taken to research within these databases and are intended as a guide towards getting started. This Help Guide will need the user to have a personal live subscription to the British Newspaper Archive; this is not provided by the Broken Futures team.

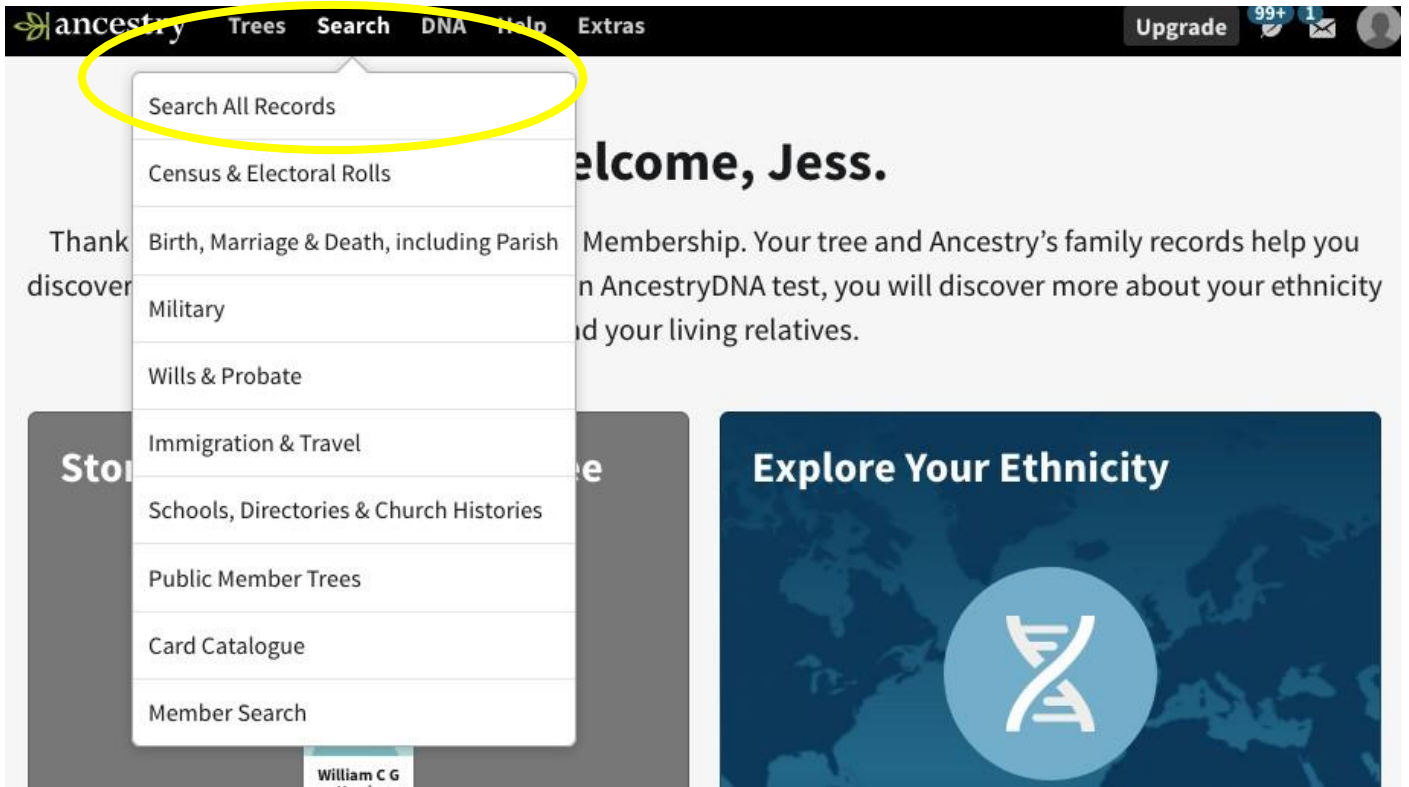
Step 1: Select the individual you would like to research from the

Crime and Punishment Archives or Generic Newspaper Research. Open up the Onenote file for the individual, for an example, this How to Guide will utilise Oscar Wilde.



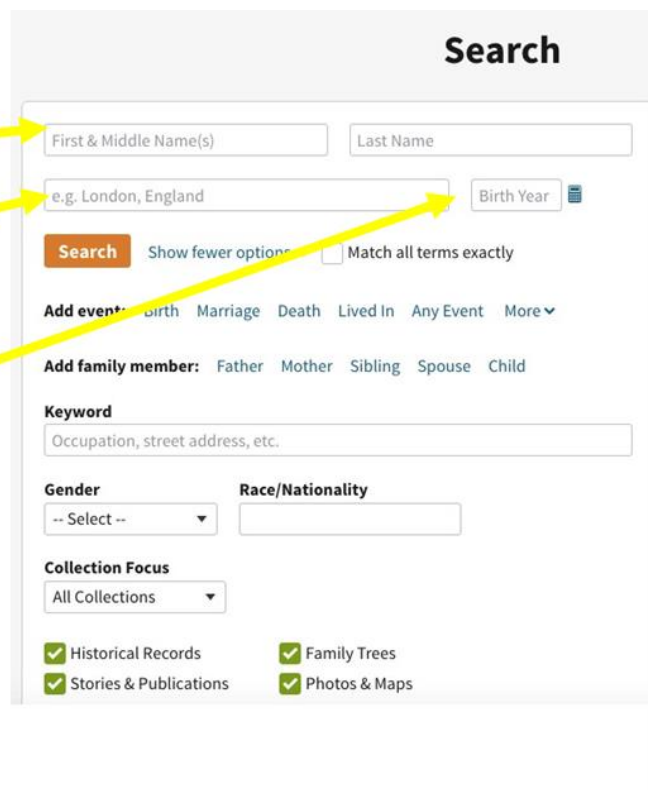
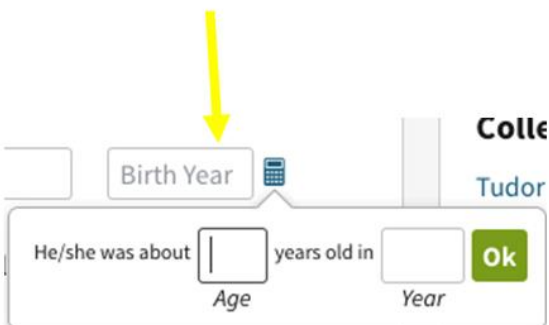
Step 2: Open Ancestry and click on search, and 'search all records'

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




Step 3: Using the basic biographical information you wrote down, type in their

- First (including any middle names) and Last Name
- Their birth place
- Their birth year [the handy calculator at the side will help to work out their birthdate....]

Step 4: Using Oscar Wilde as an example, input the information you have:

Search

First & Middle Name(s) <input type="text" value="oscar"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exact	Last Name <input type="text" value="wilde"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exact
Place your ancestor might have lived <input type="text" value="London, London, England"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Exact to...	Birth Year <input type="text" value="1854"/>  <input type="checkbox"/> Exact +/-...
Search Show fewer options ^ <input type="checkbox"/> Match all terms exactly	
Add event: Birth Marriage Death Lived In Any Event More v	
Birth	Year <input type="text" value="1854"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Exact +/-...
	Location <input type="text" value="e.g. London, England"/> <input type="button" value="x"/>
Any Event	<input type="text"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Exact to...
Add family member: Father Mother Sibling Spouse Child	
Keyword <input type="text" value="Occupation, street address, etc."/>	
Gender <input type="text" value="-- Select --"/>	Race/Nationality <input type="text"/>

Step 5: Hit Search!

Step 6: If a return shows a 'matching person', it means that another researcher has already built a family tree which incorporated the individual you have researched. It's a good place to start!

The screenshot displays a genealogy search interface. On the left, the 'Search Filters' section includes search terms 'oscar wilde', birth year 'Born: 1854', and location 'Any: London, London, En...'. The 'Collection' is set to 'England'. Below this is a 'Filter by' section with a list of categories and their counts: Census & Voter Lists (70), Birth, Marriage & Death (47), Military (9), Newspapers & Periodicals (12), Pictures (242), Stories, Memories & Histories (42), Directories & Member Lists (39), Court, Land, Wills & Financial (12), and Family Trees.

The main search results area shows 'Results 1-50 of 473'. A 'Matching Person' section features a profile for Oscar Wilde, including a silhouette image, name, and a unique ID 'amac-81a3f4'. To the right of the profile, key details are listed: Spouse: Sarah Bernhardt, Birth: 1854 Dublin, Dublin, Ireland, and Death: 1900 Paris 8e (75). A link 'See more like this...' is provided.

Below the matching person, a 'Matching Records' section lists three records:

- 1891 England Census** (1890S): Name **Oscar Wilde**, Birth 1856 Dublin, Ireland, Residence 1891 Chelsea, London, England. Includes a 'View Image' link.
- Web: London, England, Proceedings of the Old Bailey and Ordinary's Accounts Index, 1674-1913** (COURT, GOVERNMENTAL & CRIMINAL RECORDS): Name **Oscar Fingal O'Fflahartie Wills Wilde**.
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the example, we are going to use the 1881 England Census return, open it up on Ancestry and read through the transcribed version of the record. Head to 'view' to view the actual record.

[All Results](#) Save Print Share

Oscar Wilde

in the 1881 England Census

[View](#)

- [View blank form](#)
- [Add or update information](#)
- [Report a problem](#)

Name:	Oscar Wilde
Age:	24
Estimated Birth Year:	abt 1857
Relationship to Head:	Boarder
Gender:	Male
Where born:	Dublin, Ireland
Civil Parish:	Chelsea
County/Island:	London
Country:	England
Street Address:	1 Tite Street
Education:	View image
Employment status:	
Occupation:	Literature (Author)
Registration District:	Chelsea
Sub registration district:	Chelsea, South
ED, institution, or vessel:	14
Neighbors:	View others on page

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Make a Connection

[Find others](#) who are researching Oscar Wilde in Public Member Trees

Step 8: Record the information for the individual in their biographical file stored in Microsoft Onenote and repeat for each record you locate.

End of How to Guide.