

Genealogical Research



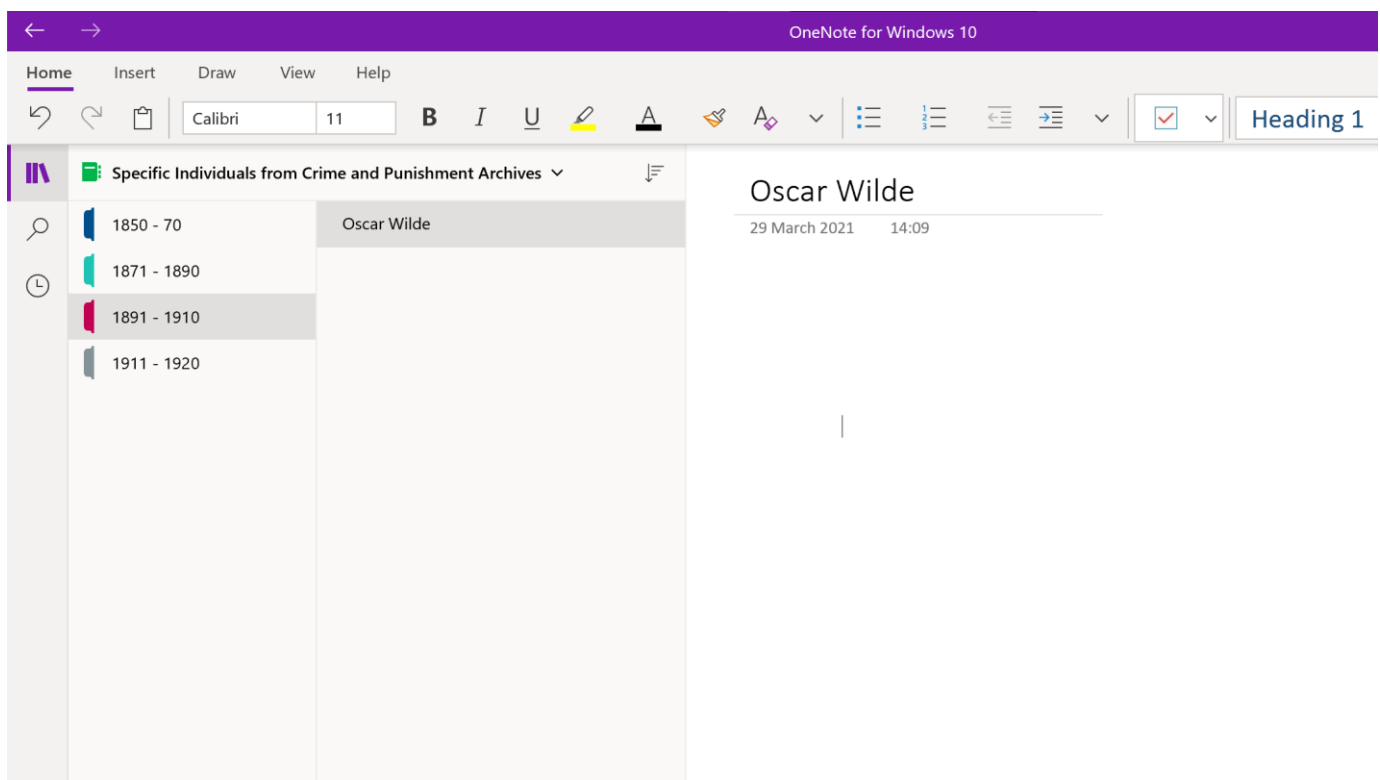
How To Guide

A note on the use of 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.

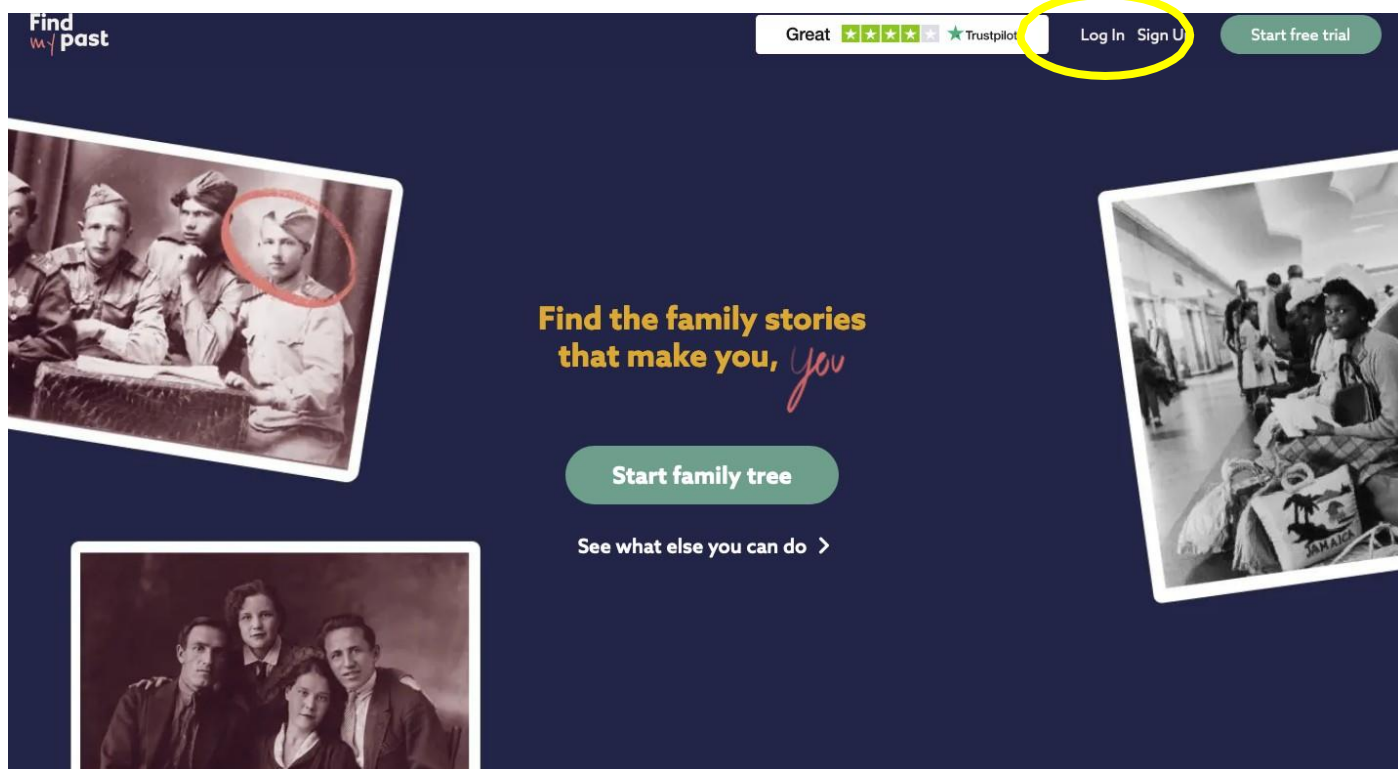
This How to Guide will need the user to have a personal live subscription to the Find My Past; this is not provided by the Broken Futures team.

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.

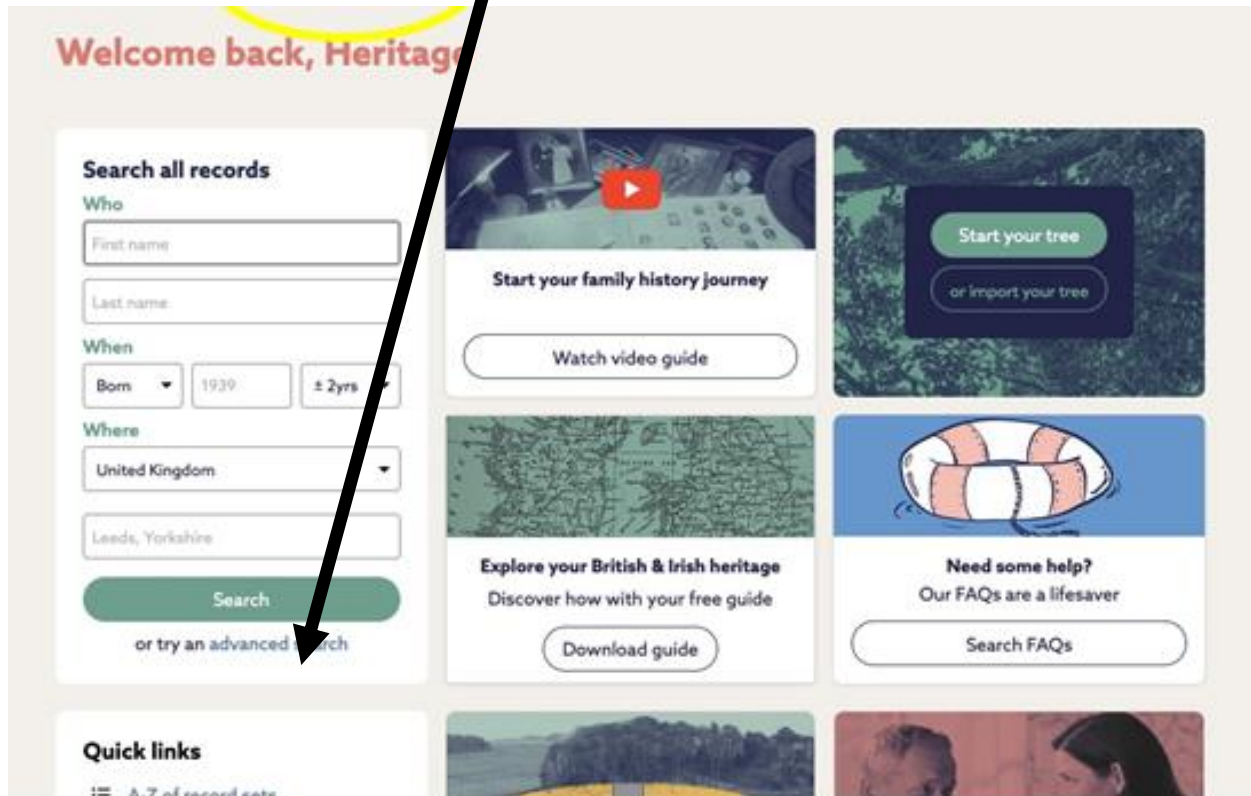


Step 2: Open Find My Past and log in your personal subscription credentials.

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



Step 5: Hit advanced search



Welcome back, Heritage

Search all records

Who

First name:

Last name:

When

Born: ± 2yrs

Where

United Kingdom

Leeds, Yorkshire

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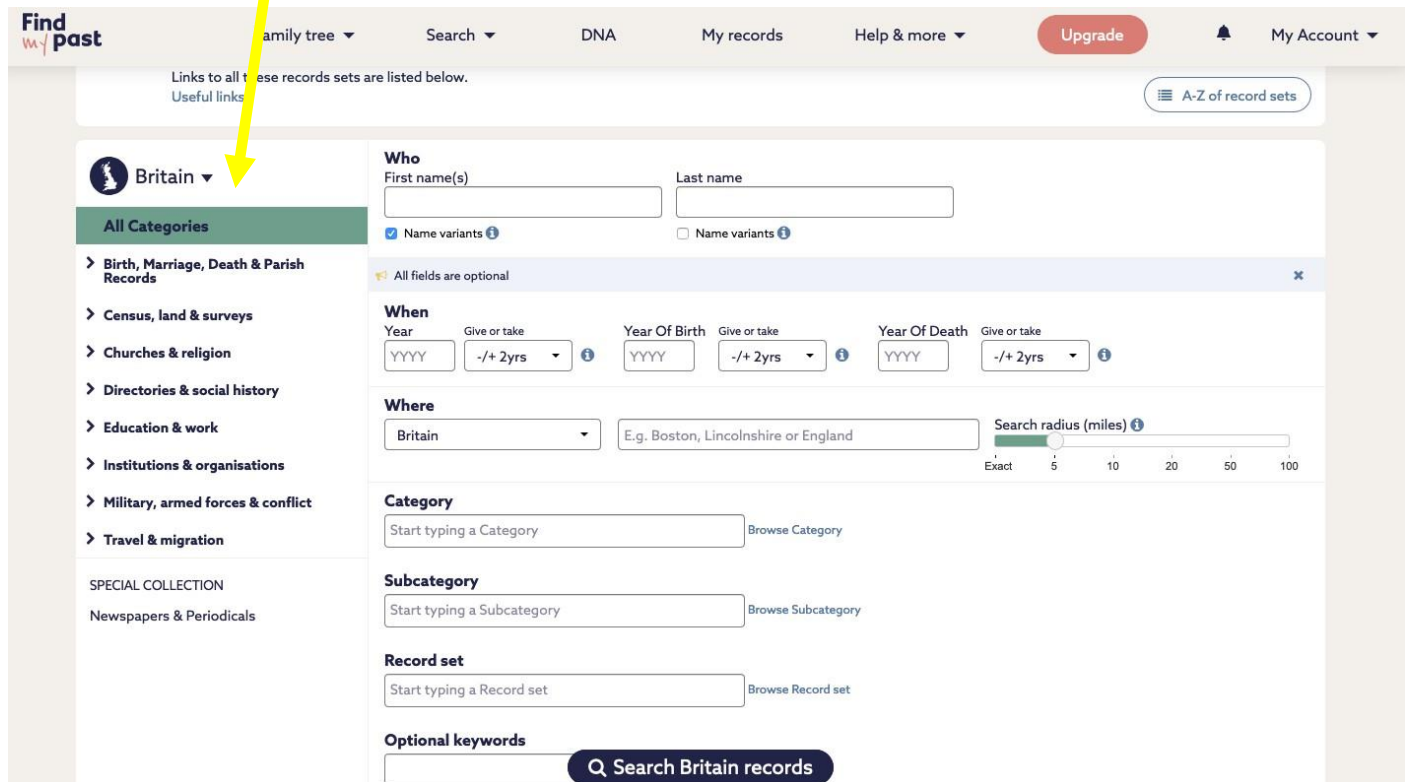
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[Search FAQs](#)

Quick links

≡ 4.7 of record sets

Step 6: Find MY Past has specific filters that, when applied, will show results from different categories. It's best to start with a blanket search and work backwards to fill in the gaps.



Find my past

family tree Search DNA My records Help & more Upgrade My Account

Links to all these records sets are listed below.
Useful links

A-Z of record sets

Britain

All Categories

- Birth, Marriage, Death & Parish Records
- Census, land & surveys
- Churches & religion
- Directories & social history
- Education & work
- Institutions & organisations
- Military, armed forces & conflict
- Travel & migration

SPECIAL COLLECTION
Newspapers & Periodicals

Who

First name(s) Last name

Name variants Name variants

All fields are optional

When

Year Give or take Year Of Birth Give or take Year Of Death Give or take

YYYY -/+ 2yrs YYYY -/+ 2yrs YYYY -/+ 2yrs

Where

Britain E.g. Boston, Lincolnshire or England Search radius (miles)

Exact 5 10 20 50 100

Category

Start typing a Category Browse Category

Subcategory

Start typing a Subcategory Browse Subcategory

Record set

Start typing a Record set Browse Record set

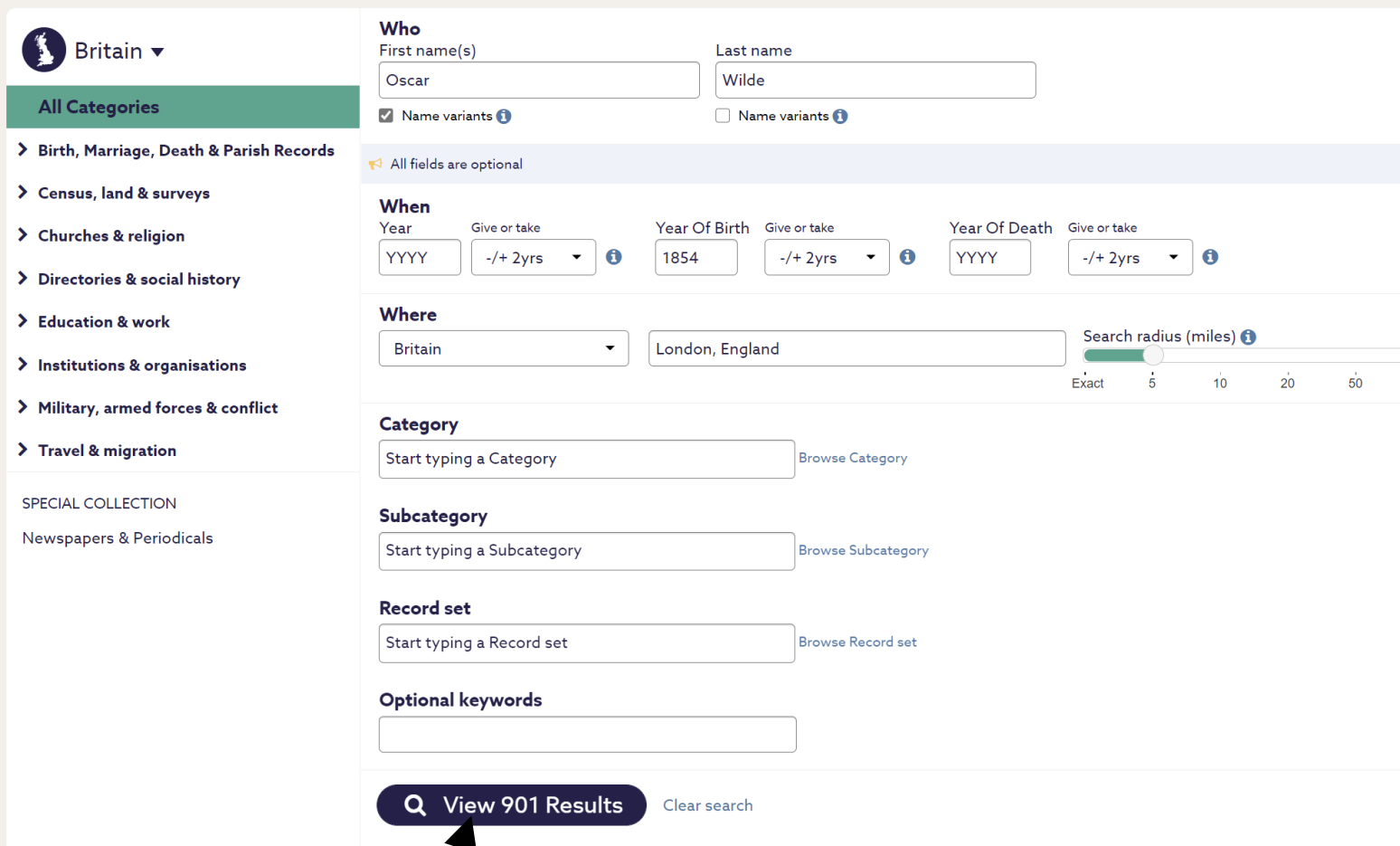
Optional keywords

Search Britain records

Step 7: Using the information collected from either/or the crime



and punishment archives, or the generic research within the newspaper archives, let's fill out the search box:



The screenshot shows a search interface for the Heritage Fund. On the left is a navigation menu with 'Britain' selected and 'All Categories' highlighted. The main search area is divided into sections: 'Who' (First name(s) 'Oscar', Last name 'Wilde', Name variants checked), 'When' (Year of Birth '1854', Year of Death 'YYYY', Give or take '-/+ 2yrs'), 'Where' (Location 'London, England', Search radius '5 miles'), 'Category', 'Subcategory', 'Record set', and 'Optional keywords'. At the bottom, a dark blue button with a magnifying glass icon says 'View 901 Results' and a link says 'Clear search'. A black arrow points from the text 'Step 8: Hit View!' to the 'View 901 Results' button.

Step 8: Hit View!

Step 9: The following returns loaded for our above search... many different types of records are located from our general



search as you can see from the list titled, 'Record Set'. The top find refers to a census for Oscar Wilde, whereas the bottom finds are references to his crime and punishment records. Work through each record set.

Your search Clear All

First name(s)
 X

Include name variants ⓘ

Last name
 X

Include name variants ⓘ

Year Of Birth Give or take
 -/+ 2yrs X

Year Of Death Give or take
 -/+ 2yrs X

Year Give or take
 -/+ 2yrs X

Location
 X

Search radius (miles) ⓘ
 Exact 5 10 20 50 100

[View 901 results](#)

[Advanced options](#)

Save this search

901 results

Last name	First name(s)	Year Of Birth	Year Of Death	Year	Record set	Location
Wilde	Oscar	1856	—	1891	1891 England, Wales & Scotland Census	Chelsea, London & Middlesex, England
Wilde	Oscar	—	—	1895	Middlesex, London, Old Bailey Court Records 1674-1913	Great Britain
Wilde	Oscar Fingal O F	—	—	1884	England & Wales Marriages 1837-2005	Kensington, London, England
Wilde	Oscar Fingal O'Fflahartie Wills	—	—	1895	Middlesex, London, Old Bailey Court Records 1674-1913	Great Britain
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Wilde	Oscar P	—	—	1917	England & Wales Marriages 1837-2005	Southwark, London, England
Wilde	Oscar Wade	—	—	1891	England & Wales Marriages 1837-2005	St. George Hanover Square, London, England
Wilde	Oscar Wade	—	1945	1946	England & Wales Government Probate Death Index 1858-2019	London, England
Wilde	Robert O	—	—	1919	England & Wales Marriages 1837-2005	Pancras, London, England
Wilde	Oscar Fingal O'Fflahertie Wills	1855	—	1895	England & Wales, Crime, Prisons & Punishment, 1770-1935	England
Wilde	Oscar Fingal O'Flahertie Wills	1855	—	1895	England & Wales, Crime, Prisons & Punishment, 1770-1935	England

Step 10: Let's look at the census first... make sure to make use of the helpful functions and features of Find My Past for viewing records!



First name(s)	Last name	Relationship	Marital status	Sex	Age	Birth year	Occupation	Birth place
Oscar	Wilde	Head	Married	Male	35	1856	Literature	Ireland
Sarah	Rey	Servant	Single	Female	25	1866	Cook	Mattishall, Norfolk, England
Rhoda	Cade	Servant	Single	Female	22	1869	Housemaid	Huntingdonshire, England

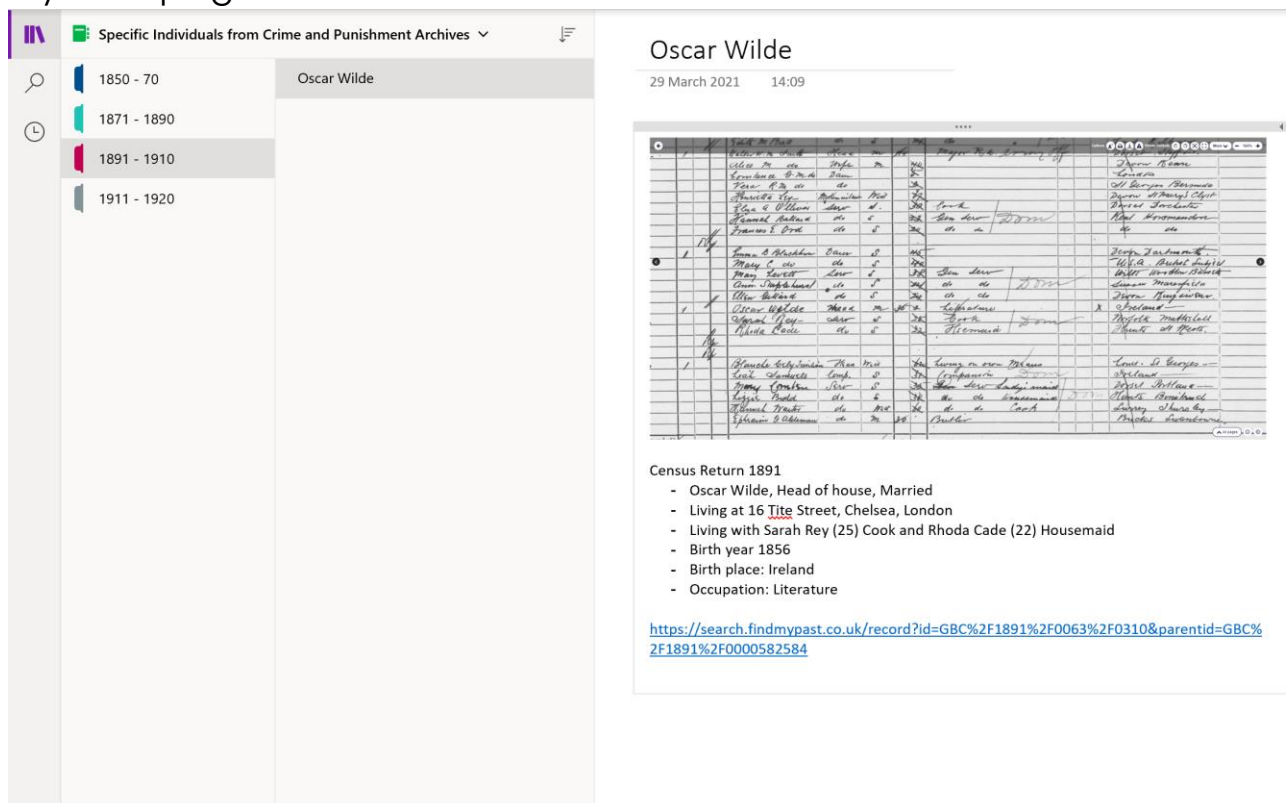
Oscar Wilde's Census Details

First name(s)	Oscar
Last name	Wilde
Relationship	Head
Marital status	Married
Sex	Male
Age	35
Birth year	1856
Birth town	-
Birth county	-
Birth place	Ireland
Birth place other as transcribed	IRELAND
Occupation	Literature
Street	Tite Street
Town	-
Parish	Chelsea
City	-
County	London, Middlesex
Country	England
Registration district	Chelsea
Archive reference	RG12
Piece number	63
Folio	154
Page	13
Record set	1891 England, Wales & Scotland Census

Step 12: Now that we've read the transcription, record this return in the



Microsoft Onenote file for the individual, including the URL of the Find My Past page:



Oscar Wilde
29 March 2021 14:09

Name	Address	Age	Sex	Occupation	Notes
John & Elizabeth	16 Tite Street	45	M	Head of household	Married
Sarah Rey	25 Cook and Rhoda Cade	22	F	Housemaid	
Rhoda Cade		22	F	Housemaid	
John & Elizabeth		45	M	Head of household	Married
Sarah Rey		22	F	Housemaid	
Rhoda Cade		22	F	Housemaid	

Census Return 1891

- Oscar Wilde, Head of house, Married
- Living at 16 Tite Street, Chelsea, London
- Living with Sarah Rey (25) Cook and Rhoda Cade (22) Housemaid
- Birth year 1856
- Birth place: Ireland
- Occupation: Literature

<https://search.findmypast.co.uk/record?id=GBC%2F1891%2F0063%2F0310&parentid=GBC%2F1891%2F0000582584>

Step 13: For each record return, complete the same steps as above until you have collated the available records for the individual to build up a broader picture of their life and it's events.

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