

Genealogical Research

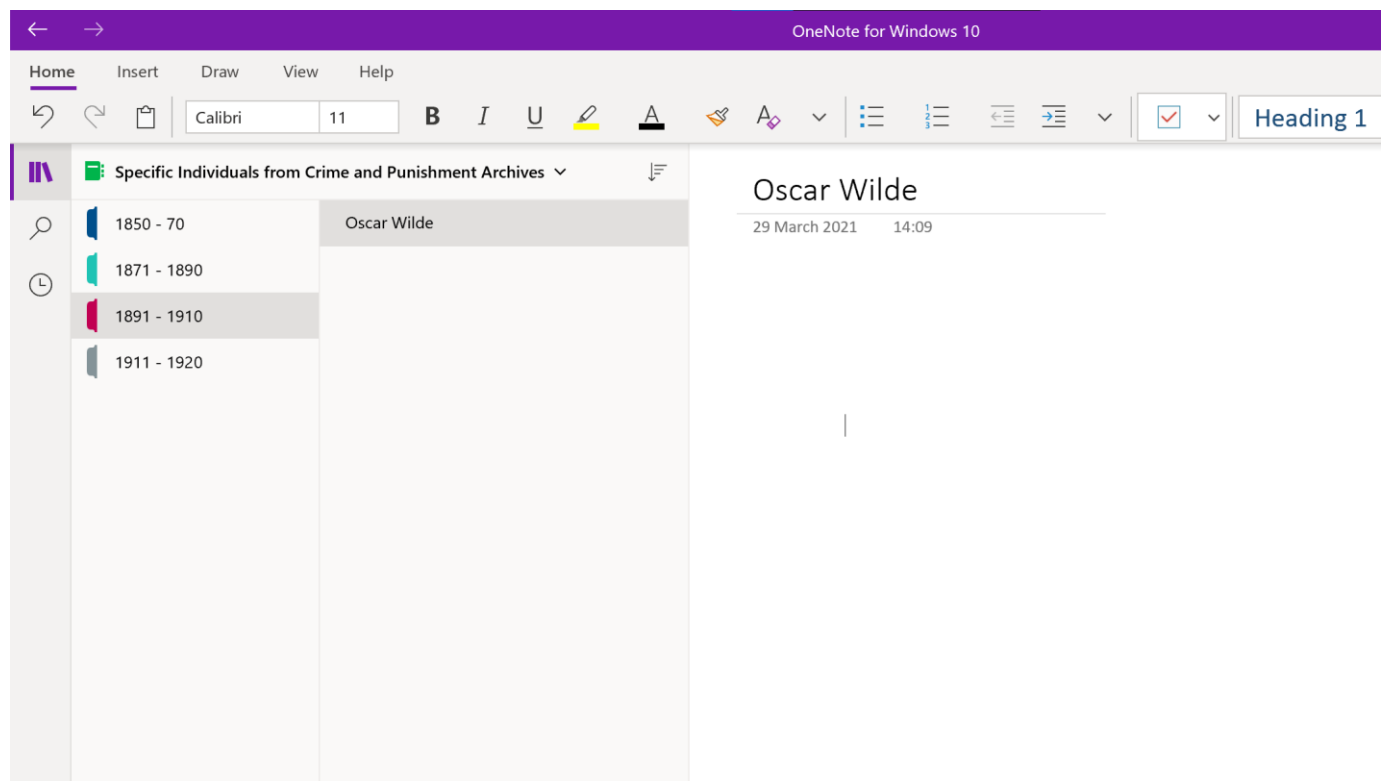


How To Guide

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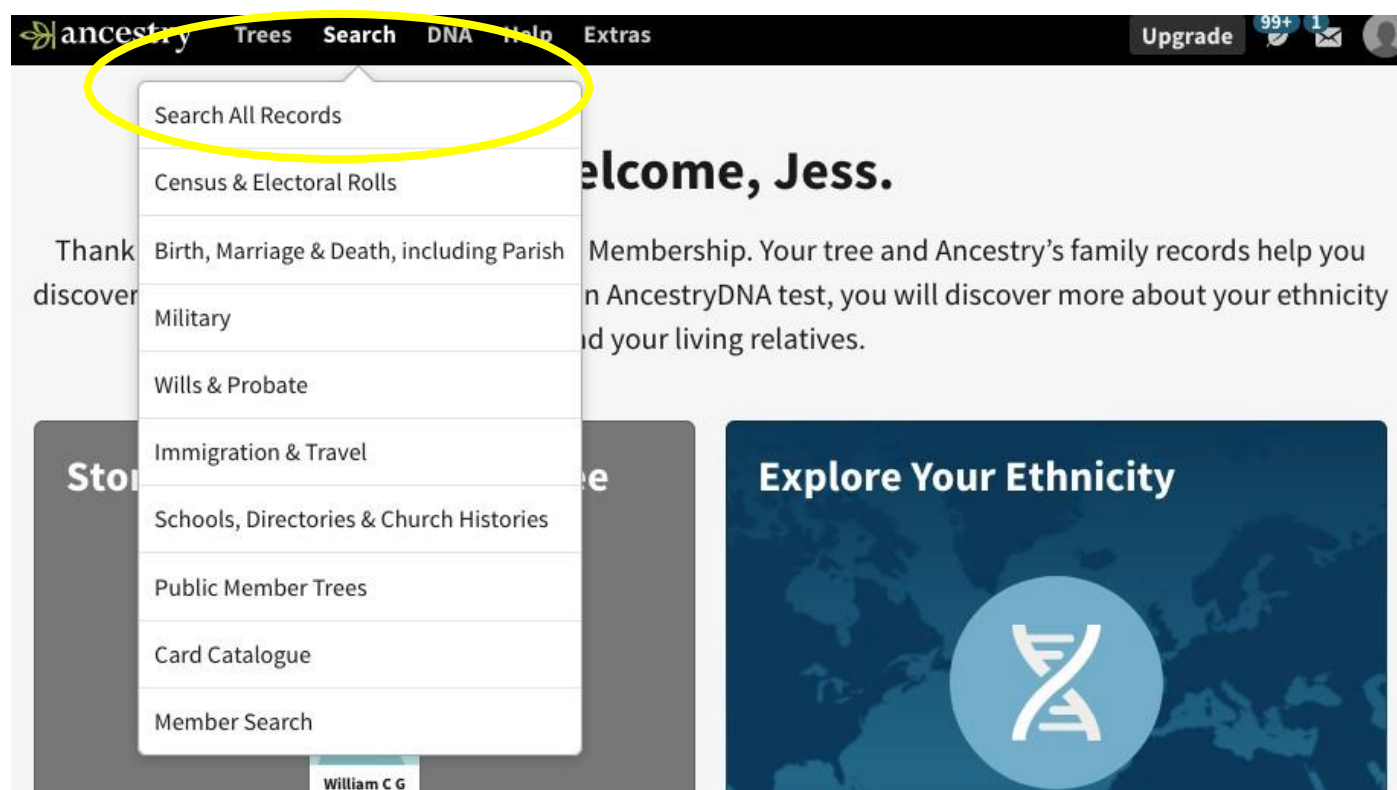
The help guides included in this toolkit are introductions to the one approach towards undertaking research within online criminal archives, the British Newspaper Archive, Find my Past, and Ancestry. The guides are in no way comprehensive of all approaches taken to research within these databases and 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....]

A screenshot of the birth year calculator. It shows a text input for 'Birth Year' with a calendar icon. Below it, a message says 'He/she was about [] years old in []' with 'Age' and 'Year' labels. An 'Ok' button is next to the 'Year' input.A screenshot of the Ancestry search form. It includes fields for 'First & Middle Name(s)', 'Last Name', and 'Birth Year' (with a calendar icon). There is a 'Search' button and a checkbox for 'Match all terms exactly'. Below these are sections for 'Add event' (Birth, Marriage, Death, Lived In, Any Event, More), 'Add family member' (Father, Mother, Sibling, Spouse, Child), 'Keyword' (Occupation, street address, etc.), 'Gender' (dropdown), 'Race/Nationality' (text input), 'Collection Focus' (dropdown), and a list of checked boxes: 'Historical Records', 'Family Trees', 'Stories & Publications', and 'Photos & Maps'.

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 +/-...	
<div>Search Show fewer options ^ <input type="checkbox"/> Match all terms exactly</div>			
Add event: Birth Marriage Death Lived In Any Event More ▾			
Year		Location	
Birth	<input type="text" value="1854"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Exact +/-...	<input type="text" value="e.g. London, England"/> ✕	
Any Event	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text" value="London, London, England"/> ✕ <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!

Search Filters

Broad Exact

oscar

wilde

Born: 1854

Any: London, London, En...

Collection: England

[Edit Search](#) [New Search](#) [Update](#)

Filter by

All Categories

- > 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
- Family Trees

Results 1-50 of 473

Records Categories

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Matching Person (from family trees)

Oscar Wilde
amac-81a3f4

Spouse: Sarah Bernhardt
Birth: 1854 Dublin, Dublin, Ireland
Death: 1900 Paris 8e (75)

Matching Records

1891 England Census 1890S View Image	Name Oscar Wilde Birth 1856 Dublin, Ireland Residence 1891 Chelsea, London, England
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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Step 7: Choose the return you are interested in, for 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.

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Oscar Wilde

in the 1881 England Census




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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: Employment status:	View image
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.