



Genealogical Research



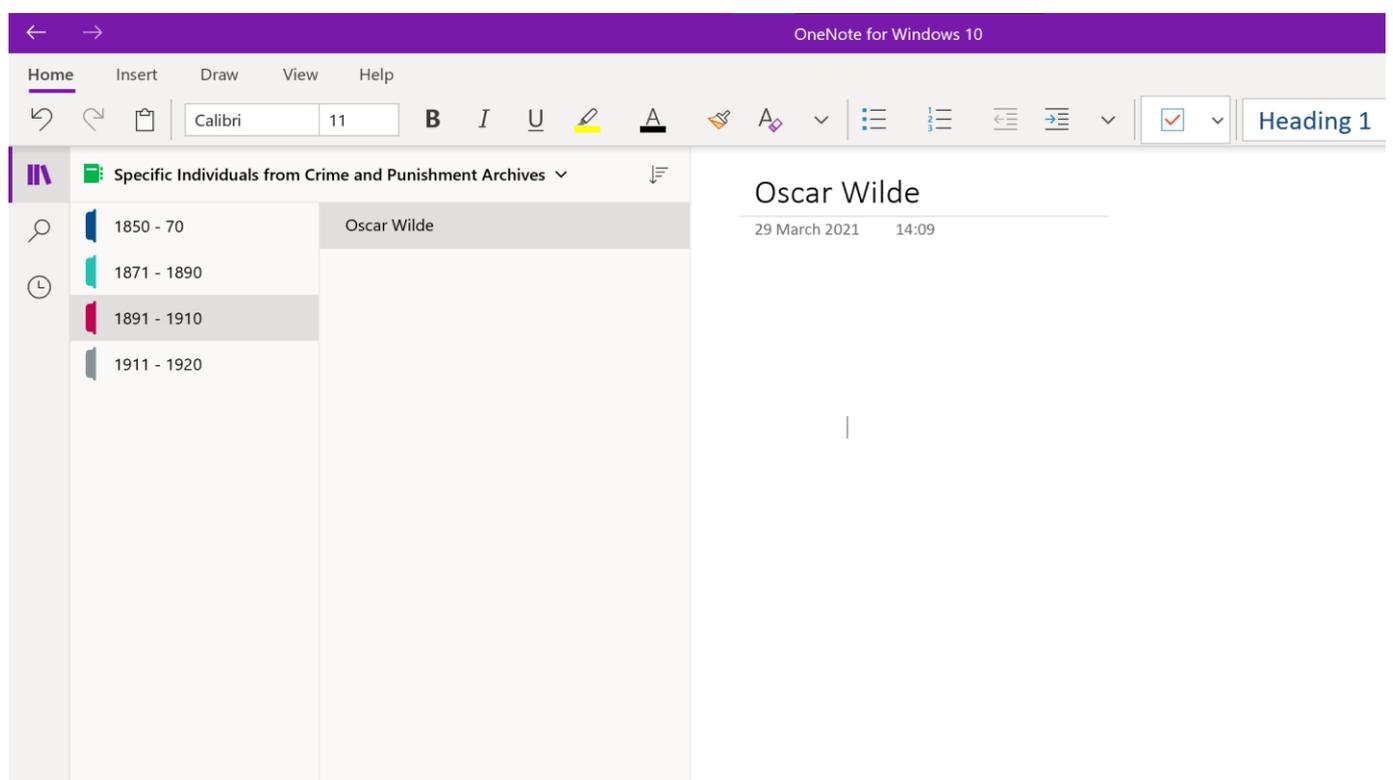
How To Guide

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.

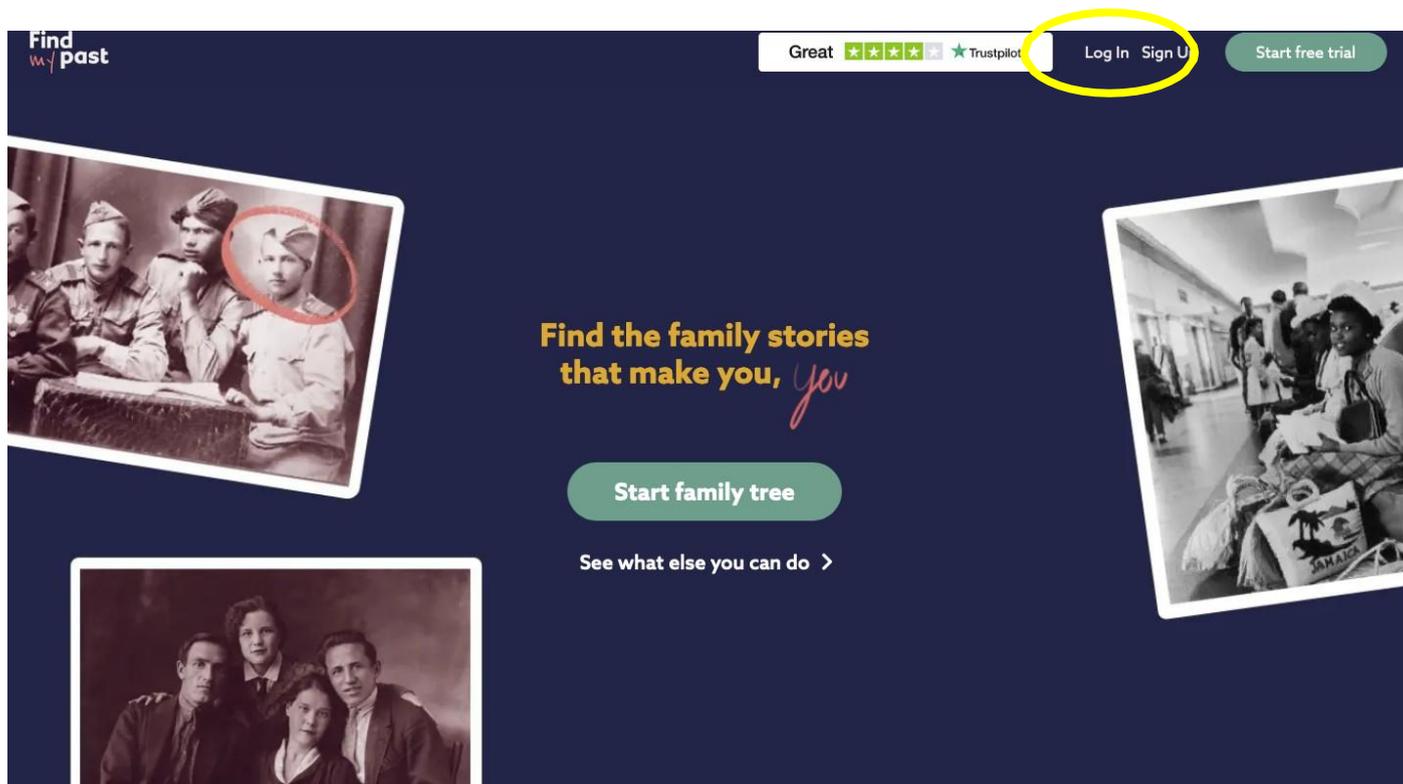
This How to Guide will need the user to have a personal live subscription to the Find My Past; this is not provided by the Broken Futures team.

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.

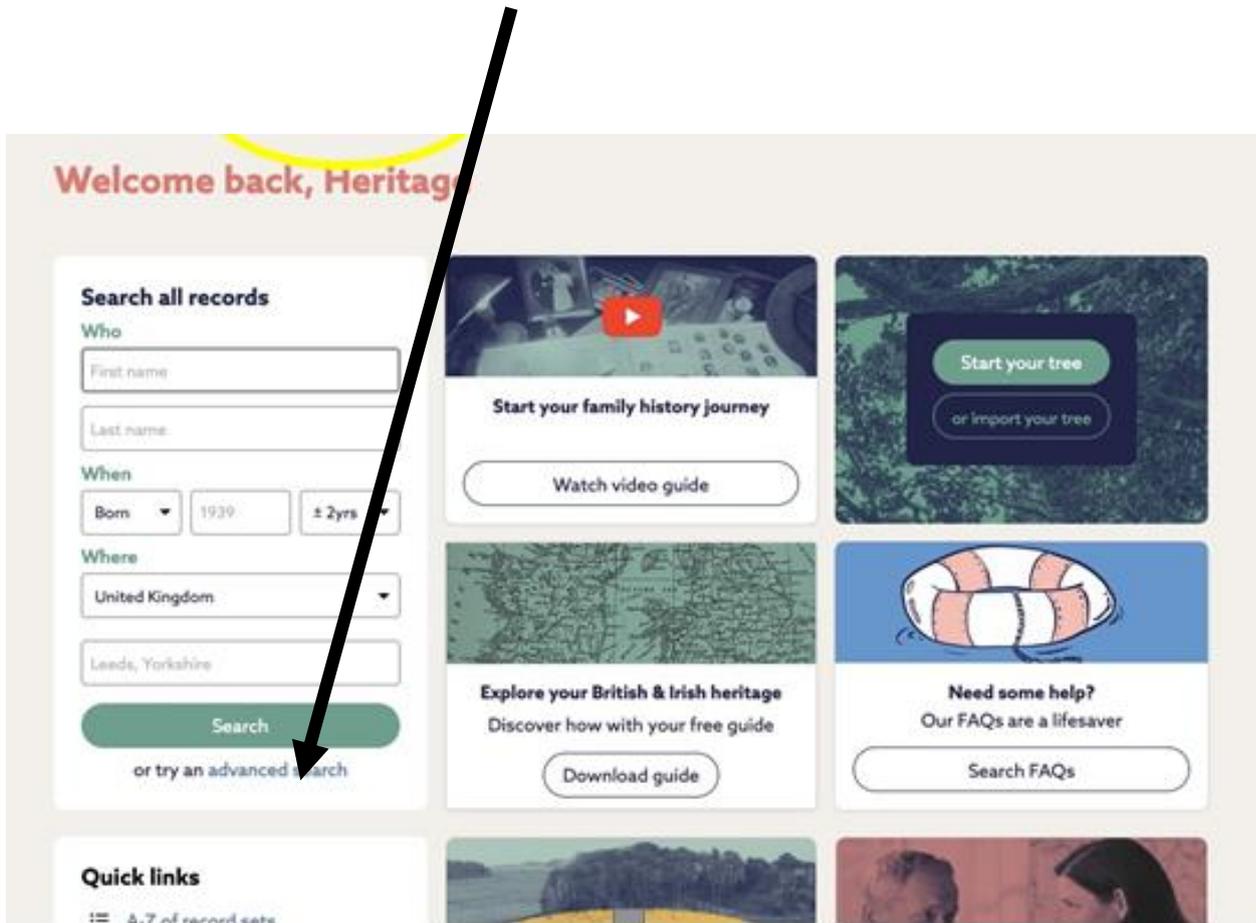


Step 2: Open Find My Past and log in your personal subscription credentials.

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



Step 5: Hit advanced search



The screenshot shows the Heritage website's search interface. At the top, it says "Welcome back, Heritage". Below this is a search form titled "Search all records". The form has sections for "Who" (First name and Last name), "When" (Born, 1939, ± 2yrs), and "Where" (United Kingdom, Leeds, Yorkshire). A green "Search" button is at the bottom of the form, with a link below it that says "or try an advanced search". A large black arrow points from the top of the page down to this link. To the right of the search form are several promotional cards: "Start your family history journey" with a "Watch video guide" button; "Start your tree or import your tree"; "Explore your British & Irish heritage" with a "Download guide" button; and "Need some help? Our FAQs are a lifesaver" with a "Search FAQs" button. At the bottom left, there is a "Quick links" section with a menu icon and the text "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.

The screenshot shows the Find My Past search interface. At the top, there are navigation links: family tree, Search, DNA, My records, Help & more, Upgrade, and My Account. Below the navigation, there are links to all records sets and useful links, along with an 'A-Z of record sets' button. The left sidebar features a 'Britain' dropdown menu, which is highlighted by a yellow arrow. Below this, there are several categories of records: All Categories, Birth, Marriage, Death & Parish Records, Census, land & surveys, Churches & religion, Directories & social history, Education & work, Institutions & organisations, Military, armed forces & conflict, and Travel & migration. There is also a 'SPECIAL COLLECTION' section for Newspapers & Periodicals. The main search area contains several sections: 'Who' with fields for First name(s) and Last name, and checkboxes for Name variants; 'When' with fields for Year, Year Of Birth, and Year Of Death, each with a 'Give or take' dropdown and a search radius; 'Where' with a location dropdown (set to Britain) and a search radius slider; 'Category', 'Subcategory', and 'Record set' sections, each with a search field and a 'Browse' button; and 'Optional keywords' with a search field. A search button labeled 'Search Britain records' is located at the bottom of the search area.

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:

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 ⓘ

Where

Search radius (miles) ⓘ

Exact 5 10 20 50

Category

[Browse Category](#)

Subcategory

[Browse Subcategory](#)

Record set

[Browse Record set](#)

Optional keywords

[View 901 Results](#) [Clear search](#)

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 1858-2005	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!



	Name	Relationship	Sex	Age	Occupation	Origin
1	Walter W. M. Smith	Head	m	46	Major Rtd. Dr. Army Off.	Devon Devon
	Alice M. do	Wife	m	44		London
	Esther E. M. do	Daughter	f	18		St. Georges Bermuda
	Vera R. M. do	do	f	17		Devon St. Mary's Clyst
	Henricha Leg	Midwifery	Wife	37		Dorset Dorchester
	Elysa G. O'Brien	Serv	f	22	Cook	Kent Hoozemans
	Kenneth Ballard	do	s	22	Gen. Serv. / Don	do do
	Frances E. Ord	do	s	20	do do	do do
1	Emma B. Blackburn	Daughter	s	16		Devon Dartmouth
	Mary C. do	do	s	14		U.S.A. Bristol Subsid
	Mary Levett	Serv	s	38	Gen. Serv.	Wiltshire Wootton Bassett
	Ann Stapleton	do	s	34	do do / Don	Sussex Maresfield
	Ellen Richard	do	s	24	do do	Devon Hingwiler
1	Oscar Wilde	Head	m	35	Literature	Ireland
	Sarah Key	Serv	s	28	Cook	Norfolk Mattisall
	Rhoda Rade	do	s	22	Housemaid / Don	Hants St. Meads
1	Blanche G. G. Irwin	Head	m	62	Living on own means	London St. Georges
	Leah Samuels	Comp.	s	37	Companion / Don	Ireland
	Mary Combs	Serv	s	38	Gen. Serv. Louisiana	Dorset Poole
	Lizzie Bidd	do	s	38	do do Kent	Devon Berrisford
	Mannah Walter	do	Wife	40	do do Cook	Sussex Shoreham
	Ephraim G. Aldeman	do	m	30	Butler	Devon Swanbourne

Step 11: Let's check the transcription of the file:

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:

The screenshot shows a OneNote page for 'Oscar Wilde' with a date of 29 March 2021 at 14:09. It features a transcription of a 1891 census return and a summary of the record.

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.

End of Help Guide