

## Findmypast - - Home Page Links

See numbers 2 through 7 on Findmypast home page schematic

Number 1 - - top toolbar - - See separate handout page for this number.

Number 2 - - Search all records box - - Use this tab if you wish to search all records, which I do not recommend. Use the button in this box to start a 14-day free trial, if you so choose.

Number 3 - - featured collections of Findmypast - - Use these buttons to explore the featured collections. The featured collections change from time to time.

Number 3.a - - Build your family tree - - Use this button as another way to access your tree.

Numbers 3.b and 3.c - - Featured collections vary - - Use these buttons if you wish to explore the featured collections; e.g., Irish records, or British historic criminal records.

Number 4 - - U.K. family history records links - - Use the links under this heading to explore the various collections. This is the series of links I find easiest to use to access the Findmypast collections. The categories listed on the home page include census records, birth/marriage/death records, parish records, travel & migration records, military records, and newspaper records.

Click on a link, then on the next screen, view the various record groups within that category on the left-hand side of the page. Also view the list of other categories on the second screen, as it is a longer list than the list of links on the home page. In addition, you can limit your search by geographic area, by choosing from the drop-down menu when you click on the “world” link at the top of the left-hand list.

You can see all the record groups in Findmypast by clicking on the “A - Z record sets” link in the upper right-hand corner of the second screen.

When you select a category on the second screen and then enter a first and last name into the search box into a on the subsequent screen, you can then narrow your search by selecting a single record group and/or editing your search criteria by birth year, birthplace or other details.

Number 5 - - Family History News - - Use these links to explore featured family history stories.

Number 6 - - New to Family History column - - Use the links under this heading to view explanations and suggestions for how to begin your research.

Number 6.a - - Read the getting started guide - - Use this link to read the informative information contained in the various “quick tips” categories on the left-hand side of this screen, including information on building a family tree and an introduction to the records to be found on Findmypast.

Number 6.b - - Start your family tree - - Use this link as another path to access your Findmypast family tree.

Number 6.c - - Search our historical records - - This link takes you to a search screen similar to the second screen in Number 4 above.

Number 7 - - Utilities and other links - - Use the links at the bottom of the Findmypast home page to read about the site’s privacy policies, terms and conditions of use, or to contact Findmypast. You can also learn about the company’s history and partners, as well as using links to Facebook, Twitter and Youtube. These links are also found at the bottom of several other screens on Findmypast.

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