

## [Important Websites for Wales Genealogy](#)

There are two "must peruse" websites for initiating original research in Wales. There are a lot of excellent resources well documents found on both **Family Search.Org** and **The Family History Guide**.

From a single URL cited below on **FamilySearch**, you will find a comprehensive overview of resources for the Wales that covers the gamut of resources and research tools that you could ever have imagined all from one extended screen display. It is a remarkable guide to Welsh ancestry, history, and genealogy with birth records, marriage records, death records, census records, military records and much more. The URL is [https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Wales\\_Genealogy](https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Wales_Genealogy). The headings are specifically cited below along with their links that you can search quickly

# Wales Genealogy

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## Beginning Research

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- [Research Strategies](#)
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## Record Types

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| • <a href="#">Cemeteries</a>                   | • <a href="#">Military Records</a>  |
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## Wales Background

- [Biography](#)
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- [Maps](#)
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- [Family History Centers](#)

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[United Kingdom](#)

## Wales

Guide to **Wales ancestry, family history, and genealogy**: birth records, marriage records, death records, census records, parish registers, and military records.

## Background Information[\[edit source\]](#)

**Wales** is one of the four constituent countries of the [United Kingdom](#) (together with [England](#), [Scotland](#) and [Northern Ireland](#)) and is located in the western part of Britain. From its original Celtic origins, a distinct Welsh national identity emerged in the centuries after the Roman withdrawal from Britain in the 5th century. The country is bilingual, with both Welsh and English (predominant) being official languages. Birth, Death, Marriage and Military records for Wales are listed with English records.<sup>[1]</sup>

## Getting Started[\[edit source\]](#)

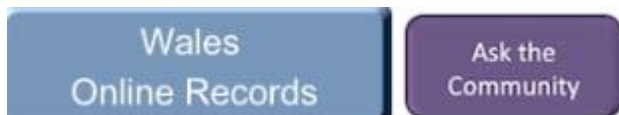
### Getting Started with Wales Research

- [Guided Research](#)
- [English Birth, Christening or Baptism Date](#)
- [English Marriage Dates](#)
- [English Burial or Death Dates](#)
- [Finding Welsh Emigrant or Immigrant](#)
- [Research Strategies](#)

### Wales Research Tools

Links to articles and websites that assist in Wales research.

- [Imperial Gazetteer of England and Wales - \(1870\)](#)
- [Tithe Maps & Apportionments](#)



## Wales Clickable Maps[\[edit source\]](#)

Pre 1974 [\[ edit source \]](#)

**WALES**  
PRE - 1974 COUNTY STRUCTURE



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| 1. Vale of Glamorgan  | 10. Bridgend            | 19. Conwy        |
| 2. Cardiff            | 11. Neath & Port Talbot | 20. Denbighshire |
| 3. Newport            | 12. Swansea             | 21. Flintshire   |
| 4. Monmouthshire      | 13. Carmarthenshire     | 22. Wrexham      |
| 5. Torfaen            | 14. Pembrokeshire       |                  |
| 6. Blaenau Gwent      | 15. Cardiganshire       |                  |
| 7. Caerphilly         | 16. Powys               |                  |
| 8. Merthyr Tydfil     | 17. Gwynedd             |                  |
| 9. Rhondda Cynon Taff | 18. Anglesey            |                  |

# Counties[\[edit source\]](#)

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Most researchers will be researching with the context of these historic counties. Wales, like many other countries, has seen much reorganization over time and it may be necessary to search in several counties.

pre 1974	1974-1996	post 1996
<a href="#">Anglesey</a>	<a href="#">Gwynedd</a>	<a href="#">Anglesey</a>
<a href="#">Breconshire</a>	<a href="#">Powys</a> <a href="#">Mid Glamorgan</a> <a href="#">Gwent</a>	<a href="#">Powys</a> <a href="#">Rhondda Cyon Taf</a> <a href="#">Monmouthshire</a>
<a href="#">Caernarfonshire</a>	<a href="#">Gwynedd</a>	<a href="#">Gwynedd</a> <a href="#">Conwy</a>
<a href="#">Cardiganshire</a>	<a href="#">Dyfed</a>	<a href="#">Ceredigion</a>
<a href="#">Carmarthenshire</a>	<a href="#">Dyfed</a>	<a href="#">Carmarthenshire</a> <a href="#">Pembrokeshire</a>
<a href="#">Denbighshire</a>	<a href="#">Clwyd</a> <a href="#">Powys</a>	<a href="#">Denbighshire</a> <a href="#">Flintshire</a> <a href="#">Wrexham</a> <a href="#">Conwy</a>
<a href="#">Flintshire</a>	<a href="#">Clwyd</a>	<a href="#">Flintshire</a> <a href="#">Denbighshire</a> <a href="#">Wrexham</a>
<a href="#">Glamorgan</a>	<a href="#">Mid Glamorgan</a>  <a href="#">South Glamorgan</a>  <a href="#">West Glamorgan</a>	<a href="#">Bridgend</a> <a href="#">Merthyr Tydfil</a> <a href="#">Rhondda Cynon Taf</a> <a href="#">Caerphilly</a> <a href="#">Cardiff</a> <a href="#">The Vale of Glamorgan</a> <a href="#">Swansea</a> <a href="#">Neath Port Talbot</a>
<a href="#">Merionethshire</a>	<a href="#">Gwynedd</a> <a href="#">Clwyd</a>	<a href="#">Gwynedd</a> <a href="#">Denbighshire</a>
<a href="#">Monmouthshire</a>	<a href="#">Mid Glamorgan</a> <a href="#">South Glamorgan</a>	<a href="#">Monmouthshire</a> <a href="#">Newport</a> <a href="#">Blaenau Gwent</a> <a href="#">Torfaen</a> <a href="#">Caerphilly</a>
<a href="#">Montgomeryshire</a>	<a href="#">Powys</a>	<a href="#">Powys</a>
<a href="#">Pembrokeshire</a>	<a href="#">Dyfed</a>	<a href="#">Pembrokeshire</a>

<a href="#">Radnorshire</a>	<a href="#">Powys</a>	<a href="#">Powys</a>
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See the relevant county pages for further information.

## FamilySearch Resources[\[edit source\]](#)

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Below are FamilySearch resources that can assist you in researching your family.

- [FamilySearching Genealogy Research Groups](#) - Online groups discussing genealogy research
- [Historical Records](#)
- [Family History Center locator map](#)
- [England and Wales National Register, 1939](#) at [FamilySearch](#) — index

## Research Tutorials[\[edit source\]](#)

- [Blessings and Curses of Tracing Welsh Ancestry](#)
- [England and Wales Civil Registration](#)
- [How to Trace Ancestry in England/Wales' Civil Registration Records Using Online BMD Indexes](#)
- [England and Wales Census Records 1841-1911 Indexes](#)
- [England Resources for Family History at Findmypast](#)
- [British Resources on Ancestry](#) - Parts 1 and 2
- [British Resources on FamilySearch.org](#) - Parts 1 and 2

## References[\[edit source\]](#)

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1. [Jump up](#)<sup>↑</sup> Wikipedia contributors, "Wales," in *Wikipedia: the Free Encyclopedia*, <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wales>, accessed 23 March 2016.

## The Family History Guide

The **Family History Guide**, <https://thefhguide.com/project-9-wales.html>, provides a more sequential process of learning consisting of outstanding step-by-step “how to” research tutorials for Wales that is organized into ten levels offerings in a rather clear and concise format. I particularly like its infrastructure of topics for each level of tutorials.

**1: Research** [2: Archives and Libraries](#) [3: Census Records](#) [4: Cemetery Records](#) [5: Emigration and Immigration](#) [6: Land, Property, Probate](#) [7: Military Records](#) [8: Maps and Gazetteers](#) [9: Newspapers](#) [10: Websites](#) [11: Search Records](#) [12: Get Help](#)