Considering Other Record Sets and Resources

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'Considering Surname' RootsTech 2022
'Considering Age' RootsTech 2023
'Considering Graves' RootsTech 2024

Why!

Why are Other Record Sets and Resources important?

Why do we need to consider them?

Types of Resources

- Family
- Online
- Physical

Family

- Stories
- Records
- Artifacts
- Photos

Online

Major websites

- Use more than one website

- Utilise record sets available

- Use wild cards

- Check all hints and tips

Browser Search

Societies
Forums
Federations
History Groups

- Area specific
- Occupations
- name specific study
- Country Specific

Search Web

Official records

General Register Office (GRO)

- Records can be ordered
- Indexes include further information

Research is creating New Knowledge

By Neil Armstong

Physical

Libraries & Archives

"The ONLY thing that you ABSULUTLEY have to know is the LOCATION of the LIBRARY"

By Albert Einstein

Military

- Museums
- Regiment Archives

Museums

- Archives
- Displays

Occupational

- Trade museums
- Trade Archives
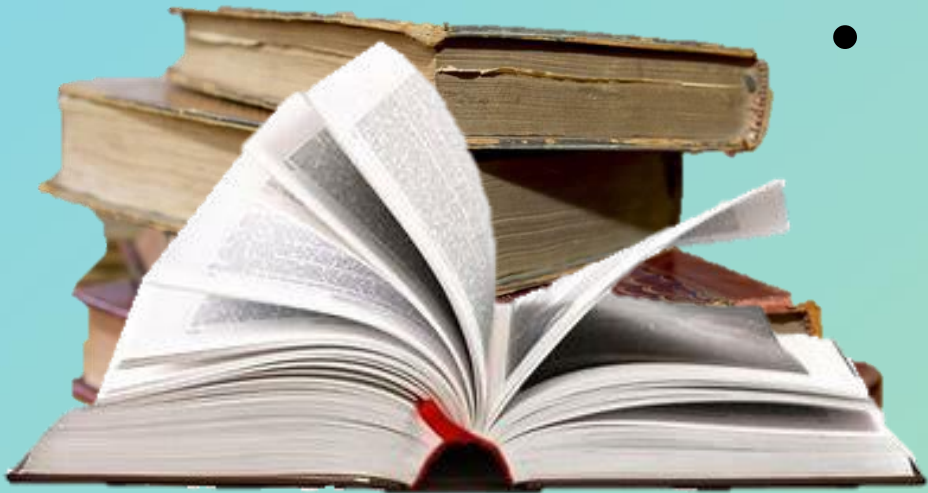- Guildhall Library

Ancestors Travelled

- Look for travel
- Check Archives in the destination
- Find in the Country
  - Local family history groups
  - Archives

Books

- Trades
- Periods of History
- Location specific
- Both reference and non-fiction

Newspapers

- Local
- Regional
- National

Churches

Not just gravestones!

Recap

- Ask family
- More than - names, dates and places
- Look at multiple websites
- Use multiple Archives
- Do not forget Libraries and Museums
- Never use just one source of information
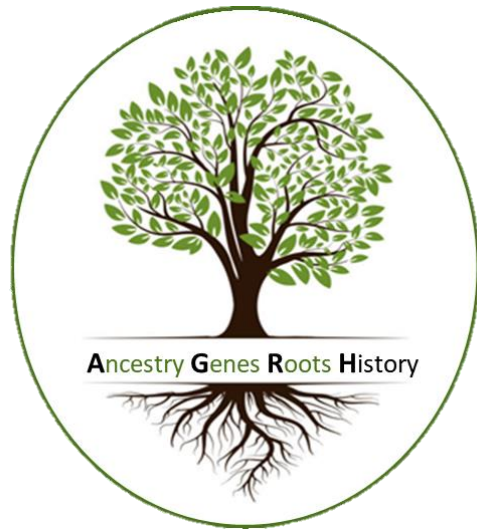- Use Browsers to help locate
- Check archive requirements

"Always
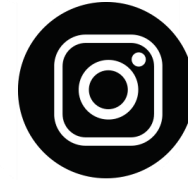Keep an open mind
and think outside
the box"

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