



WHAT RECORDS SHOULD I LOOK AT FIRST ?

- **GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE (GRO) RECORDS**

These list births, marriages and deaths from 1837 onwards.

- **CENSUS RETURNS**

These are available for every tenth year from 1841 to 1911.

- **FAMILY SEARCH**

This is a world-wide web-site created by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (The Mormons).

WHAT CAN I GET FROM GRO RECORDS ?

Principally, a reference to the relevant birth, marriage or death certificate, which you can send for. They cost £9.25 from the GRO at Southport, or £9.00 from a local Registrar's office. Orders can be placed at Southport by post, telephone or via the GRO web site. (see overleaf) The General Register Office, PO Box 2, Southport, Merseyside PR8 2JD, tel. 0300 123 1837

The records are alphabetical lists of surnames, in quarterly sets. They therefore give the quarter in which the birth, marriage or death was registered.

Early records only provide the surname and given name of the person concerned. After September 1911, the mother's maiden name is also provided for births, and after March 1912 the surname of the spouse is also provided for marriages. Sometimes this information may be all you need, saving the cost of a certificate.

WHAT CAN I GET FROM CENSUS RETURNS ?

Address	Name	Relationship to head of household		
Sex & age	Marital status	Occupation	Where born	Disability

1911 Census: Shows number of years married, number of children born and number of children still living.

WHAT CAN I GET FROM FAMILY SEARCH?

This is a new version of the LDS [Mormon] site that gave access to the IGI and the 1881 Census. It incorporates the IGI, Census and Vital Records Index, plus a great many other records that have been added in recent years. There is still a link on the home page to the old site if you prefer to use that.



The North Cheshire Family History Society



USEFUL ADDRESSES AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Greater Manchester Record Office	56 Marshal St, M4 5FU	0161-832-5284
Manchester Local Studies Unit	St Peter's Square	0161-234-1980
Chester Record Office	Duke St, Chester, CH1 1RL	01244-602574
Stockport Cemetery Office	Buxton Road, SK2 6LS	0161-480-5221
Stockport Local Heritage Library	Wellington Rd South, SK1 3RS	0161-474-4530
Tameside Local Studies Library	Central Library, Old Street, Ashton Under Lyne OL6 7SG	01613424242
Trafford Local Studies Centre	Sale Library, Sale Waterside M33 7ZF	0161-912-3013
Macclesfield Library	2 Jordansgate, Macclesfield, SK10 1EE	01625-374000
Mormon (LDS) Family History Centre	Altrincham Rd, Wythenshawe, M22 4BJ	0161-902-9279
LDS Distribution Centre (address for purchase of 1881 Census CD-ROM etc) 399 Garretts Green Lane, Sheldon, West Midlands B33 0UH		08700-102051

Birth, marriage and death certificates

If you know the district in which a birth, marriage or death was registered, you can get a copy of the certificate from The District Registrar, for £9.00 plus SAE. Some local addresses are:-

Stockport:	Stockport Register Office, Town Hall, Stockport SK1 3XE
Manchester:	Heron House, 47, Lloyd Street, Manchester M2 5LE
Salford:	Kings Lea, Barton Rd, Swinton M27 1NH
Tameside:	Town Hall, Dukinfield SK16 4LA
Trafford:	Town Hall, Sale M33 1ZF
Macclesfield:	Park Green, Macclesfield SK11 6SR
Chester:	Goldsmith House, Goss St, Chester CH1 2BG
Liverpool:	7 Brougham Terrace, West Derby Road, Liverpool L6 1AF

USEFUL INTERNET WEB SITES

Note: all prefixed by http://

North Cheshire Family History Society	www.ncfhs.org.uk
GENUKI (UK & Ireland Genealogical Information Service)	www.genuki.org.uk
FFHS (Federation of Family History Societies)	www.ffhs.org.uk
LDS (Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints)	www.familysearch.org
National Archives (formerly Public Record Office)	www.nationalarchives.gov.uk
GMCRO (Greater Manchester County Record Office)	www.gmcro.co.uk
GRO (General Register Office)	www.statistics.gov.uk/registration
FreeBMD (Partial list of GRO indexes, searchable; NB not a "www" address)	www.freebmd.org.uk
Birth, Marriage & Death Indexes	www.ukbmd.org.uk
Commonwealth War Graves Commission	www.cwgc.org.uk