

Journeys from the British Isles

Tracing Pre-1960's Emigration Online

Introduction to Emigration

- Welcome and introduction to the topic.
- Brief overview of the historical context:
 - The Age of Sail and its impact on long-distance travel.
 - The Industrial Revolution and its effects on population movement.
 - Key pre-1960's events shaping migration (e.g., specific famines, economic depressions).

Emigration from Britain (Pre-1960's)

- What is emigration?
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- Why did people leave Britain?

Emigration to North America (Pre-1960's)

- Reasons for emigration:
 - Economic opportunity and the promise of land ownership.
 - Religious freedom (e.g., Pilgrims).
- Key periods:
 - 17th-18th centuries: Early colonial settlement.
 - 19th century: Large-scale migration due to industrialization and poverty.
- Destinations:
 - The United States.
 - Canada.

Emigration to North America - Online Resources

- Key websites:
 - Ancestry.com: US and Canadian records.
 - FamilySearch.org: Extensive collection of genealogical records.
 - Library and Archives Canada.
 - National Archives and Records Administration (NARA).
- Focus on online availability of:
 - Passenger lists.
 - Naturalization records.
 - Land records.

Emigration to Australia and New Zealand (Pre-1960's)

- Reasons for emigration:
 - Assisted passage schemes.
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 - Opportunity for land ownership.
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 - Convict transportation to Australia.
- Key periods:
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 - 19th century: Colonial expansion and settlement.
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 - Early 20th century: Continued migration.

Emigration to Australia and New Zealand - Online Resources

- Key websites:
 - Ancestry.com and Findmypast.com.au.
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 - National Archives of Australia.
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 - Archives New Zealand.
- Highlight online availability of:
 - Convict transportation records.
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 - Assisted passage records.
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 - Early settler records.

Emigration to South Africa (Pre-1960's)

- Reasons for emigration
 - - Economic opportunities
 - - Settler schemes
- Key Periods
 - - 19th and early 20th Centuries

Emigration to South Africa - Online Resources

- Key Websites:
 - [Ancestry.com](https://www.ancestry.com)
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 - [FamilySearch.org](https://www.familysearch.org)
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 - National Archives of South Africa
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- Focus on settler records and immigration schemes.

The Experience of Travel

- Conditions on sailing ships:
 - Lengthy and arduous journeys.
 - Overcrowding and disease.
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- Early steamships:
 - Faster but still challenging conditions.
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- Hardships and challenges faced by emigrants.
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- Anecdotes from emigrant journals or letters (provide examples).

Online Research Tips

- Title: Tips for Effective Online Research
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- Using wildcards and variations in spelling.
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- Filtering and refining search results.
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- Creating online family trees.
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- Using online mapping tools to track ancestor's journeys.

Cautions Regarding Online Information

- The need to verify information from multiple sources.
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- The problems with user-created family trees (inaccuracies, lack of sourcing).

Examples of Online Records

- Three collections of records from the major websites
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- Find My Past for Departures
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- Ancestry for Arrivals
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- Seek original records over transcripts where possible
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- Carefully examine the notes/comment columns etc

Practical Online Research Techniques

- Demonstrating key websites:
- - Live demonstration of searches on Ancestry.com, Findmypast.co.uk, and The National Archives (UK) (if feasible).
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 - Show examples of passenger lists, census records, and other relevant documents.



Q&A Session

- Invitation to Ask Questions:
- Open the floor for questions about memorial inscriptions.
- Encourage sharing of personal experiences and insights.
- Discussion Topics:
- Specific challenges in researching memorials.
- Personal discoveries related to ancestors' inscriptions.
- Resources and tools that have been helpful.

Remember

The decision to emigrate was a much greater upheaval for our forebears, probably involving loss of contact forever with their friends and families.



Happy hunting!

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