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1. BIRMINGHAM LIBRARY SERVICES

Archives & Heritage (AHP)	www.libraryofbirmingham.com/archives
Archives & Heritage Blog	http://theironroom.wordpress.com
Archives Online Catalogue	http://calmview.birmingham.gov.uk
Family History	www.libraryofbirmingham.com/familyhistory
Genealogical Holdings	http://www.libraryofbirmingham.com/article/familyhistory/genealogicalresearch

Library Catalogue UK Academic Libraries Maps (Historical)	https://library-opac.birmingham.gov.uk http://copac.ac.uk www.libraryofbirmingham.com/article/mapsandtopography
Metro Cammell Photographic Collections Twitter – LoB Twitter – AHP	www.birmingham.gov.uk/metrocammell www.libraryofbirmingham.com/collections https://twitter.com/LibraryofBham https://twitter.com/theironroom

2. ADOPTION

Adoption Records Adoption Search Reunion Applying for adoption certificates Court adoption records & post-adoption support	www.gov.uk/adoption-records www.adoptionsearchreunion.org.uk www.gro.gov.uk Contact your home social services department
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3. ARCHIVES and ARCHIVAL RESEARCHERS

Adam Matthew Publications (Boulton & Watt) Annual Accessions to Repositories Archives & Records Assoc. Archives Network (UK) –a2a Archives in UK Universities & Colleges Archives (UK & International) Contacts Association of Genealogists and Researchers in Archives Association of Professional Genealogists	www.amdigital.co.uk www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/accessions www.archives.org.uk www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/a2a www.archiveshub.ac.uk www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/archon www.agra.org.uk http://www.apgen.org
Birmingham Stories Birmingham University Special Collections (Cadbury Research Library) British Records Association	http://www.connectinghistories.org.uk http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/facilities/cadbury/index.aspx www.britishrecordsassociation.org.uk
Catholic Church Archives	www.birminghamarchdiocesanarchives.org.uk

<p>Connecting Histories- including the following: Banner Theatre Bishton, Derek & Ten 8 Birmingham Children's Homes Birmingham Hebrew Congregation Birmingham Trade Union Burke, Vanley Hallett, George Indian Workers Association Parker, Charles</p>	<p>http://www.connectinghistories.org.uk</p>
<p>Conservation Issues Conservators</p>	<p>www.bl.uk/blpac/publicationsleaf.html http://www.conservationregister.com</p>
<p>Lichfield Record Office</p>	<p>www.staffordshire.gov.uk/ leisure/archives/contact/LichfieldRecord Office/home.aspx</p>
<p>Modern Records Centre (University of Warwick)</p>	<p>http://modernrecords.warwick.ac.uk</p>
<p>National Archives National Register of Archives Society of Genealogists Staffordshire Record Office Warwickshire Record Office</p>	<p>www.nationalarchives.gov.uk www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/nra http://www.sog.org.uk/search-records www.staffordshire.gov.uk/archives www.birminghamarchdiocesanarchives. org.uk</p>
<p>Worcestershire Record Office (The Hive)</p>	<p>www.thehiveworcester.org/collections.ht ml</p>

4. BIRMINGHAM COUNCIL & DEMOGRAPHICS

<p>Big City Plan Birmingham City Council Birmingham Council Minutes Census (Statistical) Council Tax Bands Crime Statistics</p>	<p>http://bigcityplan.birmingham.gov.uk www.birmingham.gov.uk www.birmingham.gov.uk/democracy www.birmingham.gov.uk/census www.voa.gov.uk www.police.uk</p>
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Historic Landscape Project Land Ownership (Current) Planning Applications	www.birmingham.gov.uk/hlc www.landregistry.gov.uk www.birmingham.gov.uk/planningapplications
Ward Statistics West Midlands Combined Authority	www.neighbourhood.statistics.gov.uk www.westmidlandscombinedauthority.org.uk

5. BIRMINGHAM CULTURAL & SOCIAL

Anglican Church	www.cofebirmingham.com
Barber Institute of Fine Arts	www.barber.org.uk
Birmingham Museums	www.birminghammuseums.org.uk
Catholic Church	www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk
Cycle Routes	www.toptubemap.com
Ethnic Community Profiles	www.birmingham.gov.uk/census
Gay & Lesbian Community	www.blgbt.org
Hippodrome Theatre	www.birminghamhippodromeheritage.com
Midland Metro Extension	www.centro.org.uk/metro.aspx
Music	http://birminghammusicarchive.com
New Street Station	www.newstreetnewstart.co.uk
Paradise Circus Proposals	www.paradisebirmingham.co.uk
Public Houses	www.midlandspubs.co.uk
Railways	www.railaroundbirmingham.co.uk
Railways (High Speed Two)	www.hs2.org.uk
Religious Faith Groups	www.birminghamfaithmap.org.uk
Transport (Timetables)	www.networkwestmidlands.com
Visitor Guide	http://visitbirmingham.com

6. BIRMINGHAM FAMILY HISTORY

B'ham & Midland Society for Genealogy & Heraldry	www.bmsg.org
B'ham Parish Registers	On Ancestry - See Section 20
B'ham Calendars of Prisoners	On Ancestry - See Section 20
B'ham Non-conformist Registers	On Ancestry - See Section 20
B'ham Rate Books	On Ancestry - See Section 20
B'ham Catholic Archdiocesan Archives	www.birminghamarchdiocesanarchives.org.uk

Birmingham Cemeteries Info	www.birmingham.gov.uk/cemeteries http://genealogy.birmingham.gov.uk http://bmsggh-shop.org.uk/BIRM-Cemeteries (Key Hill, Warstone Lane, Handsworth & Witton)
Birmingham Children's Homes	www.connectinghistories.org.uk/childrenslives
Key Hill & Warstone Lane Cemetery Records and Monumental Inscriptions	http://www.jqrg.org
Staffordshire Name Indexes Staffordshire Parish Registers Trade Directories & Electoral Rolls	www.staffsnameindexes.org.uk www.findmypast.co.uk www.midlandshistoricaldata.org (Free access in all B'ham Libraries)

7. BIRMINGHAM LOCAL HISTORY

Aston	www.astonbrook-throughastonmanor.co.uk
B'ham Black Oral History	www.bbohp.org.uk
B'ham History Forum	http://forum.birminghamhistory.co.uk
B'ham Pub Blacklist 1903 – 6	ancestry.co.uk (free in B'ham Libraries)
Boer War Memorial (Birmingham)	www.roll-of-honour.com/Warwickshire/BirminghamBoerWar.html
Blitz in Birmingham	www.swanshurst.org/barra www.birminghamairraids.co.uk
Gun Trade	www.gunproof.com
Handsworth	www.birminghamimages.org.uk
History West Midlands	www.historywm.com
Hospitals (QE & Selly Oak)	www.uhb.nhs.uk/histories
Industrial History	www.gracesguide.co.uk
Industrial History	http://madeinbirmingham.net
Industrial Revolution	www.revolutionaryplayers.org.uk
Jewellery Quarter Museum	www.birminghammuseums.org.uk/jewellery

Key Hill & Warstone Lane Cemeteries	www.fkwc.org http://www.jqrg.org
Ladywood Ladywood	www.birminghamimages.org.uk www.oldladywood.co.uk
Listed Buildings Moseley Patents, Historical Pen Museum Place Names(Bham) Police Museum Quinton Suburbs Project	www.britishlistedbuildings.co.uk www.moseley-society.org.uk http://worldwide.espacenet.com http://www.penroom.co.uk http://billdargue.jimdo.com www.westmidlandspolicemuseum.co.uk www.qlhs.org.uk www.connectinghistories.org.uk/suburban-birmingham
Trade Directories Trade Directories & Electoral Registers	http://specialcollections.le.ac.uk/ www.midlandshistoricaldata.org (Free access in all B'ham Libraries)

8. BIRMINGHAM & OTHER NEWSPAPERS

Birmingham Gazette (1741- 1871 + WWI) Birmingham Journal (1859 – 1869) B'ham Mail (WWI) B'ham Post (1857 – 1900 + WWI)	www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk (Subscription)
Birmingham Evening Despatch Birmingham Gazette Birmingham Journal Birmingham Mail Birmingham Post Sports Argus	http://search.findmypast.co.uk/search/british-newspapers (Subscription)
Infotrac subscription website (Gale Group) available in Birmingham Libraries and to library members at home. Access to Birmingham Mail & Post, Sports Argus & Sunday Mercury in addition to national	http://www.libraryofbirmingham.com/article/elibrary/websitesforlibrarymembers

newspapers. Coverage from c. 1998	
London Gazette	www.thegazette.co.uk
Welsh newspapers	www.welshnewspapers.llgc.org.uk
Times Digital Archive (Gale Group)	www.libraryofbirmingham.com/article/elibrary/websitesforlibrarymembers

9. FAMILY HISTORY – ENGLAND & WALES

See also Archives (Section 3) & Subscription websites (Section 13)

Births, Deaths & Marriages only	www.bmdindex.co.uk (Sub)
Births, Deaths & Marriages	www.familyrelatives.com (Inc. Army returns)
Births, Deaths & Marriages	www.freebmd.org.uk (Free)
Census (1841-1891)	www.freecen.org.uk (Free)
General Register Office (for birth, marriage & death certificates)	www.gro.gov.uk
Marriage Locator (GRO codes)	www.marriage-locator.co.uk
National Library of Wales	www.llgc.org.uk
The Genealogist	http://www.thegenealogist.co.uk (Subscriptions)
Registration Districts in England & Wales	www.ukbmd.org.uk/genuki/REG/index.htm

10. FAMILY HISTORY - IRELAND

Ancestry Ireland	Ancestry.co.uk (free in Birmingham Libraries)
Census 1901/1911	www.census.nationalarchives.ie
Council of Irish Genealogy	www.cigo.ie
GRO (Northern Ireland)	www.nidirect.gov.uk
GRO (Republic of Ireland)	www.welfare.ie
Irish Ancestry	https://www.johngrenham.com/ http://www.irishgenealogy.ie
Irish Genealogy	http://www.irishjewishroots.com
Irish Jewish Genealogical Society	www.nationalarchives.ie
National Archives (Ireland)	www.nli.ie
National Library of Ireland	

Newspaper Archive, 1763 onwards	www.irishnewsarchive.com/
Public Record Office (Northern Ireland)	www.nidirect.gov.uk/proni
Roots Ireland	www.rootsireland.ie
Ulster Historical Foundation (Genealogy)	www.ancestryireland.com

11. FAMILY HISTORY - SCOTLAND

General Register Office	www.gro-scotland.gov.uk
National Archives of Scotland	www.nas.gov.uk
National Library of Scotland	www.nls.uk
Research Service	www.scottishroots.com
Scotlands People (GRO, Parish Records, Wills)	www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk
Scottish Ass. Of Family History Societies	www.safhs.org.uk

12. FAMILY HISTORY - INTERNATIONAL

American National Archives	www.archives.gov
Australian National Archives	www.naa.gov.au
Canadian National Library & Archives	www.bac-lac.gc.ca
Caribbean Ancestry	www.everygeneration.co.uk
Caribbean GenWeb Project	www.rootsweb.com/~caribgw
India_ Families in British India	http://www.fibis.org
Indian National Archives	www.nationalarchives.nic.in
Jamaican Family Search	www.jamaicanfamilysearch.com
Jamaican National Archives	http://www.nlj.gov.jm/
Jewish Family History	www.jewishgen.org
New Zealand National Archives	www.archives.govt.nz
Pakistani National Archives	www.nap.gov.pk/
Passenger Lists	www.theshipslist.com
Passenger Lists (Arriving in the UK), 1878 - 1960	On Ancestry - See Section 20
Passenger Lists (Leaving UK) 1890- 1960.	On Ancestry - See Section 20
Passport Applications (1851 – 1903)	Find My Past (Sub)

Polish Roots Slaves Register 1812-1834	www.polishroots.org www.ancestry.co.uk/slavery
Slavery. Legacies of British Slave-ownership Transportation Records Transportation Records	http://www.ucl.ac.uk/lbs/ www.convictcentral.com www.slq.qld.gov.au

13. FAMILY HISTORY MISCELLANEOUS

Ancestry	www.ancestry.co.uk (subscription) or See Section 20
Burke's Peerage	www.burkespeerage.com
Burials/ Cremations	www.deceasedonline.com (Sub)
Burials (National Burials Index)	www.findmypast.co.uk (Sub)
Coats of Arms & Crests	www.college-of-arms.gov.uk
Cyndi's List of Genealogical Sites	www.cyndislist.com/uk/general
Divorce Case Files 1858 - 1937	www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/records/looking-for-person/divorce.htm
Federation of Family History Socs.	www.ffhs.org.uk
Find My Past	www.findmypast.co.uk (Sub)
Forum	www.familytreeforum.com
Genealogist	www.thegenealogist.co.uk (Sub)
Genuki	www.genuki.org.uk
International Genealogical Index	www.familysearch.org
National Register (1939)	www.findmypast.co.uk (Sub)
National Probate Index	On Ancestry – See Section 20
Non-Conformist Registers	www.bmdregisters.co.uk
One Name Studies, Guild of	www.one-name.org
Parish Registers	www.freereg.org.uk
Researchers (AGRA)	www.agra.org.uk
Researchers (APGEN)	http://www.apgen.org
Society of Genealogists	www.sog.org.uk
Trade Directories	http://specialcollections.le.ac.uk
Trade Directories & Electoral Rolls (Birmingham)	www.midlandshistoricaldata.org (Free in Birmingham Libraries)

14. HISTORY & BIOGRAPHY

British History Online	www.british-history.ac.uk
British Library	www.bl.uk
British Museum	www.thebritishmuseum.ac.uk
Church of England Clergy (1540 – 1835)	www.theclergydatabase.org.uk
Currency Converters (Historical)	www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/currency www.measuringworth.com/ppoweruk
Dictionary of National Biography	www.oxforddnb.com
Making Britain (South Asians in Britain 1870-1850)	www.open.ac.uk/researchprojects/makingbritain
Thomason Tracts 1640 - 1661	http://www.bl.uk
Victorian County History Series	www.british-history.ac.uk
Vision of Britain Through Time	www.visionofbritain.org.uk

15. IMAGES/PHOTOGRAPHY

Aerial Views (Modern)	www.firsthouse.co.uk
Aerial Views (B'ham 1920s/30s)	www.britainfromabove.org.uk
Aston & Erdington Photo Society	www.aston-erdington.co.uk
Birmingham Picture Library	www.bplphoto.co.uk
Francis Frith Collection	www.francisfrith.com
GRAIN – Photography hub & network for West Midlands	www.grainphotographyhub.co.uk
Images of Birmingham	www.imagesofbirmingham.co.uk
Media Archive of Central England	www.macearchive.org
Midland Counties Photo Federation	www.mcpf.co.uk
Warwickshire Photo. Survey	http://damsdeepzoom.shoothill.com

16. MAPS

1851 England & Wales Jurisdictions (Parishes, Registration Districts, Poor Law Unions etc) A – Z	http://maps.familysearch.org
Aerial Maps	www.streetmap.co.uk http://earth.google.com

Geography (square km photos)	www.geograph.org.uk
Goad Fire Insurance Maps	http://www.bl.uk/onlinegallery/onlineex/firemaps/fireinsurancemaps.html
Historical Maps	http://maps.nls.uk
Historical Maps	www.old-maps.co.uk
Historical Maps	www.mapseeker.co.uk
Ordnance Survey	www.o-s.co.uk
Historical Maps	www.visionofbritain.org.uk/maps
Ordnance Survey 6 inch (old)	http://maps.nls.uk http://maps.nls.uk/os/6inch-england-and-wales
Ordnance Survey 25 inch (B'ham)	http://maps.nls.uk/os/25inch-england-and-wales/index.html
Ordnance Survey Popular (1940's & 1950's)	www.npemap.org.uk
Route Planning	www.rac.co.uk/route-planner www.theaa.com/route-planner
Street Views& route planning Trench Maps (WW1)	http://maps.google.co.uk http://maps.nls.uk/ww1/trenches/index.html
Underground Tunnels, etc.	www.subbrit.org.uk

17. MILITARY HISTORY

British Army WWI Service, Medals & Pension Records	On Ancestry – See Section 20
Commonwealth War Grave	www.cwgc.org
Conscientious Objectors Register (1914 – 1918)	https://search.livesofthefirstworldwar.org/search/world-records/conscientious-objectors-register-1914-1918
Friends Ambulance Unit (WW1)	http://fau.quaker.org.uk
Home Guard	www.home-guard.org.uk
Imperial War Museum	www.iwm.org.uk

London (Edinburgh & Belfast) Gazette	www.thegazette.co.uk
Military Genealogy	www.nmarchive.com
MoD Service Records (see also Service Personnel below)	www.gov.uk/guidance/requests-for-personal-data-and-service-records
National Army Museum	www.nam.ac.uk
National Memorial Arboretum	www.thenma.org.uk
National Service Veterans Assoc.	www.nationalserviceveteransassociation.co.uk
Navy Officers (1660 – 1824)	www.navylist.org
Operation War Diary (WWI)	www.operationwardiary.org
Prisoners of War (WWI) -ICRC	http://grandeguerre.icrc.org/
Roll of Honour (WWI, II and later)	www.roll-of-honour.com
Roll of Honour(Worcestershire)	www.rememberthefallen.co.uk
Roll of Honour WWII	On Ancestry – See Section 20
Royal Air Force Museum	www.rafmuseum.org.uk
Royal Marines Museum	www.royalmarinesmuseum.co.uk
Royal Naval Museum	www.nmrn.org.uk
Service Personnel & Veterans Agency	www.veterans-uk.info
Soldiers' Wills (1850 – 1986)	https://probatesearchservice.gov.uk/#soldiers
Staffordshire Great War	www.staffordshiregreatwar.com
Trench Maps (WW1)	http://maps.nls.uk/ww1/trenches/index.html
War Memorials & Photographs	www.britishwargraves.co.uk
Western Front Association	www.westernfrontassociation.com
World War One Research guide	www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/first-world-war
World War One Records A – Z (Imperial War Museum)	https://livesofthefirstworldwar.org/ww1-records#azrecordsets

18. TRACING SERVICES

Electoral Registers 2002 - 2016	www.searchelectoralroll.co.uk
Electoral Registers (Subscription)	www.192.com
Electoral Registers (Subscription)	www.eroll.co.uk
Forces Reunited	www.forcesreunited.co.uk

Missing Persons/Relatives	www.look4them.org.uk www.missing-you.net www.missingpeople.org.uk
Obituary Notices (Current) Royal British Legion	www.iannounce.co.uk www.britishlegion.org.uk/remembrance/lost-trails
Salvation Army Family Tracing	www.salvationarmy.org.uk

19. WILLS

Canterbury Court Wills (1384 – 1858)	www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/records/wills.htm On Ancestry - See Section 20
County Ecclesiastical Courts (pre-1858)	Some on Ancestry (search via Card Catalogue)
National Probate Calendar (1858–1966)	On Ancestry - See Section 20
National Wills Index (pre-1858 indexes & abstracts)	www.origins.net/nwiwelcome.aspx
National Wills Index 1858 to present – GOV.UK & Soldiers' Wills 1858 - 1986	https://probatesearch.service.gov.uk/#wills
UK Probate Offices	www.lawontheweb.co.uk
Wills & Probate Notices (Deceased estates)	www.thegazette.co.uk/wills-and-probate
Wills of Royal Navy & Marines (1786-1882)	www.nationalarchives.gov.uk

20. WEBSITES AVAILABLE VIA LoB WEBSITE

Unless stated otherwise the following are available to Birmingham Library members via the Elibrary tab on the LoB website. All are available on Netloan pcs within libraries – some are also available from home. Those accessible from home require entry of a valid Birmingham library card membership number.

1. Access to Research (Online Academic Journals)	Available in all Birmingham libraries
2. Ancestry Institution (Worldwide edition of Ancestry)	Available in all Birmingham libraries.
3. British Library 19 th Century Newspapers	Available in all Birmingham libraries – and from home
4. Midlands Historical Data (Electoral Registers & Historical Directories for Birmingham & surrounding counties)	www.midlandshistoricaldata.org (Free to use within Birmingham Libraries)
5. Newspapers - Birmingham and National from c.1996	Available in all Birmingham libraries – and from home
6. Oxford Dictionary of National Biography (DNB)	Available in all Birmingham libraries – and from home
7. Times Digital Archive (1785-1985)	Available in all Birmingham libraries – and from home

21. USEFUL EMAIL ADDRESSES

Archives & Heritage Enquiries	archives.heritage@birmingham.gov.uk
Archives Appointments (Wolfson Centre)	archives.appointments@birmingham.gov.uk
Library of Birmingham Enquiries	enquiries@libraryofbirmingham.com

The websites in this list have been viewed by library staff, but we cannot guarantee their content and free access.