

Getting the most from FindMyPast

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Who is FindMyPast?

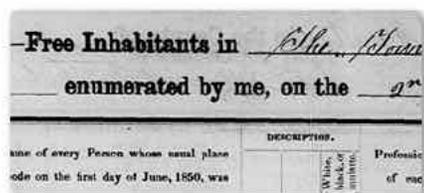


- ▶ Started in 1965 as "Title Research" by a small group of genealogists and heir hunters
- ▶ 2001 - Title Research starts a project for a computerized version of General Register Office England & Wales BMD records
- ▶ In 2006 became FindMyPast due to expanding record sets available
- ▶ Continues to add records
- ▶ Over 850 million US records
- ▶ Over 8 billion records globally
- ▶ 18 million subscribers worldwide
- ▶ Records back to the 1200s



Free Records

- ▶ Over 830 million records are FREE!
- ▶ U.S. Census records
- ▶ U.S. & Canada - Public birth, marriage, and death records
- ▶ Irish Catholic Parish records
- ▶ Many more!



US Censuses



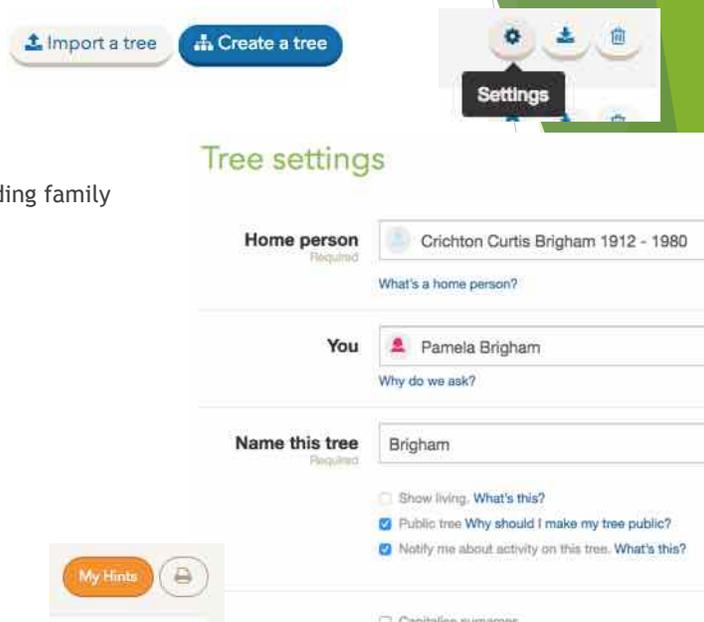
Irish Catholic Parish Registers



US & Canada: Public Records of Birth, Marriage and Death

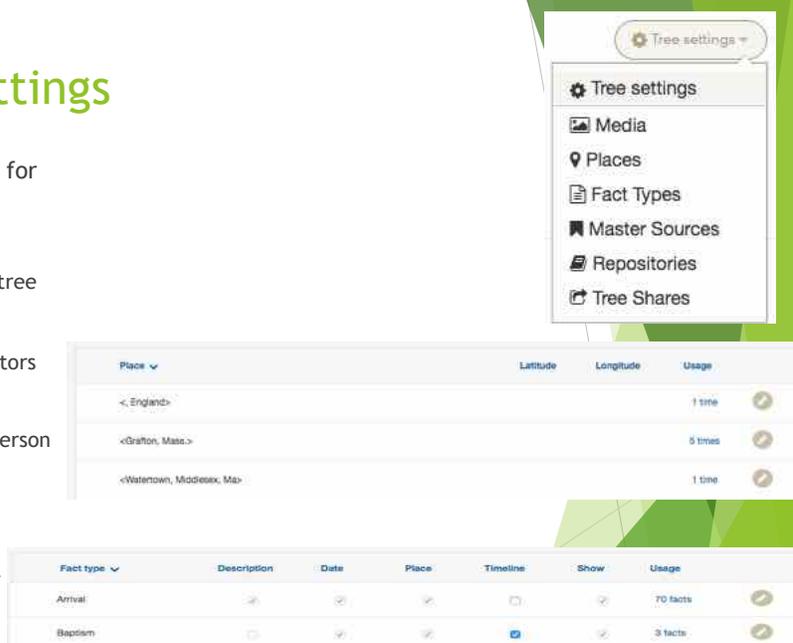
Family Trees

- ▶ Can create a free tree
- ▶ Created by importing GEDCOM or adding family
- ▶ All trees are available for hints
- ▶ Basic settings
 - ▶ Home person
 - ▶ Who you are in the tree
 - ▶ Name
 - ▶ Show living
 - ▶ Public vs Private
 - ▶ Activity Notification
 - ▶ Capitalize surnames
- ▶ Access to Hints for the tree



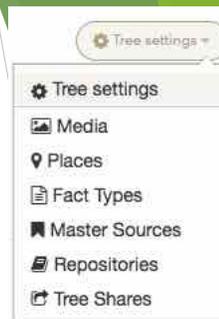
Family Trees - Settings

- ▶ Easy access to overall information for tree
- ▶ Media
 - ▶ Quick access to all media for the tree
- ▶ Places
 - ▶ Lists places associated with ancestors
 - ▶ If provided has Lat, Lon
 - ▶ Click on # of times to see which person a place is associated with
- ▶ Fact Types
 - ▶ Filter by Title
 - ▶ Click on usage for list of names of people



Family Trees - Settings

- ▶ Master Sources
 - ▶ List of all sources
 - ▶ Can sort by usage or name
 - ▶ Can edit source info
- ▶ Repositories
 - ▶ List of web locations used in tree
 - ▶ Can sort by Name, Web Address, or Usage
 - ▶ Can edit to change Name or Web Address
- ▶ Tree shares
 - ▶ Share URL with other FMP users
 - ▶ Shows whose accessed the tree



| Master Sources | | Usage |
|-----------------------------------|--|-------------|
| Ancestry Family Trees | | 506 sources |
| 1900 United States Federal Census | | 503 sources |

| Name | Web Address | Usage |
|------------------------|-------------|-------|
| Ancestry.com | | 196 |
| Family History Library | | 1 |

Family Trees - Views

- ▶ Across top of family tree - name of tree, view selector, name of active person, search all people
- ▶ Easy to switch between views
- ▶ Active person is darker box
- ▶ Defaults to Family View



Family Trees - Views

- Pedigree View - easy access to edit/add relatives

Esther Florence McGinley
1897-1985

- View profile
- + Add relative
- Edit profile
- 1927-1965
- Charles Leroy Ellis
1930-1989
- Robert Paul Ellis
1934-1987
- James D. Hodgson
1897-1926
- Florence May Hodgs...
1918-1987
- William D. Hodgson

James Wallace McGinley
1841-1916

- James McGinley
1812-1896
- Mary Armstrong
1812-1893
- Philip S. Jones
1803-1865
- Clarissa Ann Jones
1850-1929
- Magdalena Petrie
1818-1875

Family Trees - Views

- Family Group - Can be a more typical view of some software programs
- Click on a person to bring info and option

Van Paul Ellis
1890-1961

- Born** 19 May 1890
Terre Haute, Indiana, USA
- Married** 10 Sep 1926
Fort Collins, Colorado, USA
Spouse Esther Florence McGinley
Children from this marriage Viola Ruth, Charles Leroy, Robert Paul
- Died** 21 Jun 1961
La Habra California, USA

Buttons: Their tree, Profile, Edit, Add relative, Search, Hints

Parents

- Father-in-law: Stephen Ellis (Born 1842)
- Mother-in-law: Ettie Ellis (Born 1856)
- Father: J.W. McGinley (1841-1916)
- Mother: C.A. Jones (1850-1929)

Partner: Van Paul Ellis (1890-1961)
Married 1926
In Fort Collins, Colorado, USA

Partner: Esther Florence McGinley (1897-1985)
Married 1926
In Fort Collins, Colorado, USA

Children

| | | | | |
|---|----------|---------------------|-----------|-----------|
| 1 | Daughter | Viola Ruth Ellis | Born 1897 | Died 1965 |
| 2 | Son | Charles Leroy Ellis | Born 1930 | Died 1989 |

Family Trees - Views

- ▶ Profile - of active person
- ▶ People
 - ▶ Lists all people in the tree
 - ▶ Filter by First Name, Last Name, Place
 - ▶ Easy way to add a person

The screenshot displays the 'People' view for a family tree. At the top, a profile card for Esther Florence McGinley (1897-1985) is shown, with tabs for Overview, Fact & events, Relations, Media, Notes, and Hints. Below this is a '+ Add person' button and filter fields for 'Filter by First names', 'Filter by Last name', and 'Filter by Place'. A table lists people with columns for First names, Last name, Birth date, Birth place, Death date, Death place, and Hints. Two entries are visible: Charles Taylor Clark and Irene M. A 'View' dropdown menu is open, showing options for Family View, Pedigree, Family Group, Profile, and People.

Family Trees - Person Profiles

- ▶ Overview
 - ▶ Timelines - Listing births, marriage, and death
 - ▶ Things to Investigate - hints & a link to search for that person
 - ▶ Relations - parents, spouses & children, siblings
 - ▶ Notes
- ▶ Facts & Events
 - ▶ B,M,D, Residence
- ▶ Relations -
 - ▶ On the overview & a separate section
 - ▶ Overview includes Kinship Calculator

The screenshot shows a person profile page for Esther Florence McGinley. It features a 'Timeline' section with a birth record: 'Born 18 Feb 1897' in Plateau City, Mesa, Colorado, USA, with a link to 'Search for her birth record'. A 'Things to investigate' section shows '1 new hint for Esther Florence McGinley' and a search link. A 'Relations' section lists 'Parents (2)': Father James Wallace McGinley (1841-1916) and Mother Clarissa Ann Jones (1850-1929). A 'Kinship calculator' button is also visible.

Family Trees - Person Profiles

- ▶ Media
 - ▶ Transcriptions
 - ▶ Media Files - photos of people, documents
- ▶ Notes
 - ▶ Research notes
 - ▶ Todo items
- ▶ Hints
 - ▶ Use dropdown to look at previously reviewed hints

The image shows three UI elements from a person profile page:

- A blue button labeled "+ Add media" with a dropdown arrow.
- A white box containing two options: "Upload new" (with a file icon) and "Attach existing" (with a plus icon).
- A blue button labeled "+ Add note" with a dropdown arrow.
- A "Hints" dropdown menu with a "New" label and a minus sign. The menu is open, showing options: "New", "Maybe", "Accepted", and "Rejected".

Searching

- ▶ Search all records
 - ▶ Who, When, Where, Category, Sub-Category, Record Set
 - ▶ No need to fill in all information
 - ▶ Select name variants when you have a commonly misspelled name
 - ▶ Narrow by location or category
- ▶ Search from a person in the tree
 - ▶ Click on person for box, then click search
 - ▶ Searches all records for that specific person
- ▶ Search a specific record set

The image shows a search interface with the following sections:

- WHO:** Fields for "First name(s)" and "Last name".
- Name variants:** Two checkboxes labeled "Name variants" with a plus icon.
- WHEN:** Fields for "Year" (YYYY), "Year Of Birth" (YYYY), and "Year Of Death" (YYYY), each with a range selector (e.g., "-/+ 2yrs").
- WHERE:** A dropdown menu set to "World" and an "Enter a location" text field.
- CATEGORY:** A text field "Start typing a Category" and a "Browse Category" button.
- World:** A dropdown menu showing a list of countries and regions: Australia & New Zealand, Ireland, United Kingdom (England, Scotland, Wales, Other Britain & Ireland, Overseas / Unknown), United States & Canada (Canada, United States), and World.
- All Categories:** A dropdown menu showing a list of record categories: Birth, Marriage & Death (Parish Registers), Census, Land & Substitutes, Churches & Religion, Directories & Social History, Education & Work, Immigration & Travel, Institutes & Organizations, Military Service & Conflict, and All Categories.

Find My Past Record Sets



Search A-Z of record sets

- ▶ Can search for a record set by title
- ▶ Narrow by location
- ▶ Sort by column headers
 - ▶ Title, Category, Subcategory, Records
- ▶ Click on Title
 - ▶ Learn what info the record set has
 - ▶ Learn more about record set
 - ▶ Can search just within that record set

Search

e.g. Canada, Burials, Ships Lost at Sea or Census [Clear search](#)

| Title ^ | Category ^ | Subcategory ^ | Records ^ |
|---|-------------------------|-----------------------|-----------|
| 1798 Claimants and Surrenders | Armed Forces & Conflict | Civil War & Rebellion | 8,440 |
| 1801 Kent, Dartford Census | Census, Land & Surveys | Census | 2,583 |

Showing record sets from

- ▶ World
- ▶ Australia & New Zealand
- ▶ Ireland
- ▶ United Kingdom
 - England
 - Scotland
 - Wales
 - Other Britain & Ireland
- ▶ Overseas / Unknown
- ▶ United States & Canada
 - Canada
 - United States

[Show all](#)

“My Records”

- ▶ List of all records you've viewed
- ▶ Useful depending on subscription type
 - ▶ Shows cost of credits
- ▶ Easy way to see what you last looked at
- ▶ Direct link to the record to view again
- ▶ Link to image to view if available
- ▶ Add notes for the record

My Records [Delete records](#)

| Record Summary | Cost (Credits) | Last View | First View | Notes | Tags | Certainty Rating |
|---|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------------|------|--------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Esther, Ellis (North America, United States) | 0 | August 10, 2017 | August 10, 2017 | Esther, Ellis (No... | | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ella M, Shockley (North America, United States) | 0 | August 9, 2017 | August 9, 2017 | Ella M, Shockley ... | | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> R A, McBride (United States) | 5 | August 3, 2017 | August 3, 2017 | R A, McBride (Uni... | | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wilma J, Shockley (North America, United States) | 0 | August 3, 2017 | August 3, 2017 | Wilma J, Shockley | | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Subscription Options

- ▶ Premium Subscription
 - ▶ Access to 8 Billion records
 - ▶ \$19.95/month
- ▶ Starter Subscription
 - ▶ Access to 2.9 Billion records
 - ▶ Access to mostly US records
 - ▶ Also access to UK/Ireland census records
 - ▶ \$2.91/month
- ▶ Pay-as-you-go Credits
 - ▶ 60 (\$10.95), 300 (\$37.95), 900 (\$82.95) Credits
 - ▶ Viewing documents is between 5 to 60 credits
 - ▶ Valid for 90 days (3 months)

Why subscribe?



Lots of great features:

- Eight billion records
- New records added every week
- Powerful, flexible search options
- Rare & exclusive records
- Millions of searchable newspaper articles
- Easy-to-use family tree

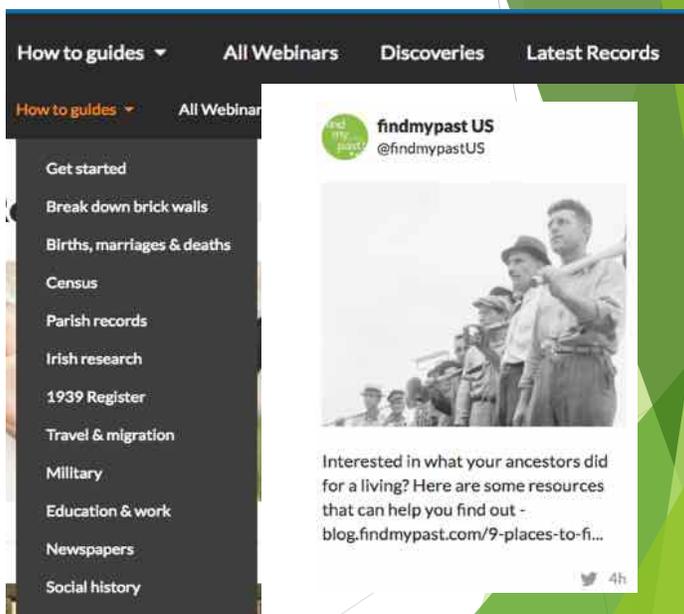
FindMyPast First

- ▶ Available for 12-month subscribers
- ▶ Monthly webinars, exclusive offers
- ▶ Say in what record sets you'd like to see next
- ▶ Monthly competitions
- ▶ First to hear about all things FindMyPast
- ▶ Priority Customer Support
- ▶ Family Tree DNA discounts
- ▶ Save on professional photo analysis
- ▶ Free Twile infographic
- ▶ Many other savings from partners!



Blog & Community

- ▶ How to guides
 - ▶ Great resource for getting started or learning more about a record set
- ▶ Webinars
 - ▶ Several webinars on searching for information on FMP
- ▶ Discoveries
 - ▶ Stories about finds that FMP or users have made
- ▶ Latest Records
 - ▶ What's new lately



Help

- ▶ Getting Started
 - ▶ Generally how to get started with FMP
- ▶ Expert advice
 - ▶ Advice on getting started
 - ▶ Advice on why FindMyPast
- ▶ Top Tips
 - ▶ Excellent tips on family history research
- ▶ Frequently Asked Questions
 - ▶ Can ask a question
 - ▶ Search commonly asked questions
 - ▶ Narrow search for questions by topic

