

Old Leeds photographs online: www.leodis.net

Photos held by the Local and Family History Library generally fall into two categories – visual records of local places, and portraits of people associated with the area. These can also be viewed on our Leodis website: www.leodis.net

- You can order and buy photos using your credit/debit card (various sizes and finishes are available).
- **Search tip:** Start with **Advanced Search** from the left-side menu bar on the homepage, then change the **Records** option to '50 to view' and the **View** to 'Thumbnail images'. This means you'll see the maximum number of search results per page, as well as a small preview of each photo.

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Local and Family History Online Resources

As a visitor to any Leeds library, you can access various history resources on the internet for free, including the paid-for genealogy website Ancestry.com. This leaflet outlines some of the most useful sites and provides tips on getting the most out of them. If you're unsure how to start, you can come to one of our free IT or family history sessions – contact the Local and Family History Library to find out more.

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Available free to users of Leeds Libraries:

Access these and other useful websites from our Online Resources page:

www.leeds.gov.uk/onlineresources

Ancestry

A vast, global genealogy website, which includes birth, marriage and death indexes, census information, First World War records, Yorkshire parish registers, criminal records, and much more.

- See our companion leaflet **Using Ancestry.com** for a beginner's guide.
- Available free in Leeds libraries or subscribe at: www.ancestry.co.uk

Nineteenth Century British Newspapers

Extensive coverage of 48 newspapers selected by the British Library to represent 19th century British life. Over 2 million newspaper pages from national and regional papers are included, fully searchable by keyword, date and publication. Includes the *Leeds Mercury*.

- Available free in Leeds libraries.
- Access from home with your Leeds Library card number by visiting the Online Resources page (above).

The Times Digital Archive

Over 200 years of *The Times* newspaper. (Limited simultaneous users.)

- Available free in Leeds libraries or subscribe at:
<http://gale.cengage.co.uk/times.aspx>

Also available in Local and Family History:

The National Burial Index (CD-ROM)

More than 12 million burial records from England and Wales, dating back to 1452, including burial place, year of death and religious denomination.

Leeds Burials (CD-ROM and website)

Burial records, monumental inscriptions and plans of cemeteries in Leeds.

- While neither of these provides complete listings, they're both good places to start when trying to locate a burial.

Find My Past vouchers

We don't subscribe to the popular family history website Find My Past (www.findmypast.co.uk) but you can buy vouchers to access it using the library computers or elsewhere.

Useful free family history websites:

Access these using a computer anywhere!

Free BMD

www.freebmd.org.uk

An ongoing initiative to transcribe the Civil Registration index of births, marriages and deaths for England and Wales, currently covering 1837-1983 (but not yet complete).

- A great place to start if you have an ancestor's name.

UK BMD & Yorkshire BMD

www.ukbmd.org.uk

Searchable local databases of birth, marriage and death records registered since 1837 (but not yet complete coverage). The Yorkshire-only section is particularly useful in regard to marriage records because it gives the name of the relevant church: www.yorkshirebmd.org.uk

Family Search

<http://familysearch.org/search>

The online face of the **International Genealogical Index (IGI)**, which contains millions of records of individuals who lived between 1500 and 1900, primarily in the United States, Canada, Latin America and Europe. Most of the birth and marriage information included has been compiled by volunteers working from microfilm, so bear in mind that it's not always accurate and should be cross-referenced against the original source whenever possible.

Commonwealth War Graves Commission

www.cwgc.org

Database of names and place of commemoration of 1.7 million men and women of Commonwealth forces who died during both World Wars. Also includes details of civilians who died 'as a result of enemy action' in WW2.

Athena (Leeds Local Index)

www.leedslocalindex.net

Our growing database provides date and page number references for many of our local newspapers, news scrapbook collections, reference books, periodicals, and more.

- Try searching for **WW1 Leeds and Yorkshire soldiers** by name (or surname and initial). We've indexed photographs and casualty lists from many local newspapers, 1914-1921.