

Research in England Part One

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1. A comparison of Washington and Britain shows:

	<i>Washington</i>	<i>Britain</i>
Number of Counties	39	86
Towns & Cities	290	> 50,000
Population	6 million	60 million
Pop. Density	89 sq. mile	984 sq. mile (Eng)

2. One good atlas is *AA Road Atlas of Britain (2006)*, \$20.70 from www.amazon.com.
3. Another mapping website shows villages and even individual streets:
<http://streetmap.co.uk> (no www on this and several of the following addresses).
4. One of the map websites gives historical/period maps: <http://www.old-maps.co.uk>
5. A series of older maps in London (from 1705) is at <http://www.motco.com/MAP/>
6. The GRO Index is currently being placed on-line: <http://www.freebmd.rootsweb.com>.
7. You can download a free copy of Google Earth by following the instructions at:
<http://www.earth.google.com/>.
8. The Charles Booth maps and descriptions come from <http://www.booth.lse.ac.uk/>.
9. Site with photographs and Google Maps is <http://www.geograph.org.uk>.
10. The site (in process – not yet very useful) for free parish church records is at:
<http://www.freereg.rootsweb.com>.
11. The LDS website is <http://www.familysearch.org/>. Click on batch info of the results screen for a search of extracted parishes (like electronically searching LDS parish films for free!)
12. The website for finding IGI batch searches w/o going through familysearch.org (not an LDS-affiliated website) is at:
<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~hughwallis/IGIBatchNumbers.htm#Page>
13. See <http://freebmd.rootsweb.com/> for the Freebmd coverage of births, marriages, and deaths.

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1. A website for 1841 & 1851 census indexes and transcripts (50 "credits" per month for \$10/mo – can buy more credits): <http://www.thegenealogist.co.uk/news.htm>.
2. See <http://www.1837online.com/Trace2web/LogonServlet> for hard-to-read 1861 census. (Site has other census, BMD records, & military records (\$11/mo).
3. The LDS site (www.familysearch.org) offers you free access to the 1881 census (transcripts only).
4. A site for 1891 (& other) census is <http://www.ancestry.com/?rc=locale%7E&us=0> Cost: \$29/mo (annually) but all LDS FH Centers and many public libraries have subscriptions and offer free access.
5. The 1901 census is at <http://www.1901census.nationalarchives.gov.uk/>. The index is free; the images are \$10 for 8 images (must use in 7 days). (Also gives images of BMD *index* pages (50 images)).
6. The site that gives other internet sites for all census by county and year in a grid with letters to other sites: <http://www.mit.edu/~dfm/genealogy/census-chart.html>.
7. One of these additional sites is <http://freecen.rootsweb.com/cgi/search.pl>. This is incomplete and it is hard to get much valuable help from this site.
8. City and town directories can be found at: <http://www.historicaldirectories.org/>
9. The documents on line can be found at <http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/>. This site has a vast amount of information including census, wills, BMD, and more – a very rich government sponsored site.
10. Another site has legal documents for many counties: <http://www.a2a.org.uk/>.
11. The WWI and WWII commonwealth graves are at: <http://www.cwgc.org>
12. The cadillac website for British family history is: www.genuki.co.uk
13. Excellent basic-level book is, *Your English Ancestry: A Guide for North Americans*, by Sherry Irvine, 2nd edition, 1998 (Ancestry, P.O. Box 990, Orem, UT at www.ancestry.com; ISBN 0-916489-84-1, \$15.95.)
14. The definitive and in-depth text on English family history is: *Ancestral Trails: The Complete Guide to British Genealogy and Family History* by Mark Herber, revised ed., May 2000 is \$19+ (used) from www.abebooks.com – the newer 2006 2nd Ed (paperback) is \$34.95 (new) from www.amazon.com.
15. Be sure to check out www.cyndislist.com and look at her section of English research with its hundreds of links to other websites!