

Independent Researchers

The following list of independent specialists in Kentish family and local history research offer their services to enquirers and will usually charge a fee for any work undertaken on your behalf. Canterbury Cathedral Archives are unable to recommend specifically any particular researcher.

TNA = The National Archives, Kew

CCA = Canterbury Cathedral Archives

KHLC = Kent History and Library Centre

MALSC = Medway Archives and Local Studies Centre

IHGS = Institute of Heraldic and Genealogical Studies

Alfred Beeching

27 Colombo Square, Newington Est, Ramsgate, Kent. CT12 6HG

Tel: 01843 591940 (after 6pm please, anytime Sundays)

Relevant qualifications:

30 years experience

Areas of special interest/expertise:

Family History, Wills and Indentures.

Centres/locations that can be covered for research:

All Kent.

Yolande Dunn

61 College Ave, Gillingham, Kent, ME7 5HY

Tel: 01634 325077; yolanded@yahoo.com

Relevant qualifications:

30 years experience

Areas of special interest/expertise:

All aspects of family history

Centres/locations that can be covered for research:

London and Kent

Marie Foden

2 Campbell Close, Byfleet, Surrey, KT14 7AW

Tel: 01932 340732 www.firstforfamilyhistory.co.uk

Relevant qualifications:

Higher Certificate in Genealogy Institute of Heraldic and Genealogical Studies; BA

(Hons) Degree American History University of Kent at Canterbury; Postgraduate

Diploma in bi-media journalism University of Leeds

Areas of special interest/expertise:

Oversees ancestry, including Ireland, the US and Australia

Centres/locations that can be covered for research:

UK wide

Duncan Harrington

Ashton Lodge, Church Road, Lyminge, Folkestone, Kent CT18 8JA
Tel: 01303.862368

history.research@btinternet.com <http://www.historyresearch.co.uk>

Relevant qualifications:

FSG, FSA, LHG

Areas of special interest/expertise:

Church Court and legal records. Transcripts & translations from Latin and early hands.

Centres/locations that can be covered for research:

TNA, all Kent, MALSC, Duchy of Cornwall, Essex and other archives by arrangement.

Celia Heritage

Heritage Family History, Chestnut Lodge, Ivychurch, Romney Marsh, Kent TN29 0AD
Tel: 01797 344376

celia@heritagefamilyhistory.co.uk www.heritagefamilyhistory.co.uk

Relevant qualifications:

Higher Certificate in Genealogy (with distinction); BA (Hons) History.

Areas of special interest/expertise:

The Poor. Land records. Tracing living relatives.

Centres/locations that can be covered for research:

All Kent and London

Margaret Lewis

42 Graystone Road, Whitstable, Kent CT5 2JX

Tel: 01227 276438; research@genuskent.co.uk www.genuskent.co.uk

Relevant qualifications:

Certificate in Genealogy Parts I and II from the Institute of Heraldic and Genealogical Studies, together with the IHGS Record Agent Assessment

Areas of special interest/expertise:

All aspects of Kent research

Centres/locations that can be covered for research:

CCA, KHLC, MALSC, plus any other Kent locations as required

Philip L. A. Newill

philnewill@yahoo.co.uk

Relevant qualifications:

6 years' experience in heraldry, 2 years' experience in palaeography. Also published in *Archaeologia Cantiana*.

Areas of special interest/expertise:

Heraldry (coats of arms, crests, mottoes, badges *etc.* identified), Palaeography (English, Latin; 1300s – 1800s).

Centres/locations that can be covered for research:

CCA, KHLC. Can do heraldic work via email from good quality images.

Liz Peters

12 Southwood Heights, Ramsgate, CT11 0BE

Tel:01843 570602 searchyourpast@hotmail.com www.searchyourpast.co.uk

Relevant qualifications

BA(Hons) and member of AGRA, professional genealogist since 2003

Areas of special interest/expertise

General family history research enquiries (not records in Latin)

Centres/locations that can be covered for research

Archives and libraries within Kent

Gillian Rickard

GRKentGen@aol.com www.kentgen.com

Relevant qualifications:

B. A. (Hons); Diploma in (Kent) Local History.

Areas of special interest/expertise:

30 years' experience researching in Kent. All types and periods of records covered.

Special Interests; Poor Law Settlement and Removal records; Gypsies and Travellers; Emigration.

Centres/locations that can be covered for research:

CCA; KHLC; MALSC; All Kent libraries. TNA and all other London archives. Royal Engineers Museum, Chatham.

Dr Sheila Sweetinburgh

11 Caledon Terrace, Canterbury, Kent CT1 3JS

s.m.sweetinburgh@kent.ac.uk

Relevant qualifications:

PhD Medieval History

Areas of special interest/expertise:

Pre 1800 sources

Centres/locations that can be covered for research:

Kent archives; elsewhere by arrangement

Sarah Talbutt

Springfield, Mereworth Road, West Peckham, Maidstone, Kent, ME18 5JH

Tel: 01622-813862; sarah_talbutt@yahoo.co.uk; www.roots-in-kent.com

Relevant qualifications:

20 years experience

Areas of special interest/expertise:

Registers, census, parish chest, Wills

Centres/locations that can be covered for research:

KHLC, CCA, MALSC

Diane Thomas

21 Bayham Road, Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN2 5HR

Tel: 01892 522543 di@dianethomas.co.uk

Relevant qualifications:

IHGS Higher Certificate in Genealogy; Diploma in Kentish History (University of Kent); MA in Medieval & Early Modern Studies (University of Kent). Member of Association of Genealogists and Researchers in Archives (AGRA)

Areas of special interest/expertise:

Families that crossed the Kent and Sussex border

Centres/locations that can be covered for research:

All of Kent and East Sussex: CCA, KHLC, MALSC; Bexley and Bromley Local Studies Libraries; and East Sussex Record Office

Dr David Wright

71 Island Wall, Whitstable, Kent CT5 1EL

Tel: 01227 275931 davideastkent@gmail.com www.drdavidwright.co.uk

Relevant qualifications:

PhD, 30 years research, published books and indexes.

Areas of special interest/expertise:

History; Latin; Palaeography; Genealogy

Centres/locations that can be covered for research:

All Kent and London