

# Using the FreeBMD website to search for birth records

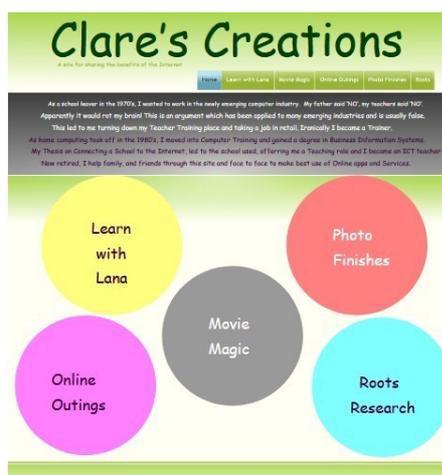
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Open your Internet browser and go to  
my website.

This is the address you need to type  
into the address bar  
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When the home page opens,  
click on the Roots Research circle link.

On the Roots Reseach page you will find  
Quick Links, a list of free genealogy sites you may need to use during the Project.

Find the Quick link  
FreeBMD Search for Births, Marriages and Deaths 1837 - 1983 and click on it.  
If you opened this file from my website start here



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Scroll down the page until you  
can see the red Search button  
and click on it.

You should now have the main search form  
on screen as shown on the right.

To see how this form works, you are going  
to search for your own birth record.

Under Type, choose Births

Type your surname in the surname box  
and your first name in the box under it.

Then click on the Find button. If this  
returns a lot of results, try setting the  
date range within the decade you were  
Born.

I used Jane Doe  
with date range Mar 1941 to Dec 1951

Surname	First name(s)	Mother	District	Vol	Page
<b>Births Dec 1911</b> (99%)					
Doe	Janet M	Pence	<a href="#">London</a>	2b	262
<b>Births Dec 1912</b> (99%)					
Doe	Janet A	Harvey	<a href="#">London</a>	4b	113
<b>Births Sep 1913</b> (99%)					
Doe	Janet E	Andrews	<a href="#">London</a>	3b	262
<b>Births Dec 1913</b> (99%)					
Doe	Janet F	Russell	<a href="#">London</a>	2b	262
<b>Births Dec 1914</b> (99%)					
Doe	Janet	Doe	<a href="#">London</a>	3b	262
<b>Births Sep 1914</b> (99%)					
Doe	Janet E	Cable	<a href="#">London</a>	2b	262
<b>Births Dec 1918</b> (99%)					
Doe	Janet	Hale	<a href="#">London</a>	5b	222
<b>Births Dec 1917</b> (99%)					
Doe	Janet E	Catford	<a href="#">London</a>	4b	222
<b>Births Dec 1919</b> (99%)					
Doe	Janet E	Parsons	<a href="#">London</a>	2b	262
Doe	Janet E	Parsons	<a href="#">London</a>	2b	262
<b>Births Sep 1920</b> (99%)					
Doe	Janet E	Doe	<a href="#">London</a>	5b	222
Doe	Janet E	Harris	<a href="#">London</a>	5b	222
<b>Births Mar 1921</b> (99%)					
Doe	Janet L	Harris	<a href="#">London</a>	2b	262

In the example shown, 13 results were returned.

The dates shown are for the quarter not the month of birth. In the first example Janet Doe could have been born in April, May or June. For births registered after 1911, the mothers maiden name is shown in column 3. Column 4 gives the registration district. Clicking on the district link will give you information about the parishes and areas included in that district. Did you find your birth record?

Sometimes human error means records are not recorded correctly, the commonest error is spelling mistakes. Click on revise query and check the Phonetic Search Surnames box. This will give more results [in the example shown, more than 100] but may help you find your birth record.

Where a child has been adopted there may be no birth record. The same would apply where there had been a change of surname for any other reason.

Another reason for not finding the record you are looking for is that it may have been missed in the transcribing or has been accidentally destroyed.

Search for *Type:* Births *Surname:* Doe *Phonetic search:* on  
*First name(s):* Jane *Start date:* Mar 1941 *End date:* Dec 1951

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Click the red INFO button to view the FULL details of the entry.

Surname	First name(s)	Mother	District	Vol	Page
<b>Births Mar 1941</b> (99%)					
Day	Jane	Ross	<a href="#">Bootle</a>	8b	517
Day	Jane P	Fisher	<a href="#">Hendon</a>	3a	698
Day	Janet A	Mould	<a href="#">Surrey Mid E</a>	2a	475
Day	Janet V	Wrench	<a href="#">Hull</a>	9d	628

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