

Occupations Records Handout

This handout provides information from the talk *'Discover Your Ancestors' Old Occupations'* presented online for the Society of Genealogists on 2 May 2020.

Many of the sources presented are available via SoG Data Online. Instructions for finding sources via SoG Data Online are presented below. Following that is a summary of the sources covered during the talk and where to find them.

Finding Sources on SoG Data Online

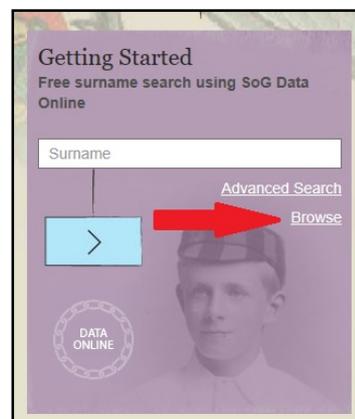
The individual records on SoG Data Online are only available to members of the SoG. Details of membership are available at: <http://www.sog.org.uk/membership/>. However, prior to becoming a member, you can still look at the contents of Data Online and do a surname search to see what record sets the surname appears in.

There are three types of sources on SoG Data Online – indexed only; images only; and indexed images. It is therefore also important to look at the record sets available to find the records that are images only.

To find occupations on SoG Data Online, log in if you are a member or go to the home page at www.sog.org.uk.



Under the purple 'Getting Started' box, click on 'Browse' to go to SoG Data Online home page.



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On the left hand side under 'Browse Records' is a list of categories.

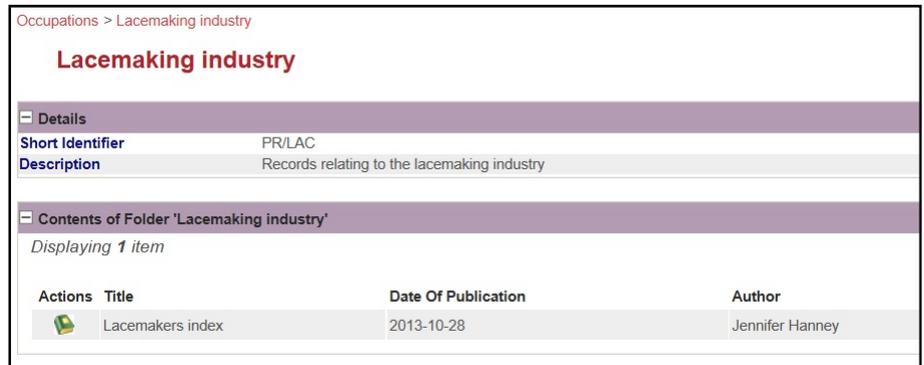
Click on the 'Occupations' category to reveal the list of occupation sub-categories.

Choose the category you want to see the record sets. In this example, choose 'Lacemaking industry'.



The results page lists all datasets for that occupation – in this case there is only one, however railway workers (for example) has four datasets.

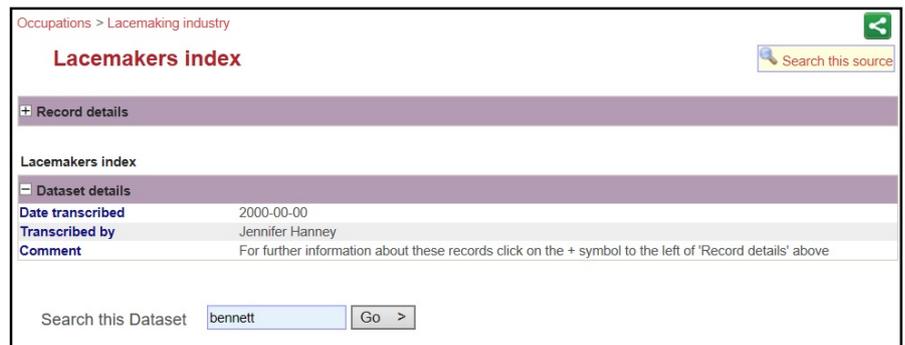
Click on the book symbol next to the dataset.



There are two ways of searching the database.

The 'Search this Dataset' box at the bottom left allows for a surname search. For a more detailed search, use the 'Search this source' box at the top right.

By clicking on the + symbol next to 'Record details' at the top of the page, more information about the record set is revealed. For this record set, it includes the abbreviation list used for the results.



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The results are presented in a list.

If you are not a member, there will be a £ sign instead of 'View'. To progress further you will need to become a member.

If you are a member and you are logged in, click on 'View' next to the entry for more information.

value: bennett
in dataset: Lacemakers index

Displaying 1 to 24 of 24 results.

View Occupations > Lacemaking industry : **Lacemakers index**

	Surname	Bennett
	Forename	Ann
View	Year of birth	1811
	Surname	Bennett
	Forename	Barbara M
View	Year of birth	1859
	Surname	Bennett
	Forename	Catherine
View	Year of birth	1845
	Surname	Bennett
	Forename	Elen
View	Year of birth	1821

The full detail of the result is presented. The abbreviation 'BVL' is given by expanding the 'Record Details' + button (see above) and is revealed as the book '*Barnstaple's Vanishing Lace Industry*'.

Entry from Lacemakers index	
Surname	Bennett
Forename	Isaac
Parish	Barnstaple
County	Devon
Year of birth	1842
Source	BVL
Occupation	Lace Worker
Notes	eldest of 7 children. younger brother George also lace op's assist.

For datasets that have images, after clicking the 'View' button (as described above), the option to 'Download' the image onto your computer or 'View' a larger version of the image is possible.

On the view screens you can tab through the images in the collection using the 'Previous' and 'Next' buttons.

Occupations > Coastguards

Coastguards index - Coastguard_40707.jpg

View source information (Coastguards index compiled by Eileen Stage)

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Picture Details

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Description

Image from the Coastguards index compiled by Eileen Stage.

Further help on using SoG Data Online can be found at <http://www.sog.org.uk/search-records/how-to-use-sog-online/>.

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Sources for Trades, Occupations and Professions

SoG Data Online has data sets for the following occupations: Bankers; Business Index; Charities; Civil Service; Coastguards; Customs & Excise; Lacemaking industry; Legal profession; Lifeboatmen; Local Government; Medical profession; Merchant Seamen; Musicians; Pharmaceutical Chemists; Railway workers; Shopkeepers; Teachers; Textiles; Trade Unions; Transport; Various Occupations.

A full listing of the contents of SoG Data Online is available at: <http://www.sog.org.uk/search-records/whats-on-sog-data-online/>.

Dictionary of Occupations

- *A Dictionary of Old Trades, Titles and Occupations* – Colin Waters (ISBN 1 85306 794 6)
- *Cyclopaedia of Useful Arts, Mechanical and Chemical, Manufactures, Mining and Engineering* (see images of the book under Various Occupations on SoG Data Online)
- Index of old occupations (<http://rmhh.co.uk/occup/index.html>)

The following websites were mentioned during the talk:

- www.findmypast.co.uk – including:
 - ‘Calais Lacemaker Immigrants to South Australia 1848’ record set
 - Ability to search by Occupation on the census record sets
 - ‘Britain, Trade Union Membership Registers’ record set
 - ‘London Apprenticeship Abstracts, 1442-1850’ record set
 - ‘British Civil Service Evidence of Age’ record set
 - Newspaper collection – use separate search form
 - Use ‘A-Z of record sets’ to find the record sets listed above
 - Go to Work and Education; subset; Browse Record Sets in Search Form
- www.ancestry.co.uk – including:
 - ‘UK, City and County Directories, 1766 – 1946’ record set – same as University of Leicester Historical Directories
 - ‘UK, Register of Duties Paid for Apprentices’ Indentures, 1710-1811’ record set
 - Use ‘Card Catalogue’ to find record sets
- www.thegenealogist.co.uk – includes Apprenticeship records and other Occupations
- www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk – newspapers also included on Find My Past
- www.cyndislist.com – use Occupations category or choose a Place and subcategory Occupations
- <https://www.nottingham.ac.uk/manuscriptsandspecialcollections/collectionsindepth/businessrecords/textiles-lace--hosiery.aspx> or <https://tinyurl.com/y355nl2m> - University of Nottingham Textiles, Lace and Hosiery Business Records Collection
- Archives – use their catalogue to search for records relating to occupations; search employer name for business records
- <http://www.healeyhero.co.uk/rescue/Fatalities/Alan-Beales-Database.html> - Alan Beales Database of Fatalities in the Coal Fields
- <https://www.ncm.org.uk/library> - National Coal Mining Museum
- <https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/help-with-your-research/research-guides/mines-mining/> - National Archives Research Guides – Mines and mining
- <http://www.cmhrc.co.uk/> - Coalmining History Resource Centre
- <http://web.archive.org/web/20101005215506/http://www.blacksheepindex.co.uk/MINING.htm> - Mining Index – of miners killed or injured c.1850-1920 -
- <http://www.durhamrecordoffice.org.uk/article/10531/Search-Durhams-Hidden-Depths> - Mining Durham’s Hidden Depths
- <https://search.findmypast.co.uk/search-world-Records/england-mining-disaster-victims> - England, Mining Disaster Victims

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- <http://specialcollections.le.ac.uk/digital/collection/p16445coll4> - Historical Directories of England & Wales via University of Leicester (also available on Ancestry)

Online Books

- <https://archive.org/> - Internet Archive
- <https://www.hathitrust.org/> - Haithi Trust
- <https://www.familysearch.org/library/books/> - FamilySearch
- <https://books.google.co.uk/> - Google Books

To keep up to date with new items and updates on SoG Data Online, sign up to SoG Newsletter

To become a volunteer (e.g. Indexing projects), see <http://www.sog.org.uk/support-us/volunteers/>

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