



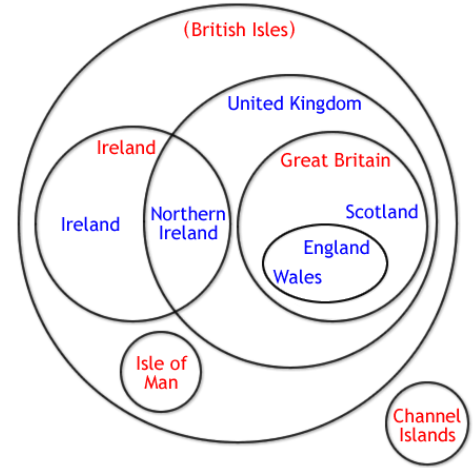
# British Genealogical Research Using the Internet



## Family History Conference Class Handout

### British Isles Terminology

- British Isles (Geographic Term)
  - Cluster of islands off NW coast of France and Holland of which Great Britain is the largest
- Great Britain (Political Term)
  - England, Wales and Scotland
  - England & Wales share the same political system
- United Kingdom or U.K.
  - Consists of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
- Ireland or Republic of Ireland
  - Sovereign State – most of Island



Genealogical Maps of the UK and Ireland are available here:

<http://www.familysearch.org/> [Follow the link to “Maps”]

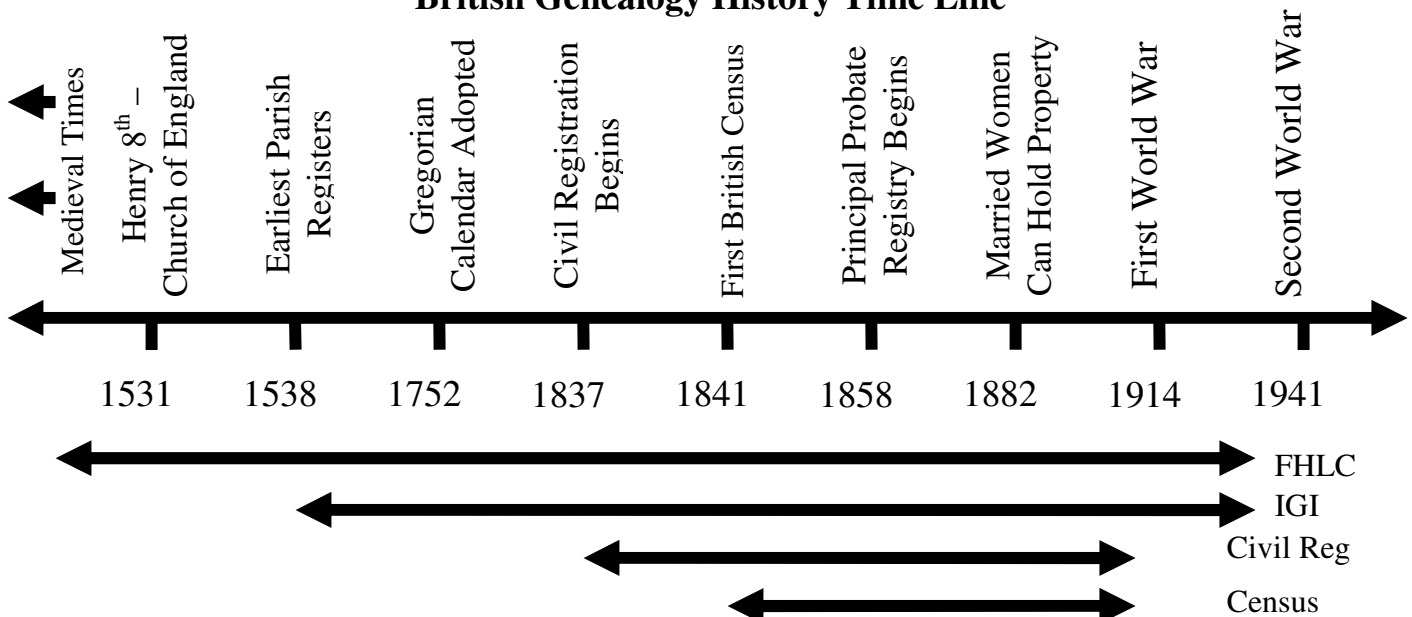
### Key Genealogy Resources and Terminology

- Parish Records - Christening, Marriage & Burial Records kept by the Church [of England]
- Civil Registration - Birth, Marriage and Death Records kept by the Government
- Census Records - Count & description of the population taken by the government every 10 yrs

### LDS Resources and Terminology

- FHLC – Family History Library Catalog – An Index to the film, fiche & books at SLC
- IGI – International Genealogical Index – An Index to LDS Temple Work Performed
- Batch – A group of IGI entries taken typically from the same parish or locality
- Batch Number – A unique number assigned to a batch of IGI entries for a given parish

### British Genealogy History Time Line



## **The International Genealogical Index - IGI**

- Most index entries are for Christenings and Marriages from Church Parish Records
  - Two Ways Names and Dates are Added to the IGI
    - Record Extraction by LDS Church Volunteers
    - Personal Submissions by LDS Church Members
  - Percentage of Parish Records Extracted > 90%
  - Use the Index to glean information and then order the film and copy the original entry which typically contains additional information
  - Records are added to the IGI almost daily at: <http://www.familysearch.org>
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## **The International Genealogical Index – Batch Numbers**

- C123456 = Christening Batch Number
  - M123456 = Marriage Batch Number
  - E123456 = Mixture of Christening & Marriage
  - Use the Batch number to conduct Surname or Children of this Couple Searches
  - Use the Hugh Wallis Web Site to discover and search the IGI using Batch Numbers:  
<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~hughwallis>
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## **The Family History Library Catalog - FHLC**

- Use this index to discover film and fiche numbers for your locality held in SLC
  - Most films and fiche (over 90% of the libraries holdings) can circulate
  - Order films from your local Family History Library and search for additional clues  
[http://www.familysearch.org/Eng/Library/FHLC/frameset\\_fhlc.asp](http://www.familysearch.org/Eng/Library/FHLC/frameset_fhlc.asp)
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## **The FreeBMD Web Site – Free Access to British Birth, Marriage & Death Indexes**

- Civil Registration began on 1 July 1837 – The year Queen Victoria took the throne
  - Each Calendar Quarter the BMD registration books were indexed
  - Access to the Indexes is free
  - BMD Certificates can be ordered from England for a fee (Currently \$12)
  - Transcription of the Indexes is mostly complete and is on-going
  - To order BMD certificates for your ancestors:
    - Conduct your index search at: <http://www.freebmd.org.uk/>
    - Copy the reference details found in the index including: year, quarter, volume & page
    - Order the certificate online using a credit card at: <http://gro.gov.uk/gro/content>
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## **The United Kingdom Census Indexes at Ancestry.com**

- Census Records began in 1841 and were taken every 10 years thereafter
- A full name index to each census through 1901 is available at Ancestry.com
- This is a pay-per-use web site where the index is free but there is a charge to view and download the census images.
- Cost is \$149 per year for full access to the British Collection
- Census microfilms could also be ordered through your local LDS Family History Center

## **The GenUKI Web Site – Genealogy for the United Kingdom and Ireland**

- A free web site containing a wealth of information about genealogical research in the United Kingdom and Ireland.
  - One of the oldest and most complete collections of genealogical information.
  - Site at: <http://www.genuki.org.uk>
  - Contains links to many other web sites containing records of interest for your locality
  - Use this site to learn which records are available and how to conduct research
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## **The UK Parish Locator – A Free Windows Software Program**

- A software application that contains a list of all towns and parishes in the UK
  - Contains the names of over 15,000 towns and parishes
  - UK Parish Locator can be used to:
    - Identify the exact location of a parish and display a map
    - List and plot all neighboring towns and parishes within a specified radius
    - Calculate the distance and direction between any two specified towns or parishes
  - Download from: <http://www.parloc.pwp.blueyonder.co.uk/parlocdl.html>
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## **The GENUKI Church Database – A Free Web site**

- Contains the names of over 12,000 towns and parishes
  - The GENUKI Church Database can be used to:
    - Identify the exact location of a parish and display a map from several web sites
    - List and plot all neighboring towns and parishes within a 3 mile radius
    - Display a photo of your selected parish church (some churches not yet photographed)
    - Access various genealogical records for your selected parish
    - Read a brief history of your town or parish of interest
  - The GENUKI Church Database is at: <http://www.genuki.org.uk/big/churchdb/>
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## **British Passenger Lists – Available for a fee from FindMyPast.com**

- An index to departures from British ports to USA, Canada, Australia, etc.
  - Covers the time period from 1890 to 1960
  - Site at: <http://www.findmypast.com/passengerListPersonSearchStart.action>
  - The index is free to use but a fee is charged to view actual records
  - Transcribed record can be viewed for about \$1
  - Digital image of Passenger Lists can be viewed for about \$7
  - This site contains other interesting UK records such as: BMD Indexes, Census Records, etc.
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## **Some Other Interesting U.K. & Ireland Web Sites**

- Scottish Records found at Scotland's People
  - <http://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk>
- United Kingdom & Ireland Genealogical Records
  - <http://www.origins.net/>
- Ellis Island Records – Index to Arrivals to the United States – Covers 1891 to 1924
  - <http://www.ellislandrecords.org>
- Cyndislist.com – Look under “UK & Ireland” web sites
  - <http://www.cyndislist.com/uksites.htm>

**New Free Genealogy Guides for England & Scotland available from FamilySearch.org**  
[http://www.familysearch.org/eng/docs/Finding\\_Records\\_England.pdf](http://www.familysearch.org/eng/docs/Finding_Records_England.pdf)  
[http://www.familysearch.org/eng/docs/Finding\\_Records\\_Scotland.pdf](http://www.familysearch.org/eng/docs/Finding_Records_Scotland.pdf)

# Map of Great Britain and Ireland



## Great Britain and its possessions adopt the Gregorian calendar in 1752

- In 1582 – Pope Gregory XIII proposed a new calendar that skipped forward 10 days and adjusted the frequency of leap years to correct for inaccuracies introduced over the previous 12 centuries
- The previous calendar had been called the Julian Calendar as put forward by Julius Caesar
- In 1752 – Great Britain adopted the Gregorian Calendar by skipping forward 11 days from 2 Sep to 14 Sep. This included all British dominions including North America.
- In England, Lady Day (25 March – Feast of the Annunciation) was New Year's Day up to 1752 when, following the move from the Julian Calendar to the Gregorian Calendar, 1 January became the start of the year.
- Double dating includes both old & new style years: 24 Mar 1751/52 is followed by 25 Mar 1752
- To learn more: <http://www.genfair.com/dates.htm>

SEPTEMBER 1752 Great Britain and Dominions						
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
	1	2	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	