

Independent Researchers

The following list of independent specialists in 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 and Library are unable to recommend specifically any particular researcher.

TNA = The National Archives, Kew

CCAL = Canterbury Cathedral Archives and Library

KHLC = Kent History and Library Centre

MALSC = Medway Archives and Local Studies Centre

IHGS = Institute of Heraldic and Genealogical Studies

Name	Margaret Lewis
Contact details	Address: 42 Graystone Road, Whitstable, Kent, CT5 2JX Tel: (01227) 276438 Email: margaret@genuskent.co.uk Website: www.genuskent.co.uk
Relevant qualifications	Part 1 and Part 2 Certificates in Genealogy, from the Institute of Heraldic and Genealogical Studies in Canterbury (IHGS). Record Agent Assessment (IHGS). 20 years' experience of archives research
Areas of interest/expertise	Family history, house history and social history research. All periods covered, 15 th century to present. Will printing.
Locations that can be covered for research	CCAL, all other Kent repositories, London archives and all other sources by arrangement.

Name	Dr Philip L.A. Newill
Contact details	Email: philnewill@yahoo.co.uk
Relevant qualifications	9+ years of experience in heraldry, 5+ years of experience in palaeography. Also publishes in Archaeologia Cantiana (2014 & 2016). Various heraldic studies (unpublished).
Areas of interest/expertise	Heraldry (coats of arms, crests, mottos, badges etc. identified), Palaeography (English, Latin; 1200s – 18000s). Feudalism.
Locations that can be covered for research	CCAL, KHLIC. Can do heraldic work via email from good quality images. Other locations may be possible.

Name	Elizabeth Peters
Contact details	Email: searchyourpast@hotmail.com Tel: 01843 570602 Website: www.searchyourpast.co.uk
Relevant qualifications	Professional genealogist with over 15 years' experience. Full Member of AGRA (Association of Genealogists & Researchers in Archives) Will printing.
Areas of interest/expertise	UK and Irish Family History, palaeography, 'brickwall' searches
Locations that can be covered for research	CCAL; KHLC; Kent libraries

Name	Gillian Rickard
Contact details	Email: grkentgen@aol.com Website: www.kentgen.com
Relevant qualifications	B.A. (Hons.) Diploma in Kentish Local History (Distinction)
Areas of interest/expertise	All types of research undertaken, from genealogy to house history. Poor law records especially settlement and removal; gypsies, travellers and vagrants; emigration from Kent to Australia/Canada/New Zealand. Transcription of documents of any period, including Latin. Can obtain copy documents from all Kent Archives.
Locations that can be covered for research	All Kent archives and libraries. London archives including TNA

Name	Dr Sheila Sweetinburgh
Contact details	Email: s.m.sweetinburgh@kent.ac.uk
Relevant qualifications	MA & PhD
Areas of interest/expertise	Medieval civic and manorial records
Locations that can be covered for research	Kent

Name	Roots in Kent
Contact details	<p>Sarah Talbutt Address: Springfield, Mereworth Road, West Peckham, Maidstone, Kent ME18 5JH Email: sarahrosetalbutt@gmail.com or sarah_talbutt@yahoo.co.uk</p> <p>Roots in Kent is also on Facebook and I have an Instagram account at sarah_talbutt_genealogy</p> <p>My webpage at www.roots-in-kent.com also has my blog and testimonials from clients with descriptions of their FH tours</p>
Relevant qualifications	25 year experience of working with all types of records at Canterbury, Maidstone and other Kent archives. I also arrange customised Family history holidays to the ancestral parishes of my clients.
Areas of interest/expertise	Family History, using all available documents including Parish material. Wills Land tax, Manorial etc. I have access to Latin transcription and am adept at Palaeography
Locations that can be covered for research	All of Kent any period. Nationwide back to 1800. I also have reciprocal arrangements with researchers in other counties if a client's ancestors stray across borders.

Name	Dr David Wright & Elizabeth Yule, Achievements
Contact details	Achievements, 79-82 Northgate, Canterbury, CT1 1BA Tel: 01227 462618 Email: elizabeth@achievements.co.uk Website: www.achievements.co.uk
Relevant qualifications	David Wright – M.A., Ph.D., F.S.A., F.S.G. Elizabeth Yule – MSc., Dip. Gen.
Areas of interest/expertise	All aspects of genealogy, heraldry and house histories considered. Latin transcription and translation.
Locations that can be covered for research	We are based in Kent, but undertake research nationwide, and further afield.

Name	Archive Mole
Contact details	Website: Archive Mole Your Expert in the Archives Email: info@archivemole.com ; Twitter: @thearchivemole
Areas of interest/expertise	<p>Led by an independent researcher with a PhD in History and over fifteen years of archival research experience, the Archive Mole team will visit archives, records offices and libraries anywhere in the UK on your behalf.</p> <p>By far our most popular service, Document Copying allows you to obtain photographs of primary and out-of-copyright secondary materials from any archive, library or record office in the UK.</p> <p>In addition to our main Document Copying service, we offer a range of extra solutions to help you with your archive-related needs.</p> <p>All services are charged at a standard half-day rate (reduced rate for students), plus the cost of any travel expenses.</p>
Locations that can be covered for research	Any archive, library or record office in the UK.