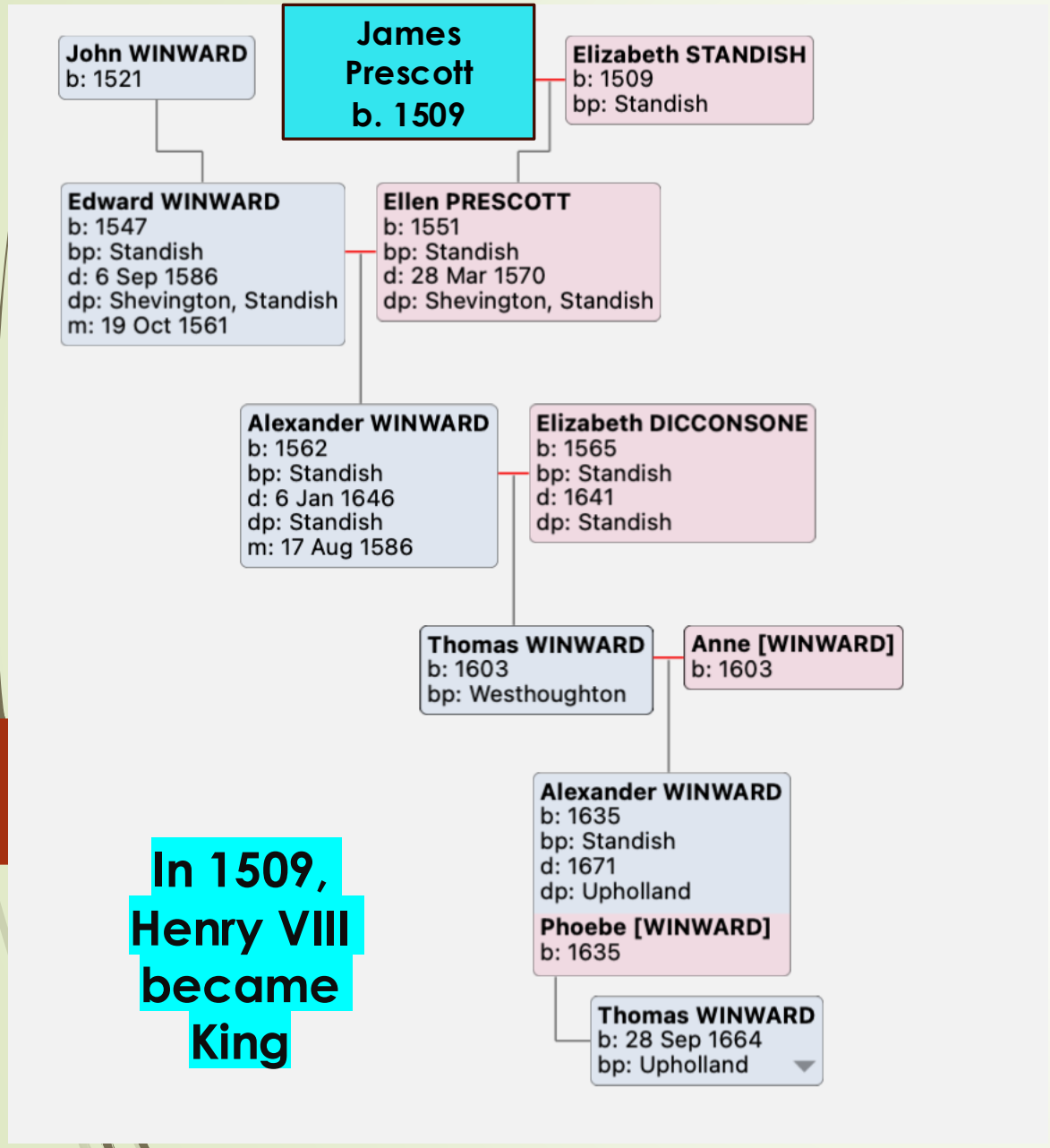


GENEALOGY

A journey from the present to the past

Mike Ainscough

2026

BASIC QUESTIONS

How much do you want to know?

How are you going to find out?

What will you do with the data?

HOW MUCH DO YOU WANT TO KNOW?

10 generations of direct ancestors goes back to c.1775 - 1,024 people from a population of 6.8 million

20 generations of direct ancestors goes back to Henry VIII - 1,048,576 people from a population of 2.1 million

Fathers, mothers, siblings?
children of siblings – and married siblings…?
children of siblings' siblings – and married siblings…?

USEFUL KNOWLEDGE

- Oral family history from relatives – but query accuracy
- A relatively uncommon surname
- Areas where your ancestors lived
- Patterns of naming children in families
- The ability to decipher handwriting
- Some knowledge of social history
- Trades, occupations and professions
- Medical terminology for, e.g., disability, causes of death

FIRST STEPS – BMD (1)

Civil registration of Births, Marriages & Deaths (BMD) for England & Wales from September 1837

- Obtain your birth certificate – note names of parents
- Obtain the marriage certificate of your father and mother
- Obtain birth & death certificates for your father and your mother

- REPEAT for each generation…

- Use the FreeBMD online database – complete from 1837 to 1983 and ongoing from 1984-1999 - to search for births, marriages and deaths index records
- Note the BMD index record for the individual
- Buy the certificate from the General Register Office (GRO)

FIRST STEPS – BMD (2)

The GRO index of Births, Marriages & Deaths (BMD) for England & Wales is arranged by:

- **Births (Red), Marriages (Green), Deaths (Black)**
- **Year**
- **Quarters: Jan-Mar; Apr-Jun; Jul-Sep; Oct-Dec**
- **Registration district**
- **Volume number**
- **Page number**

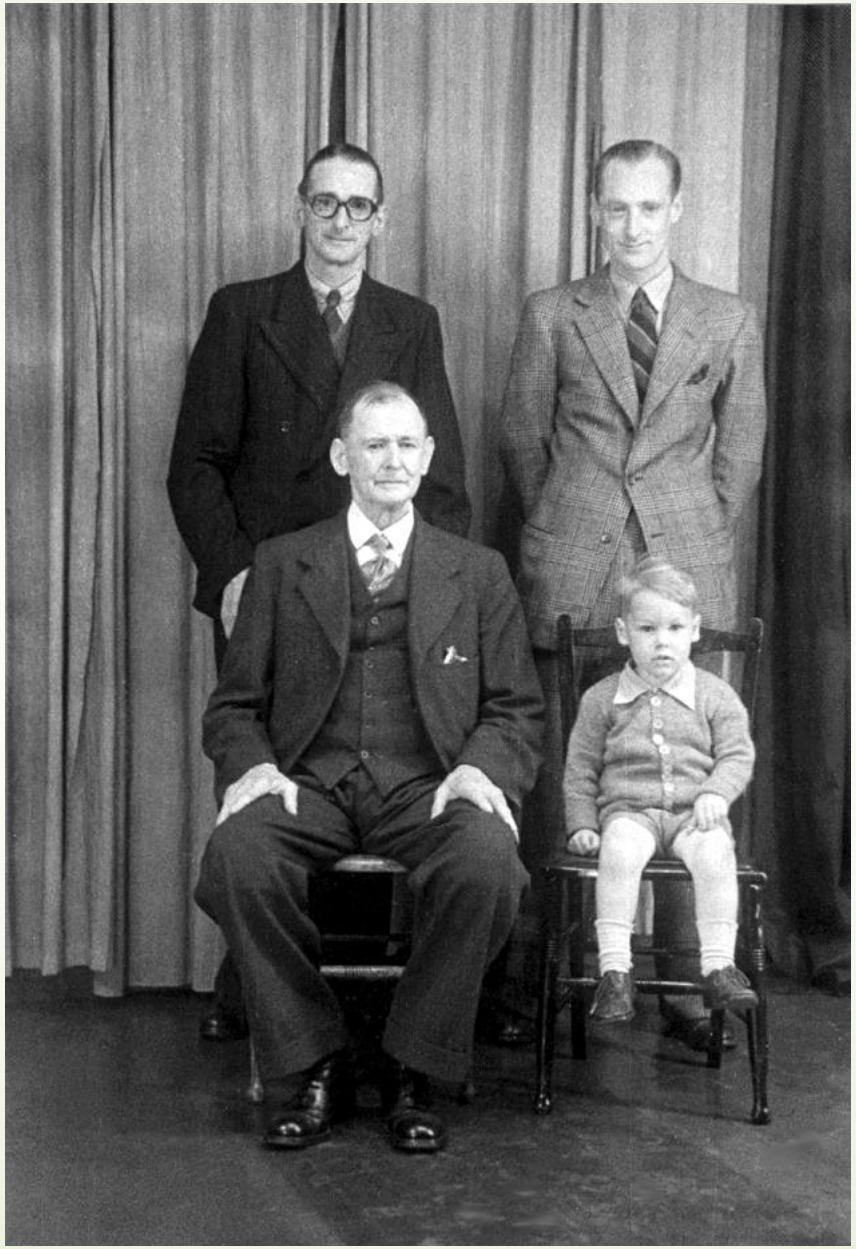
Births, marriages and deaths in December might be registered in the Jan-Mar Quarter of the following year.

After 1910, birth data gives mother's maiden name.

4 generations - 1946

Ralph 1899

George 1870



John Ralph 1922

Michael John Ralph 1944

The FreeBMD search screen

To search FreeBMD enter the details of the search below. To get a fuller explanation of how to get the most out of your CTRL as you click the mouse. For information on the years for which we have data please see our coverage information.

Type: ☐ All ☑ Births ☐ Deaths ☐ Marriages

Help — Click for help on using FreeBMD

Surname: Ainscough

First name(s): George

Spouse/Mother surname:

Spouse first name(s):

Death age/DoB:

Date range from: Mar 1868

Date range to: Dec 1872

Volume/Page: /

Options:
- ☐ Mono
- ☐ Exact match on first names
- ☐ Phonetic search surnames
- ☐ Match only recorded ages/DoB
- ☐ Identifiable spouses only

Districts:
All Districts
Aberayron (to Jun1936)
Aberconwy (from Sep1975)
Abergavenny (to 1958)
Aberystwyth (to Jun1936)
Abingdon
Acle (1939-Mar1974)
Alcester (to Sep1985)
Alderbury (to Jun1895)
Aldershot (Dec1932-Mar1974)
Aldridge & Brownhills (Jun1966-Mar1974)
Aled (Dec1935-Mar1974)
Alnwick (to 1936)
Alresford (to Sep1932)

Counties:
Humberside (from Jun1974)
Huntingdonshire (to Mar1974)
Isle of Wight (from Sep1946)
Kent
Lancashire
Leicestershire

One county selected - select all

Saved search

Filename:

Choose File — no file selected

Find — Count — Reset

FreeBMD will never ask for credit

The FreeBMD results screen

Search for *Type:* Births *Surname:* Ainscough *First name(s):* George
Start date: Mar 1868 *End date:* Dec 1872 *County:* Lancashire

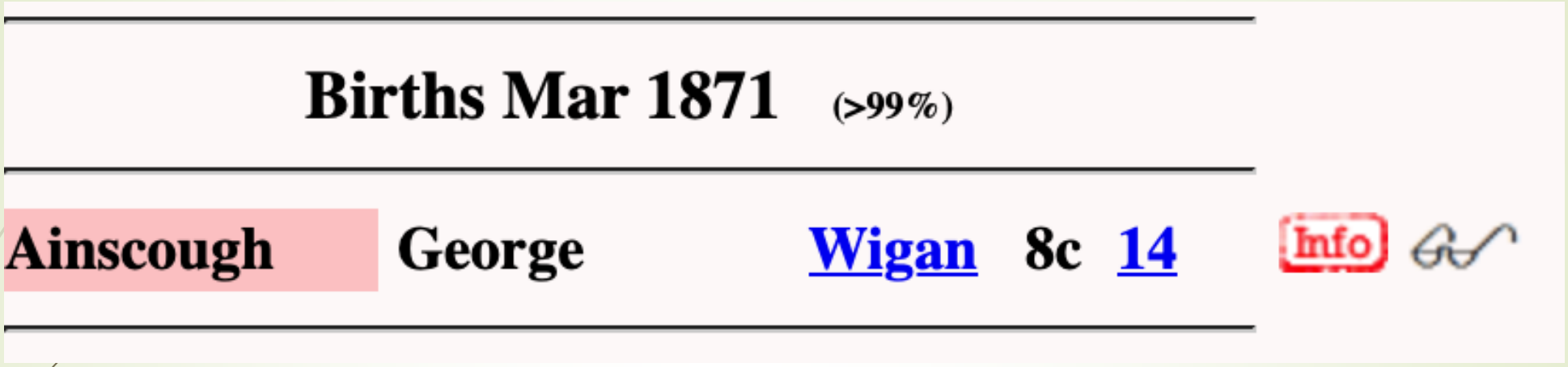
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Click the red INFO button to view the FULL details of the entry.

Surname	First name(s)	District	Vol	Page	
Births Sep 1869 (>99%)					
AINSCOUGH	George	Wigan	8c	11	info
Births Mar 1871 (>99%)					
Ainscough	George	Wigan	8c	14	info
Births Mar 1872 (>99%)					
Ainscough	George Henry	Wigan	8c	108	info

FreeBMD record details - Birth



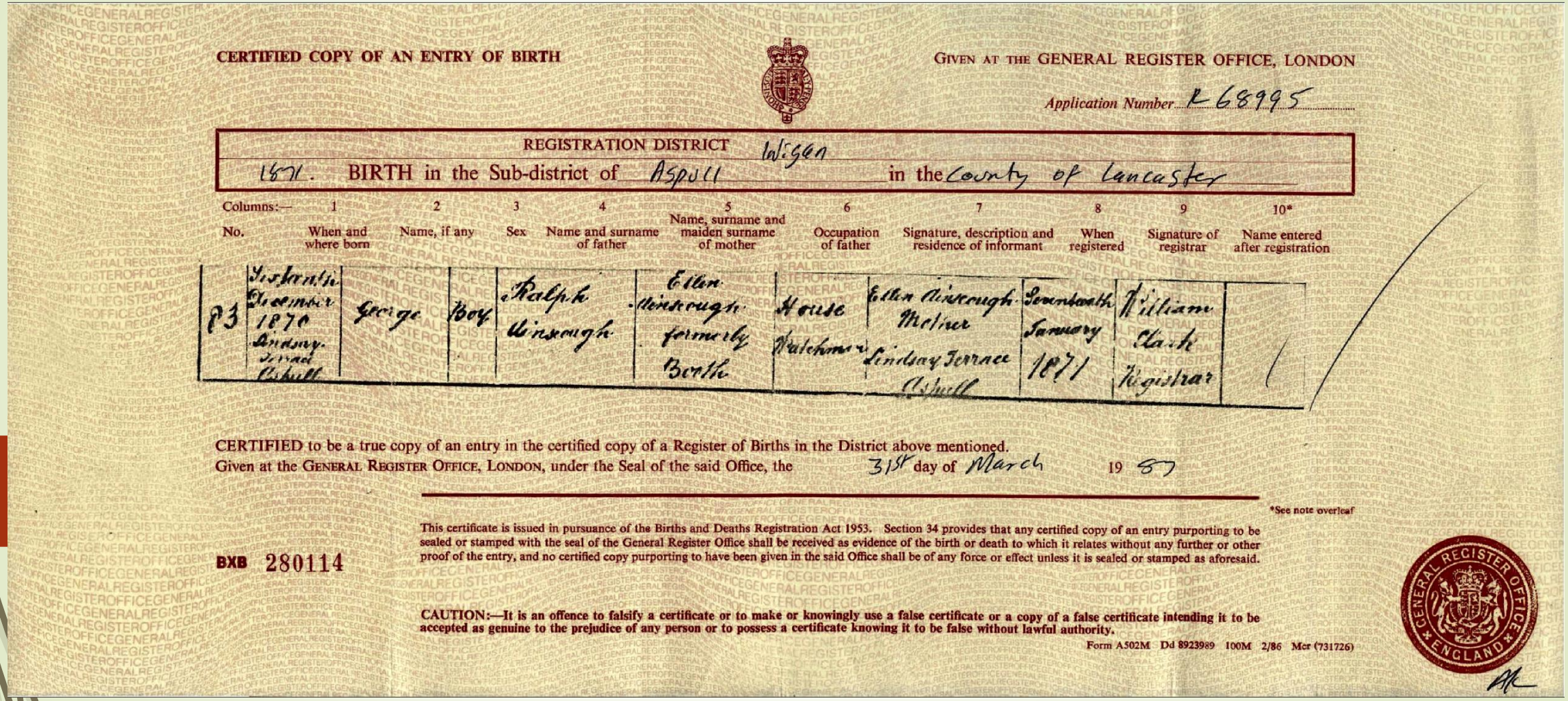
Births Mar 1871 (>99%)

Ainscough	George	Wigan	8c	14	info

This record contains the elements required when applying for a birth certificate, i.e. Birth request, Quarter, Year, Surname, Forename, Registration District, Volume, Page

Remember - registers are maintained in quarterly blocks:
March – June – September - December

George's Birth Certificate



CERTIFIED COPY OF AN ENTRY OF BIRTH

GIVEN AT THE GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE, LONDON

Application Number P 68995

REGISTRATION DISTRICT Wigan

1871. BIRTH in the Sub-district of Aspull in the County of Lancaster

Columns:— 1 No.	2 When and where born	3 Name, if any	4 Sex	5 Name and surname of father	6 Name, surname and maiden surname of mother	7 Occupation of father	8 Signature, description and residence of informant	9 When registered	10 Signature of registrar	10* Name entered after registration
23	Fifteenth December 1870 Lindsay Terrace Aspull	George	Boy	Ralph Ainscough	Ellen Ainscough formerly Berlin	House Watchman	Ellen Ainscough Mother Lindsay Terrace Aspull	Seventeenth January 1871	William Clark Registrar	

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Given at the GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE, LONDON, under the Seal of the said Office, the 31st day of March 19 87

*See note overleaf

This certificate is issued in pursuance of the Births and Deaths Registration Act 1953. Section 34 provides that any certified copy of an entry purporting to be sealed or stamped with the seal of the General Register Office shall be received as evidence of the birth or death to which it relates without any further or other proof of the entry, and no certified copy purporting to have been given in the said Office shall be of any force or effect unless it is sealed or stamped as aforesaid.

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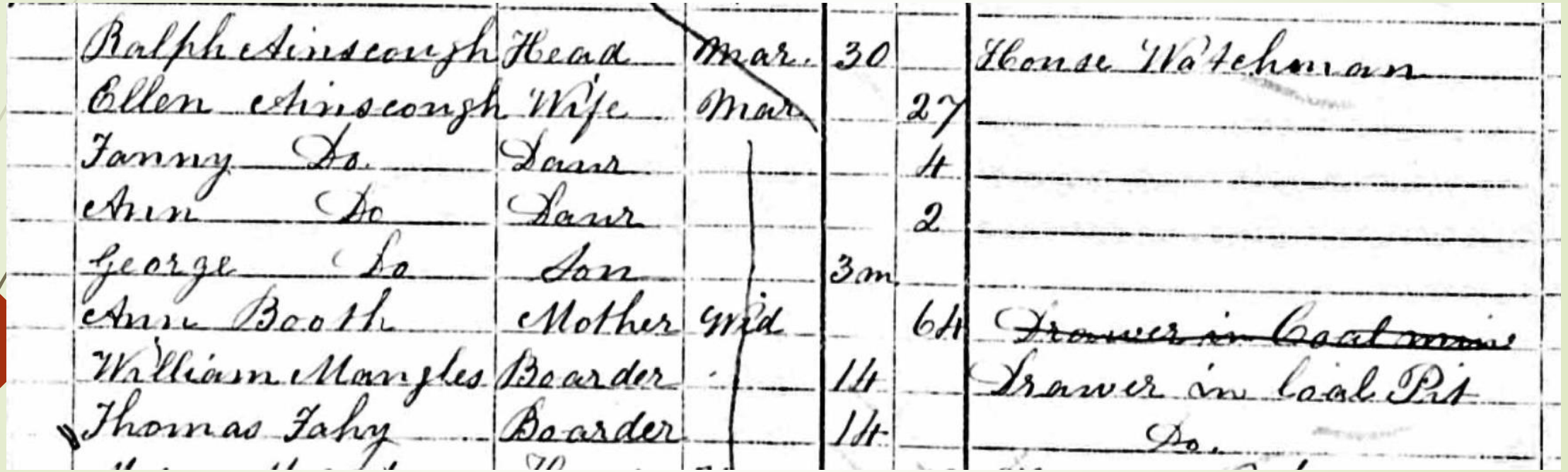
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The Birth Certificate data

- Registration District
- Year
- Sub-district
- County
- Reference number
- When & where born
- Name, if any
- Sex
- Name & surname of father
- Name, surname & maiden name of mother
- Occupation of father
- Signature, description and residence of informant
- When registered
- Signature of registrar
- Name entered after registration

When did Ralph & Ellen marry…?

A quick peek at the 1871 census…



	Ralph Hinscough	Head	Mar.	30		House Watchman
	Ellen Hinscough	Wife	Mar.		27	
	Fanny Do.	Daur.			4	
	Ann Do	Daur.			2	
	George Do	Son		3m		
	Ann Booth	Mother	Wid.		64	~~Drawer in Coal mine~~
	William Mangles	Boarder		14		Drawer in Coal Pit
	Thomas Fahy	Boarder		14		Do.

FreeBMD record details – Marriage 1

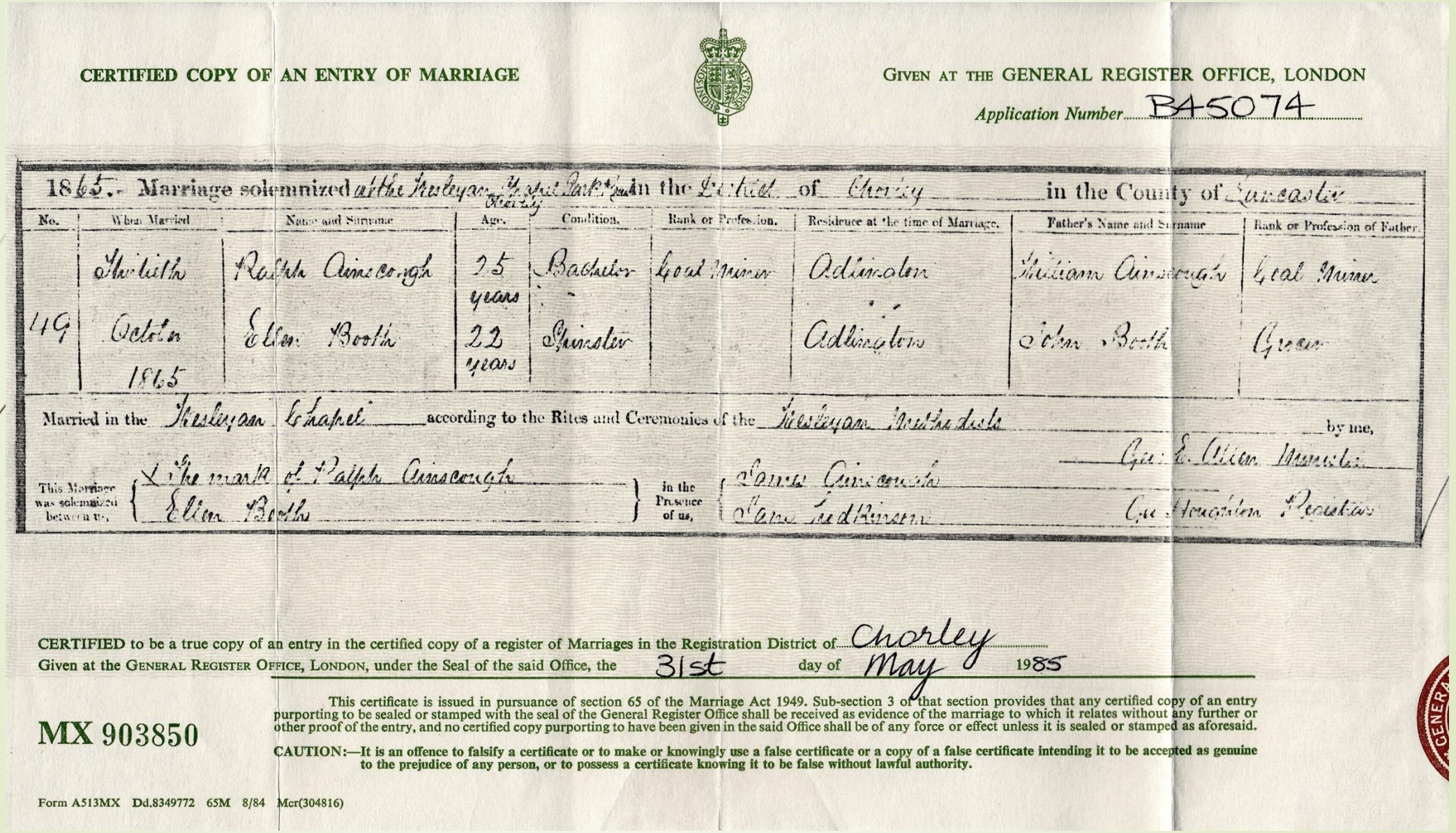
Surname	First name(s)	District	Vol	Page	
Marriages Dec 1865 (>99%)					
Ainscough	Ralph	Chorley	8e	629	Info

This record contains the elements required when applying for a marriage certificate, i.e. Marriage request, Quarter, Year, Surname, Forename, Registration District, Volume, Page

FreeBMD record details – Marriage 2

Surname	First name(s)	District	Vol	Page	
Marriages Dec 1865 (>99%)					
Ainscough	Ralph	Chorley	8e	629	Info
Booth	Ellen	Chorley	8e	629	Info
Hopkins	Henry	Chorley	8e	629	Info
Lister	Annie	Chorley	8e	629	Info

Ralph & Ellen's Marriage Certificate



CERTIFIED COPY OF AN ENTRY OF MARRIAGE

GIVEN AT THE GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE, LONDON

Application Number BA5074

1865. Marriage solemnized at the Wesleyan Chapel, Yard Park in the District of Chorley in the County of Lancaster

No.	When Married	Name and Surname	Age	Condition	Rank or Profession	Residence at the time of Marriage	Father's Name and Surname	Rank or Profession of Father
49	Thirtieth October 1865	Ralph Ainscough	25 years	Bachelor	Coal Miner	Adlington	William Ainscough	Coal Miner
		Ellen Booth	22 years	Spinster		Adlington	John Booth	Grocer

Married in the Wesleyan Chapel according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Wesleyan Methodists by me, Geo. E. Allen Minister

This Marriage was solemnized between us, { The mark of Ralph Ainscough / Ellen Booth } in the Presence of us, { Jane Ainscough / Jane Eddleston } Geo. Houghton Registrar

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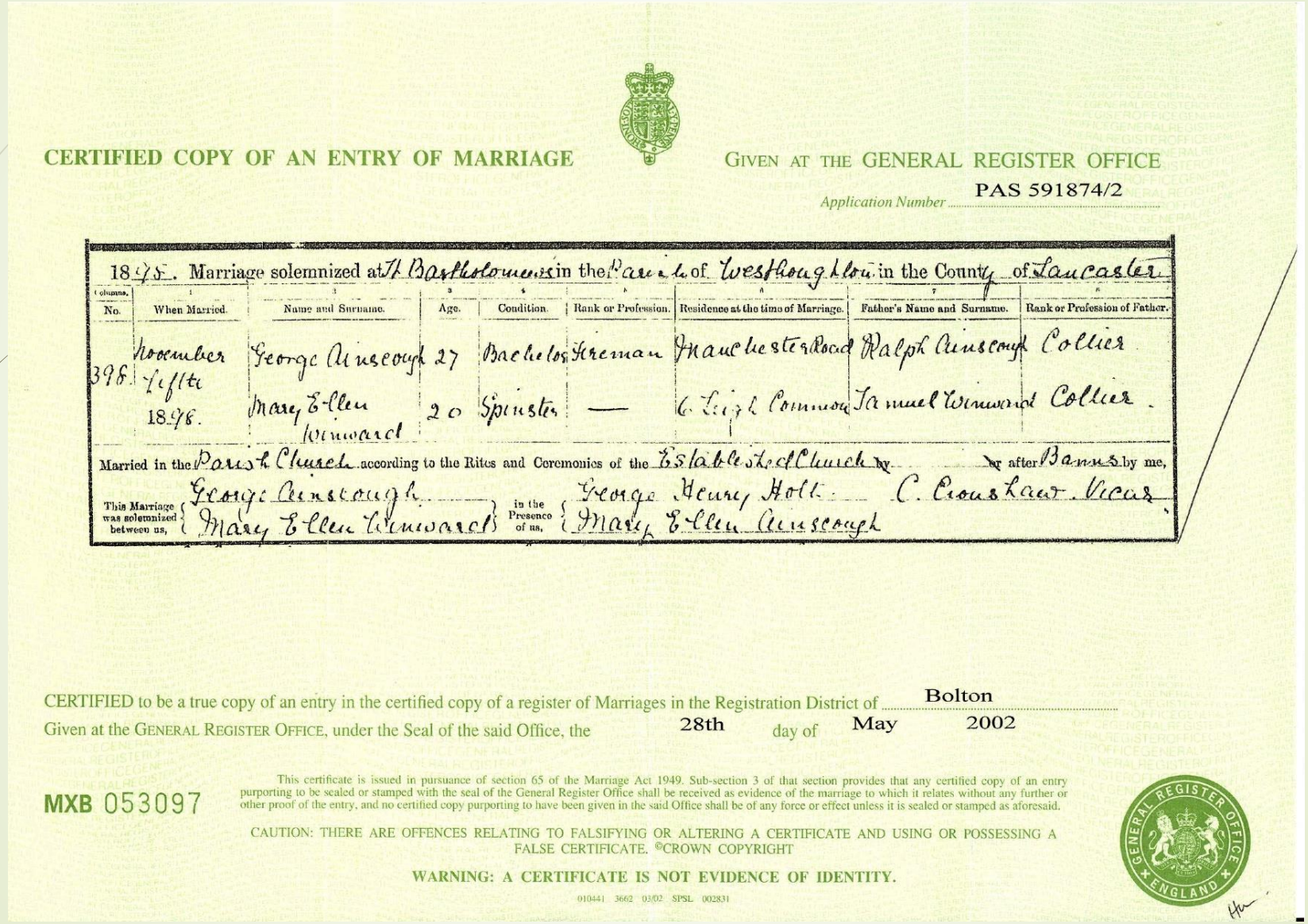
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George & Mary Ellen's Marriage Certificate



CERTIFIED COPY OF AN ENTRY OF MARRIAGE

GIVEN AT THE GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE

Application Number PAS 591874/2

1898. Marriage solemnized at St Bartholomews in the Parish of Westhoughton in the County of Lancaster

Columns. No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of Father.
398.	November Fifth 1898.	George Ainscough	27	Bachelor	Fireman	Manchester Road	Ralph Ainscough	Collier
		Mary Ellen Winward	20	Spinster	—	6 Leigh Common	Samuel Winward	Collier

Married in the Parish Church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church by ... or after Banns by me, C. Constant Vicar

This Marriage was solemnized between us, George Ainscough, Mary Ellen Winward

in the Presence of us, George Henry Holt, Mary Ellen Ainscough

CERTIFIED to be a true copy of an entry in the certified copy of a register of Marriages in the Registration District of Bolton

Given at the GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE, under the Seal of the said Office, the 28th day of May 2002

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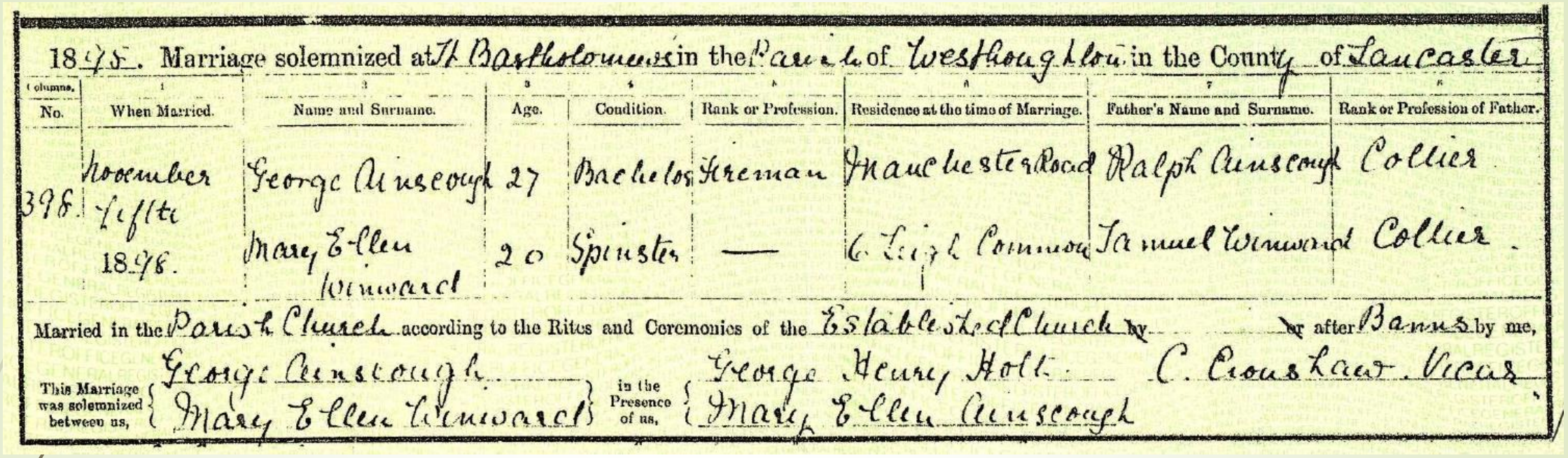
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George & Mary Ellen's Marriage Certificate



1895. Marriage solemnized at St Bartholomews in the Parish of Westhoughton in the County of Lancaster

Columns. No.	1 When Married.	3 Name and Surname.	3 Age.	4 Condition.	5 Rank or Profession.	6 Residence at the time of Marriage.	7 Father's Name and Surname.	8 Rank or Profession of Father.
398.	November 16th 1895.	George Ainscough	27	Bachelor	Fireman	Manchester Road	Ralph Ainscough	Collier
		Mary Ellen Winward	20	Spinster	—	6 Leigh Common	Samuel Winward	Collier

Married in the Parish Church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church by ... or after Banns by me,

This Marriage was solemnized between us, George Ainscough, Mary Ellen Winward. In the Presence of us, George Henry Holt, Mary Ellen Ainscough.

C. Crosthwaite Vicar

The Marriage Certificate data

- Year
- Marriage place
- District
- County
- Reference number
- When married
- Names & surnames
- Ages
- Conditions (bachelor, spinster, widower, etc.)
- Rank or profession of groom & bride
- Residences at the time of marriage
- Fathers' names & surnames
- Rank or profession of fathers
- Marriage place
- According to the rites & ceremonies
- Priest or officiator/Registrar
- Names of 2 witnesses

George's Death Certificate

CERTIFIED COPY OF AN ENTRY OF DEATH

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Application Number COL171397

REGISTRATION DISTRICT Horwich

1952 DEATH in the Sub-district of Horwich in the County of Lancaster

Columns:– 1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
No.	When and where died	Name and surname	Sex	Age	Occupation	Cause of death	Signature, description and residence of informant	When registered	Signature of registrar
54	Tenth February 1952 1, The Heyhane Lostock Horwich U-D	George AINSCOUGH	Male	81 years	Railway Engine Driver (Retired)	1a. Myocarditis b. Arterio Sclerosis II Acute Bronchitis Certified by B. V. Bradshaw M.B	R. Ainscough Son In attendance 54, Hilton Avenue Horwich	Eleventh February 1952	H Bromley Registrar

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George's Death Certificate



54	Tenth February 1952	1, The Heylane Lostock Horwich	George AINSCOUGH	Male 81 years	Railway Engine Driver (Retired)	1a. Myocarditis b. Arterio Sclerosis II Acute Bronchitis Certified by B. D. Bradshaw M.B	R. Ainscough Son In attendance 54, Hilton Avenue Horwich	Eleventh February 1952	H Bromley Registrar

The Death Certificate data

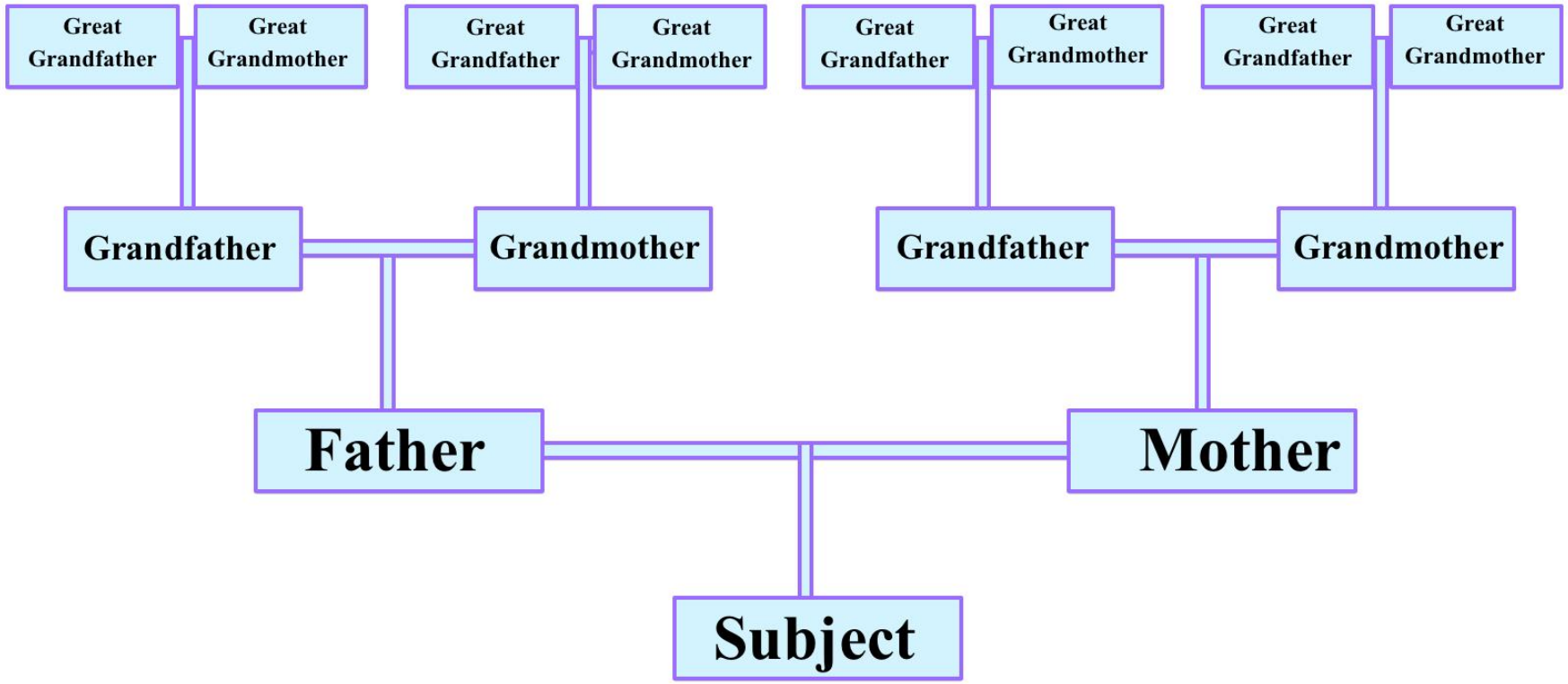
- Year
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- Name & surname
- Sex
- Age
- Occupation
- Cause of death
- Signature, description & residence of informant
- When registered
- Signature of registrar

Purchasing BMD Certificates

Only use the Government website to buy
(https://www.gov.uk/order-copy-birth-death-marriage-certificate)

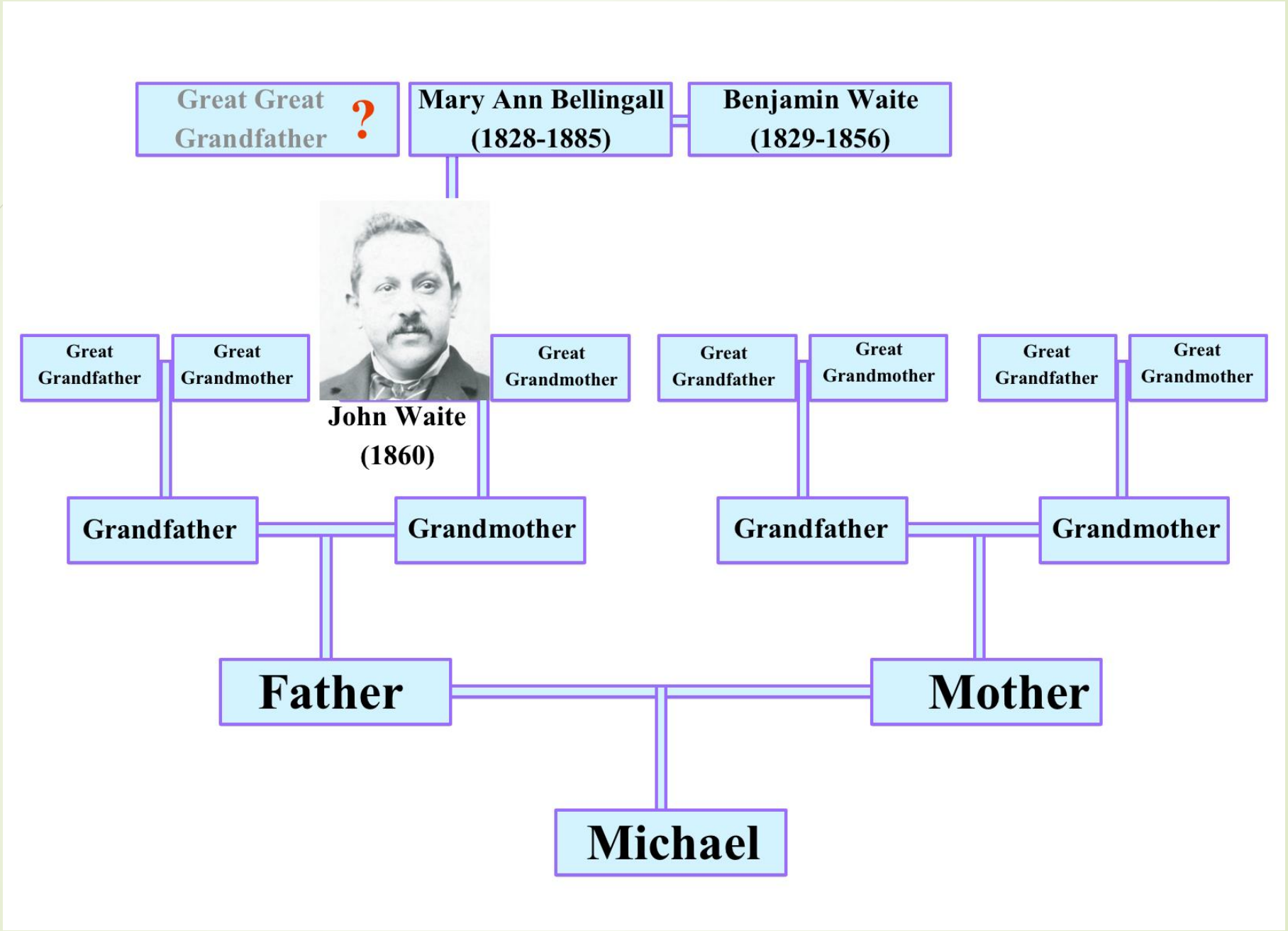
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THE TREE...


Great Grandfather
Great Grandmother
Great Grandfather
Great Grandmother
Great Grandfather
Great Grandmother
Great Grandfather
Great Grandmother
Grandfather
Grandmother
Grandfather
Grandmother
Father
Mother
Subject

BMD search problems – no hits?

- Registered pre-1837
- Not registered
- Unaware of Registration District coverage
- Overseas births, marriages and deaths
- People with identical names and birth years
- Often only 1 forename and initials shown
- Alternative spelling of surnames
- Wrong information on the certificate
- Estimating generational gaps & birth years
- Birth name of widows who remarried
- Illegitimacy


Great Great Grandfather
?
Mary Ann Bellingall (1828-1885)
Benjamin Waite (1829-1856)
John Waite (1860)
Great Grandfather
Great Grandmother
Great Grandmother
Great Grandfather
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Grandfather
Grandmother
Grandfather
Grandmother
Father
Mother
Michael

CERTIFIED COPY OF AN ENTRY OF BIRTH

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Application Number PAS581200/3

REGISTRATION DISTRICT Manchester

1860 BIRTH in the Sub-district of St George Manchester in the County of Lancaster

Columns:-	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
No.	When and where born	Name, if any	Sex	Name and surname of father	Name, surname and maiden surname of mother	Occupation of father	Signature, description and residence of informant	When registered	Signature of registrar	Name entered after registration
170	Twenty Second January 1860 17 Rome Street	John	Boy	—	Mary Ann Waite	—	Mary Ann Waite Mother 17 Rome Street Manchester	Third March 1860	Thomas Worthington Registrar	

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Census data 1 - availability

Censuses available: 1841, 1851, 1861, 1871, 1881, 1891, 1901, 1911 & 1921

1841 is very basic. The format used from 1851 to 1901 changed in 1911.

Census data is kept confidential for 100 years.

1931 data was destroyed in WW2. There was no census in 1941.

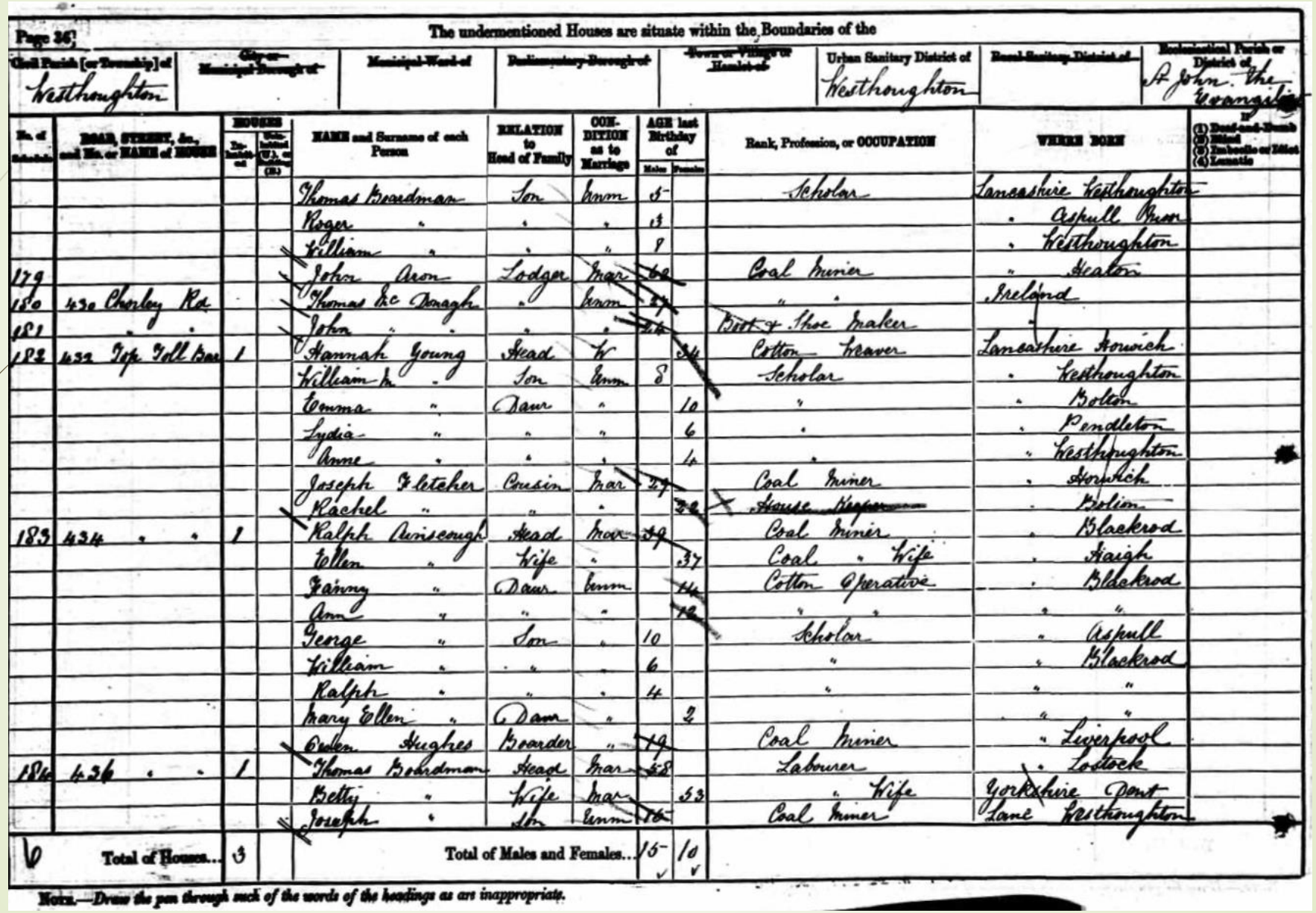
'The 1939 Register' was a brief set of household data collected at the outbreak of WW2. Entries for living people are redacted.

Census data 2 – family record content

- Civil parish/City or borough/Municipal ward/Town, village/District
- Reference number of the street entry
- Road, Street & no. or name of house
- Name & surname of each person
- Relation to Head of family
- Condition as to marriage – single, married, widowed, widower
- Age last birthday of male/female
- Rank, profession or occupation
- Where born
- If: (1) Deaf-and-dumb (2) Blind (3) Imbecile or Idiot (4) Lunatic – (only in pre-1911 censuses; "infirmity" after that)

Census data is not always completely accurate…

An example from 1881



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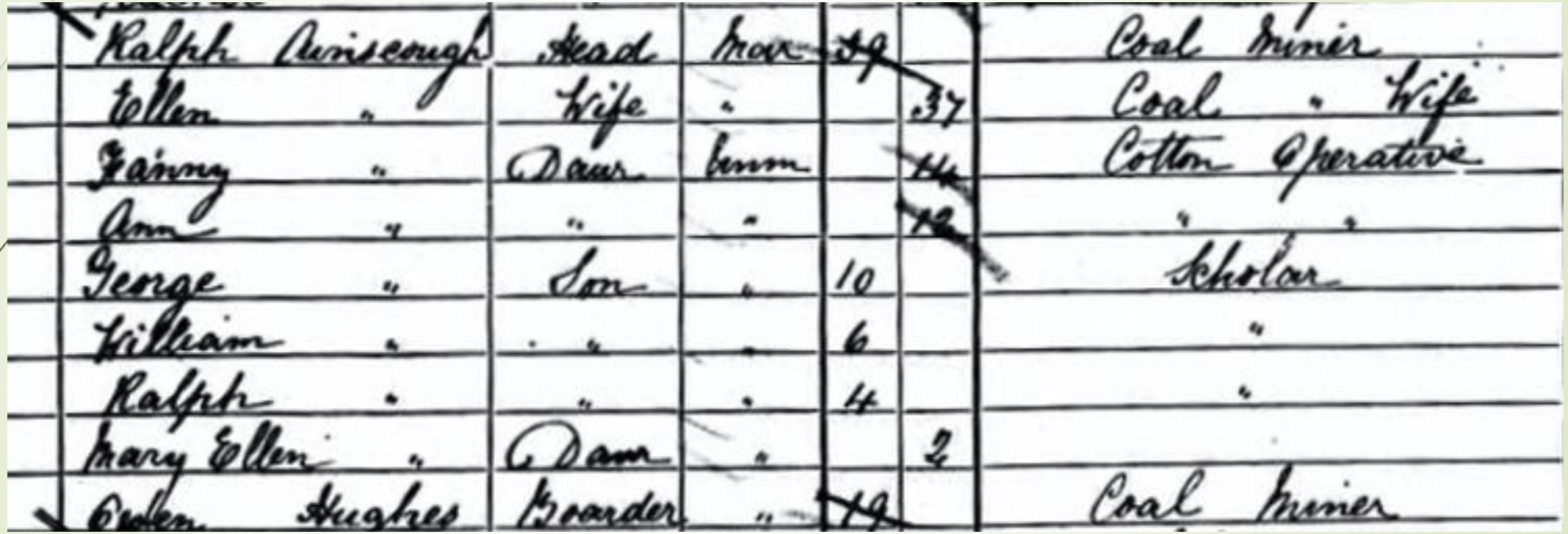
The undermentioned Houses are situate within the Boundaries of the

Civil Parish [or Township] of Westhoughton | Municipal Borough of | Municipal Ward of | Parliamentary Borough of | Town or Village or Hamlet of | Urban Sanitary District of Westhoughton | Rural Sanitary District of | Ecclesiastical Parish or District of St John the Evangelist

No. of Schedule	ROAD, STREET, &c., and No. or NAME of HOUSE	HOUSES: No. Inhabited	HOUSES: No. Uninhabited (U.) or Building (B.)	NAME and Surname of each Person	RELATION to Head of Family	CONDITION as to Marriage	AGE last Birthday of: Males	AGE last Birthday of: Females	Rank, Profession, or OCCUPATION	WHERE BORN	(1) Deaf-and-Dumb (2) Blind (3) Imbecile or Idiot (4) Lunatic
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				Roger "	"	"	13			" Aspull Moor	
				William "	"	"	9			" Westhoughton	
179				John Aron	Lodger	Mar	22		Coal Miner	" Heaton	
180	430 Chorley Rd			Thomas Mc Donagh	"	Unm	27		" "	Ireland	
181	" "			John "	"	"	24		Butt & Shoe Maker	"	
182	432 Top Toll Bar	1		Hannah Young	Head	W		34	Cotton Weaver	Lancashire Horwich	
				William "	Son	Unm	8		Scholar	" Westhoughton	
				Emma "	Daur	"		10	"	" Bolton	
				Lydia "	"	"		6	"	" Pendleton	
				Anne "	"	"		4	"	" Westhoughton	
				Joseph Fletcher	Cousin	Mar	27		Coal Miner	" Horwich	
				Rachel "	"	"		26	House Keeper	" Bolton	
183	434 " "	1		Ralph Aniscough	Head	Mar	39		Coal Miner	" Blackrod	
				Ellen "	Wife	"		37	Coal " Wife	" Haigh	
				Fanny "	Daur	Unm		14	Cotton Operative	" Blackrod	
				Ann "	"	"		12	" "	" "	
				George "	Son	"	10		Scholar	" Aspull	
				William "	"	"	6		"	" Blackrod	
				Ralph "	"	"	4		"	" "	
				Mary Ellen "	Daur	"		2		" "	
				Ewden Hughes	Boarder	"	19		Coal Miner	" Liverpool	
184	436 " "	1		Thomas Boardman	Head	Mar	58		Labourer	" Lostock	
				Betty "	Wife	Mar		53	" Wife	Yorkshire Penst	
				Joseph "	Son	Unm	16		Coal Miner	Lane Westhoughton	
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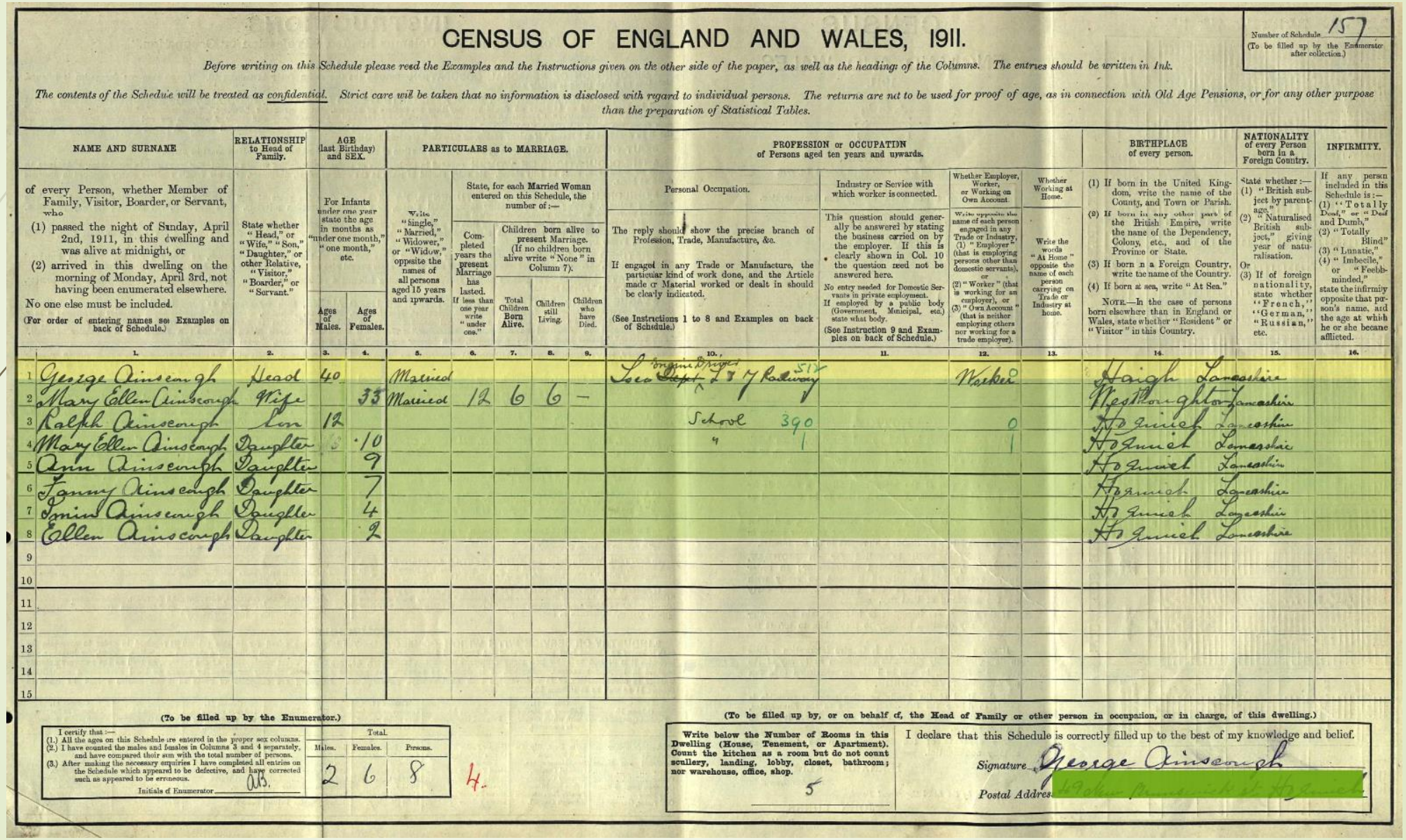
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An example from 1881



Ralph	Anisenough	Head	Mar	39		Coal Miner
Ellen	"	Wife	"		37	Coal " Wife
Fanny	"	Daur	Lancs		14	Cotton Operative
Ann	"	"	"		12	" "
George	"	Son	"	10		Scholar
William	"	"	"	6		"
Ralph	"	"	"	4		"
Mary Ellen	"	Daur	"		2	
Ellen	Hughes	Boarder	"	19		Coal Miner

An example from 1911



CENSUS OF ENGLAND AND WALES, 1911.

Number of Schedule 157 (To be filled up by the Enumerator after collection.)

Before writing on this Schedule please read the Examples and the Instructions given on the other side of the paper, as well as the headings of the Columns. The entries should be written in Ink.

The contents of the Schedule will be treated as confidential. Strict care will be taken that no information is disclosed with regard to individual persons. The returns are not to be used for proof of age, as in connection with Old Age Pensions, or for any other purpose than the preparation of Statistical Tables.

NAME AND SURNAME of every Person, whether Member of Family, Visitor, Boarder, or Servant, who (1) passed the night of Sunday, April 2nd, 1911, in this dwelling and was alive at midnight, or (2) arrived in this dwelling on the morning of Monday, April 3rd, not having been enumerated elsewhere. No one else must be included. (For order of entering names see Examples on back of Schedule.)	RELATIONSHIP to Head of Family. State whether "Head," or "Wife," "Son," "Daughter," or other Relative, "Visitor," "Boarder," or "Servant."	AGE (last Birthday) and SEX. For Infants under one year state the age in months as "under one month," "one month," etc. Ages of Males.	Ages of Females.	PARTICULARS as to MARRIAGE. Write "Single," "Married," "Widower," or "Widow," opposite the names of all persons aged 15 years and upwards.	State, for each Married Woman entered on this Schedule, the number of:— Completed years the present Marriage has lasted. If less than one year write "under one."	Children born alive to present Marriage. (If no children born alive write "None" in Column 7). Total Children Born Alive.	Children still Living.	Children who have Died.	PROFESSION or OCCUPATION of Persons aged ten years and upwards. Personal Occupation. The reply should show the precise branch of Profession, Trade, Manufacture, &c. If engaged in any Trade or Manufacture, the particular kind of work done, and the Article made or Material worked or dealt in should be clearly indicated. (See Instructions 1 to 8 and Examples on back of Schedule.)	Industry or Service with which worker is connected. This question should generally be answered by stating the business carried on by the employer. If this is clearly shown in Col. 10 the question need not be answered here. No entry needed for Domestic Servants in private employment. If employed by a public body (Government, Municipal, etc.) state what body. (See Instruction 9 and Examples on back of Schedule.)	Whether Employer, Worker, or Working on Own Account. Write opposite the name of each person engaged in any Trade or Industry, (1) "Employer" (that is employing persons other than domestic servants), or (2) "Worker" (that is working for an employer), or (3) "Own Account" (that is neither employing others nor working for a trade employer).	Whether Working at Home. Write the words "At Home" opposite the name of each person carrying on Trade or Industry at home.	BIRTHPLACE of every person. (1) If born in the United Kingdom, write the name of the County, and Town or Parish. (2) If born in any other part of the British Empire, write the name of the Dependency, Colony, etc., and of the Province or State. (3) If born in a Foreign Country, write the name of the Country. (4) If born at sea, write "At Sea." NOTE.—In the case of persons born elsewhere than in England or Wales, state whether "Resident" or "Visitor" in this Country.	NATIONALITY of every Person born in a Foreign Country. State whether:— (1) "British subject by parentage," (2) "Naturalised British subject," giving year of naturalisation. Or (3) If of foreign nationality, state whether "French," "German," "Russian," etc.	INFIRMITY. If any person included in this Schedule is:— (1) "Totally Deaf," or "Deaf and Dumb," (2) "Totally Blind" (3) "Lunatic," (4) "Imbecile," or "Feebleminded," state the infirmity opposite that person's name, and the age at which he or she became afflicted.
1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	10.	11.	12.	13.	14.	15.	16.
1 George Ainscough	Head	40		Married					Loco Engine Driver Shunter 517 Railway		Worker		Haigh Lancashire		
2 Mary Ellen Ainscough	Wife		33	Married	12	6	6	—					Westhoughton Lancashire		
3 Ralph Ainscough	Son	12							School 390		0		Horwich Lancashire		
4 Mary Ellen Ainscough	Daughter	3	10						4		1		Horwich Lancashire		
5 Ann Ainscough	Daughter		9										Horwich Lancashire		
6 Fanny Ainscough	Daughter		7										Horwich Lancashire		
7 Emma Ainscough	Daughter		4										Horwich Lancashire		
8 Ellen Ainscough	Daughter		2										Horwich Lancashire		
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(To be filled up by the Enumerator.)

I certify that:—
(1.) All the ages on this Schedule are entered in the proper sex columns.
(2.) I have counted the males and females in Columns 3 and 4 separately, and have compared their sum with the total number of persons.
(3.) After making the necessary enquiries I have completed all entries on the Schedule which appeared to be defective, and have corrected such as appeared to be erroneous.

Initials of Enumerator GB.

Total. Males.	Females.	Persons.
2	6	8

4.

(To be filled up by, or on behalf of, the Head of Family or other person in occupation, or in charge, of this dwelling.)

Write below the Number of Rooms in this Dwelling (House, Tenement, or Apartment). Count the kitchen as a room but do not count scullery, landing, lobby, closet, bathroom; nor warehouse, office, shop.

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I declare that this Schedule is correctly filled up to the best of my knowledge and belief.

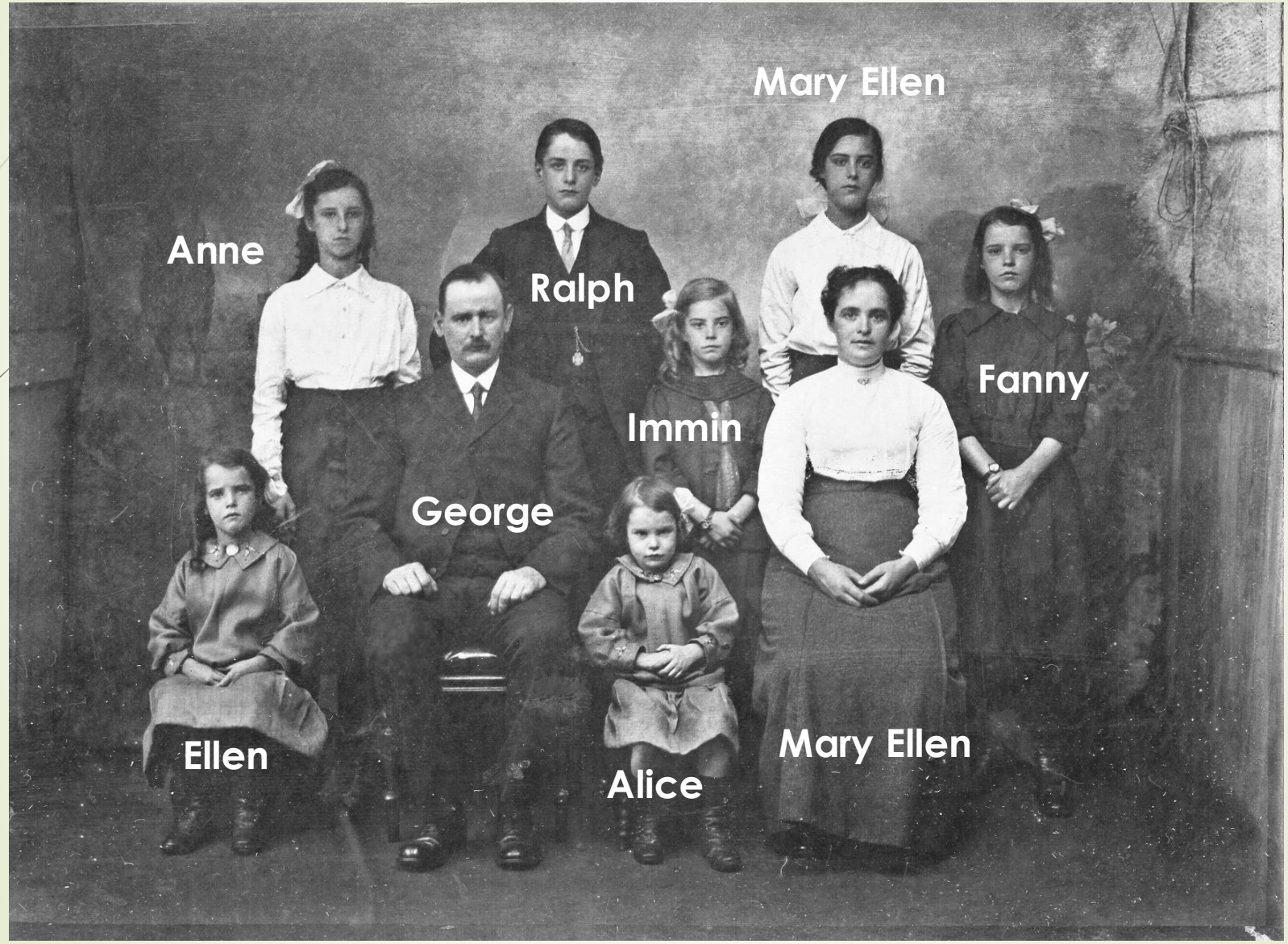
Signature George Ainscough

Postal Address [redacted]

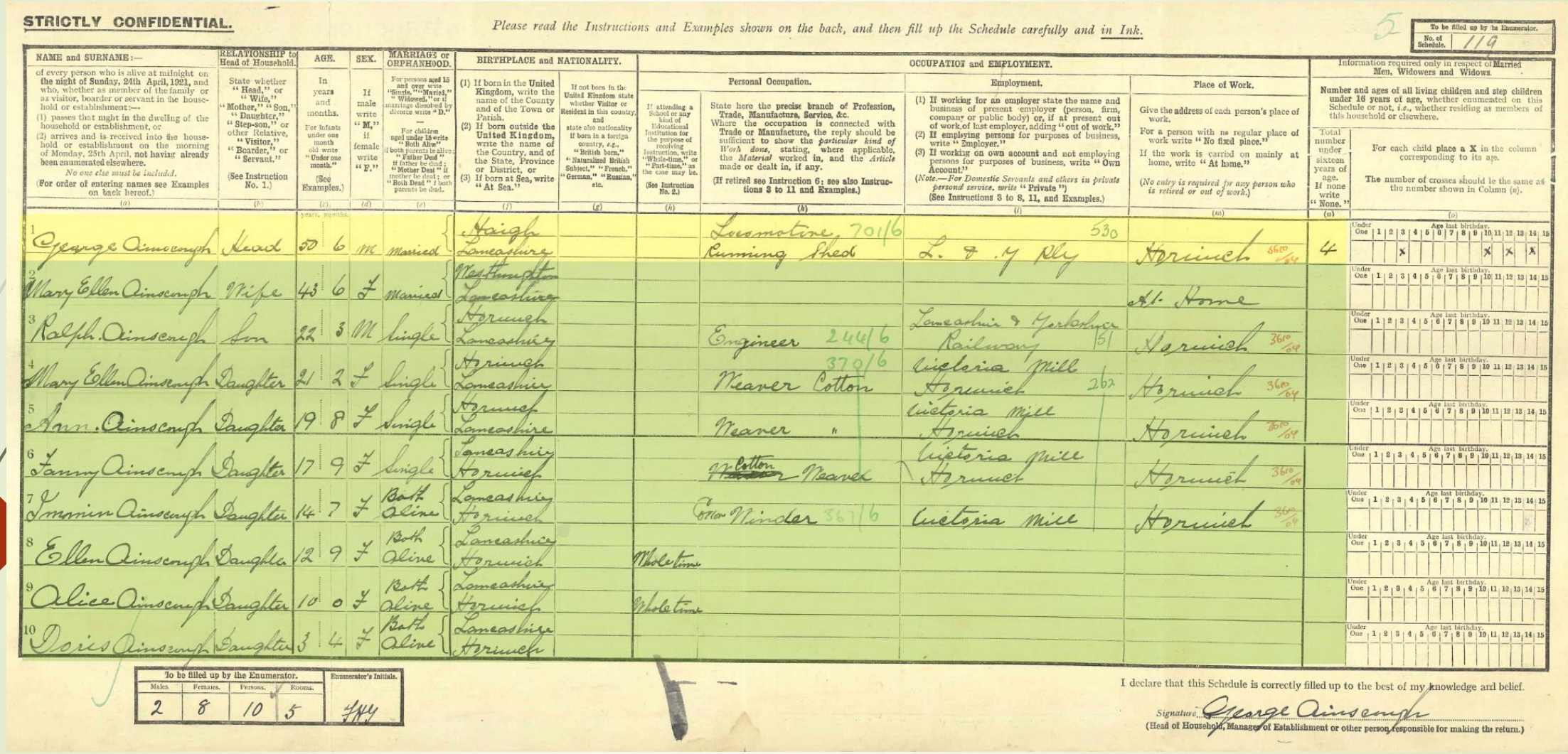
George Ainscough & family c.1914



George Ainscough & family c.1914



George Ainscough & family in 1921



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Please read the Instructions and Examples shown on the back, and then fill up the Schedule carefully and in Ink.

To be filled up by the Enumerator. No. of Schedule. 119

	NAME and SURNAME:— of every person who is alive at midnight on the night of Sunday, 24th April, 1921, and who, whether as member of the family or as visitor, boarder or servant in the household or establishment:— (1) passes that night in the dwelling of the household or establishment, or (2) arrives and is received into the household or establishment on the morning of Monday, 25th April, not having already been enumerated elsewhere. *No one else must be included.* (For order of entering names see Examples on back hereof.) (a)	RELATIONSHIP to Head of Household. State whether "Head," or "Wife," "Mother," "Son," "Daughter," "Step-son," or other Relative, "Visitor," "Boarder," or "Servant." (See Instruction No. 1.) (b)	AGE. In years and months. For Infants under one month old write "Under one month." (See Examples.) (c) years. months.	SEX. If male write "M," if female write "F." (d)	MARRIAGE or ORPHANHOOD. For persons aged 15 and over write "Single," "Married," "Widowed," or if marriage dissolved by divorce write "D." — For children aged under 15 write "Both Alive" if both parents be alive; "Father Dead" if father be dead; "Mother Dead" if mother be dead; or "Both Dead" if both parents be dead. (e)	BIRTHPLACE and NATIONALITY. (1) If born in the United Kingdom, write the name of the County and of the Town or Parish. (2) If born outside the United Kingdom, write the name of the Country, and of the State, Province or District, or (3) If born at Sea, write "At Sea." (f)	If not born in the United Kingdom state whether Visitor or Resident in this country, and state also nationality If born in a foreign country, *e.g.*, "British born," "Naturalised British Subject," "French," "German," "Russian," etc. (g)	OCCUPATION and EMPLOYMENT. Personal Occupation. If attending a School or any kind of Educational Institution for the purpose of receiving Instruction, write "Whole-time," or "Part-time," as the case may be. (See Instruction No. 2.) (h)	Personal Occupation. State here the precise branch of Profession, Trade, Manufacture, Service, &c. Where the occupation is connected with Trade or Manufacture, the reply should be sufficient to show the *particular kind of Work done*, stating, where applicable, the *Material* worked in, and the *Article* made or dealt in, if any. (If retired see Instruction 6; see also Instructions 8 to 11 and Examples.) (h)	Employment. (1) If working for an employer state the name and business of present employer (person, firm, company or public body) or, if at present out of work, of last employer, adding "out of work." (2) If employing persons for purposes of business, write "Employer." (3) If working on own account and not employing persons for purposes of business, write "Own Account." (*Note.—For Domestic Servants and others in private personal service, write* "Private") (See Instructions 8 to 8, 11, and Examples.) (i)	Place of Work. Give the address of each person's place of work. For a person with no regular place of work write "No fixed place." If the work is carried on mainly at home, write "At home." (*No entry is required for any person who is retired or out of work.*) (m)	Information required only in respect of Married Men, Widowers and Widows. Number and ages of all living children and step children under 16 years of age, whether enumerated on this Schedule or not, *i.e.*, whether residing as members of this household or elsewhere. Total number under sixteen years of age. If none write "None." (n)	For each child place a X in the column corresponding to its age. The number of crosses should be the same as the number shown in Column (n). (o) Age last birthday. Under One, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15
1	George Ainscough	Head	55 6	M	married	Haigh Lancashire			Locomotive 701/6 Running Shed	530 L. & Y. Rly	Horwich 860/64	4		X X X X
2	Mary Ellen Ainscough	Wife	48 6	F	Married	Haughton Lancashire					At Home			
3	Ralph Ainscough	Son	22 3	M	Single	Horwich Lancashire			Engineer 244/6	Lancashire & Yorkshire Railway 61	Horwich 360/64			
4	Mary Ellen Ainscough	Daughter	21 2	F	Single	Horwich Lancashire			Weaver Cotton 370/6	Victoria Mill 262 Horwich	Horwich 360/64			
5	Ann Ainscough	Daughter	19 8	F	Single	Horwich Lancashire			Weaver "	Victoria Mill Horwich	Horwich 360/64			
6	Fanny Ainscough	Daughter	17 9	F	Single	Lancashire Horwich			~~Cotton~~ Weaver	Victoria Mill Horwich	Horwich 360/64			
7	Imonin Ainscough	Daughter	14 7	F	Both Alive	Lancashire Horwich			Cotton Winder 367/6	Victoria Mill	Horwich 360/64			
8	Ellen Ainscough	Daughter	12 9	F	Both Alive	Lancashire Horwich		Whole time						
9	Alice Ainscough	Daughter	10 0	F	Both Alive	Lancashire Horwich		Whole time						
10	Doris Ainscough	Daughter	3 4	F	Both Alive	Lancashire Horwich								

To be filled up by the Enumerator.				Enumerator's Initials.
Males.	Females.	Persons.	Rooms.	
2	8	10	5	J.H.A.

I declare that this Schedule is correctly filled up to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature George Ainscough

(Head of Household, Manager of Establishment or other person responsible for making the return.)

George Ainscough, wife & eight children

17 Leicester Avenue (formerly Leicester Street), Horwich



Parish registers & the I.G.I

In the 1960s, the International Genealogical Index project was started by the Church Of Jesus Christ Of Latter-Day Saints (Mormons).

Teams transcribed as many parish registers and other sources as they could to create a database of dead people. The database was created in 1969 and was intended to track the performance of temple ordinances for the dead – getting them 'saved' in heaven posthumously.

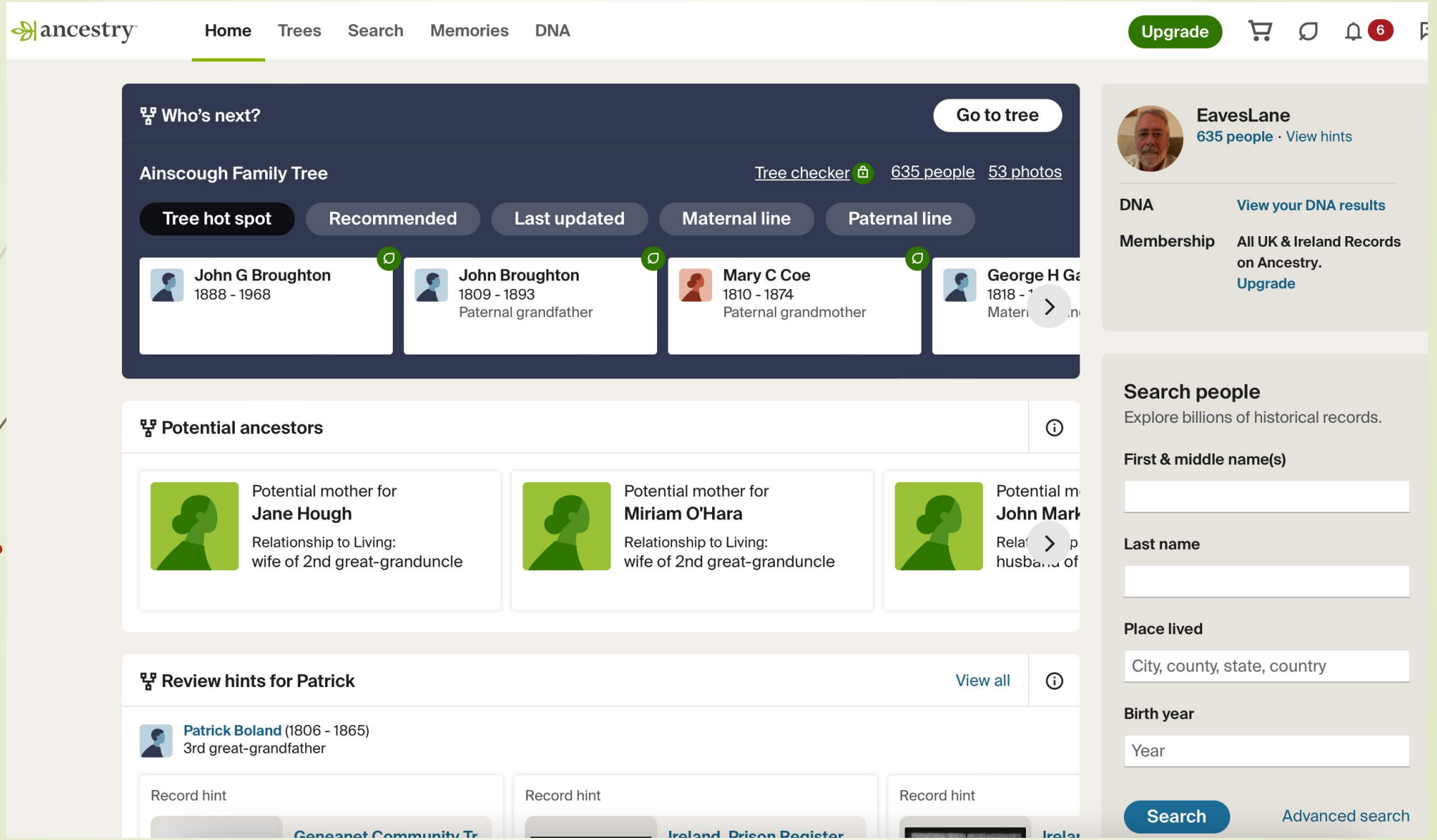
Originally a useful tool for records from 1500 to 1900, it now contains many duplicate and unverified entries. Originally on microfilm and now online and called Family Search.

Much parish register data is also to be found in Bishop's transcripts of registers within a See. There is also an Online Parish Clerks database – transcripts of registers by volunteers.

Some sources – mainly online

- Online Parish Clerks – some free, others part of sub services
- Ancestry – subscription
- FindMyPast – subscription
- MyHeritage – subscription
- Military records – often available through Ancestry & similar
- FreeUKGenealogy:
- FreeBMD, FreeCEN – FreeREG
- Scotland's People - free
- TheGenealogist – subscription
- Society of Genealogists – membership fee, online & visit in person
- Find a Grave – pay
- National Archives – catalogue & indexes free, visit Kew in person
- British Newspaper Archive – pay
- Newspapers com – subscription
- GENUKI – free reference library with many subsections
- National Library of Scotland – historical OS maps – free/pay
- Single surname societies - free
- Work archives, e.g. Post Office archive - offline

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Mike's 9 ancestral regions

England

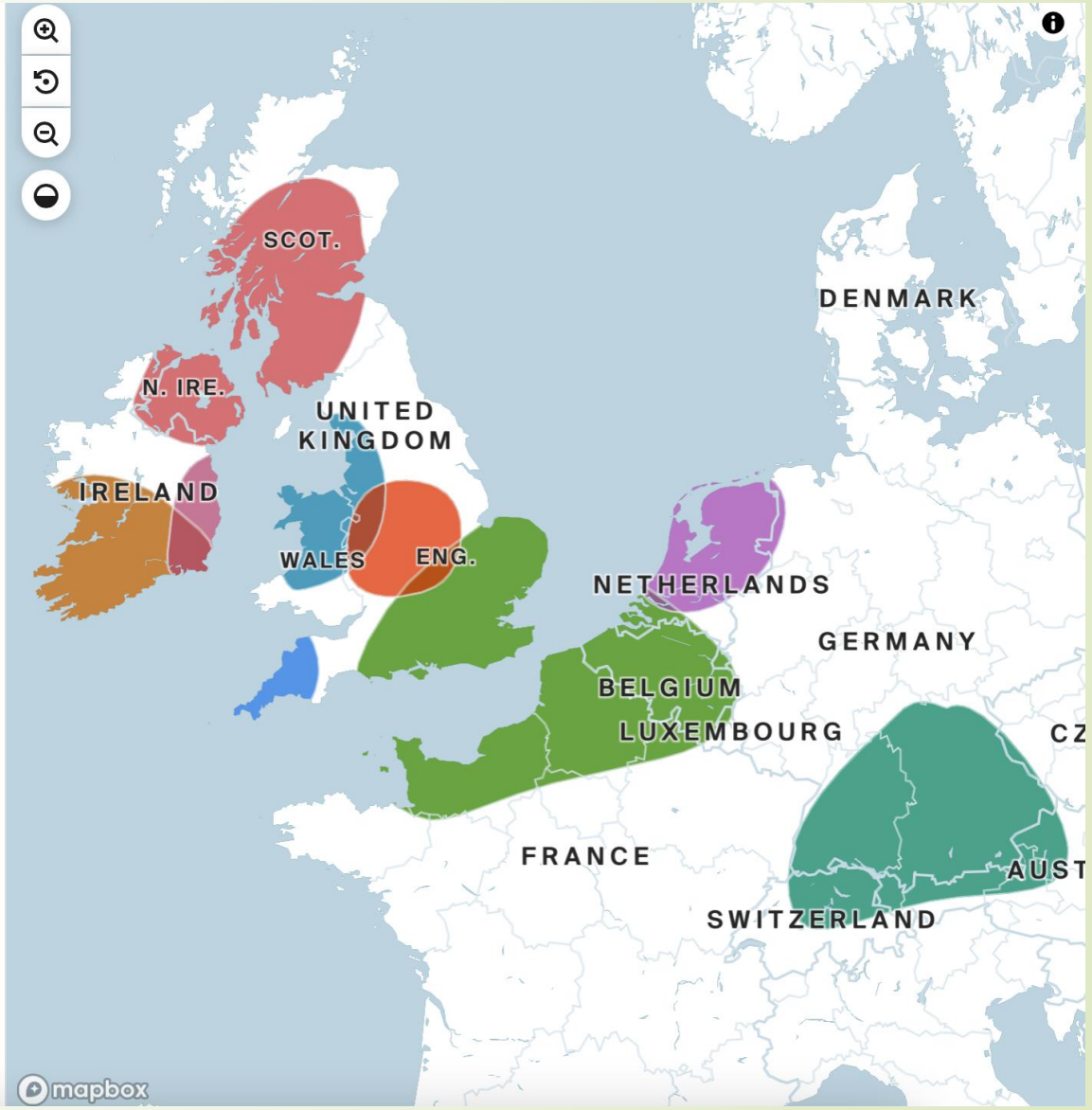
Southeastern England & Northwestern Europe	40%
West Midlands	6%
Cornwall	4%

Celtic & Gaelic

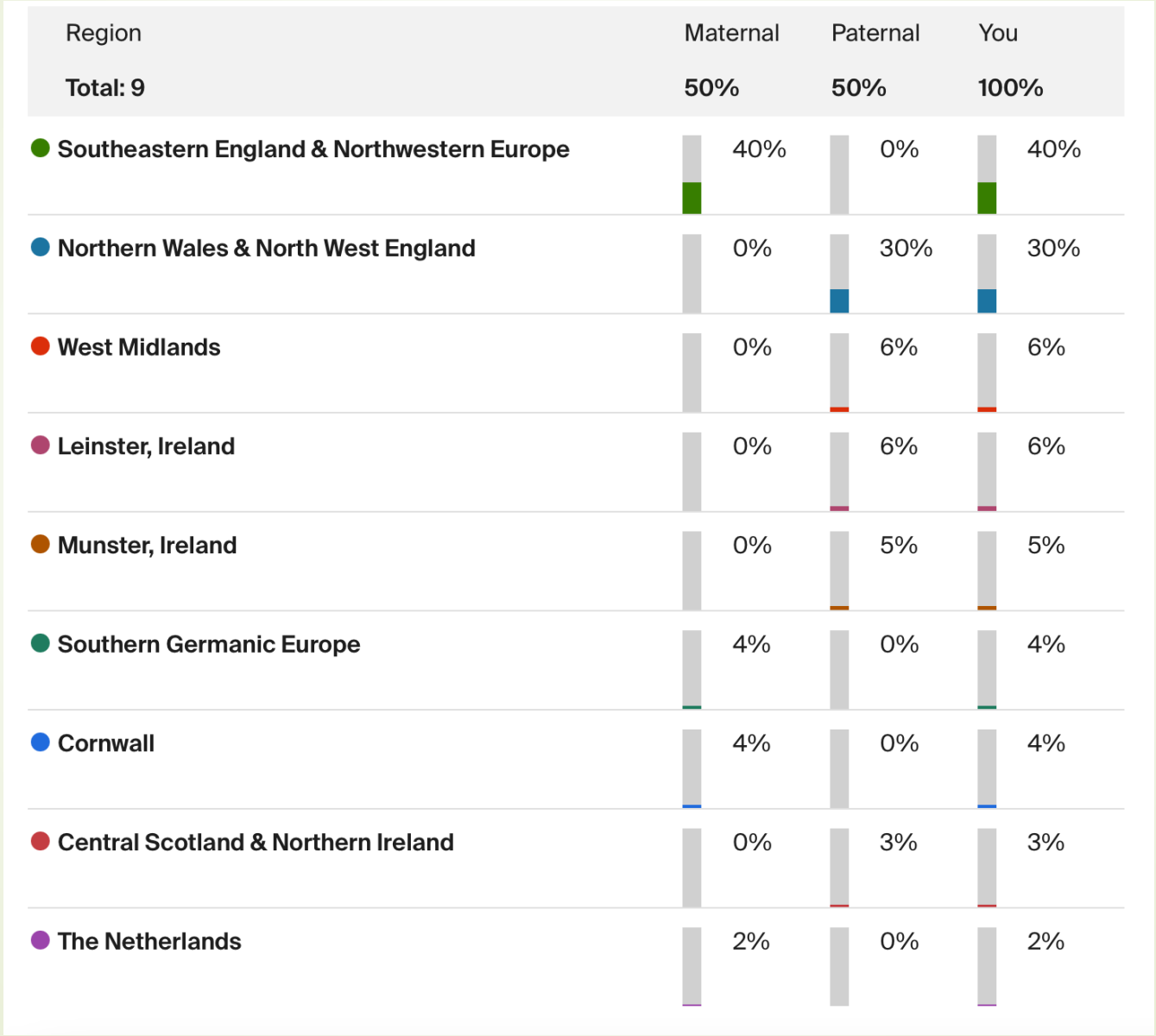
Northern Wales & North West England	30%
Leinster, Ireland	6%
Munster, Ireland	5%
Central Scotland & Northern Ireland	3%

Western Europe

Southern Germanic Europe	4%
The Netherlands	2%



Ancestry DNA

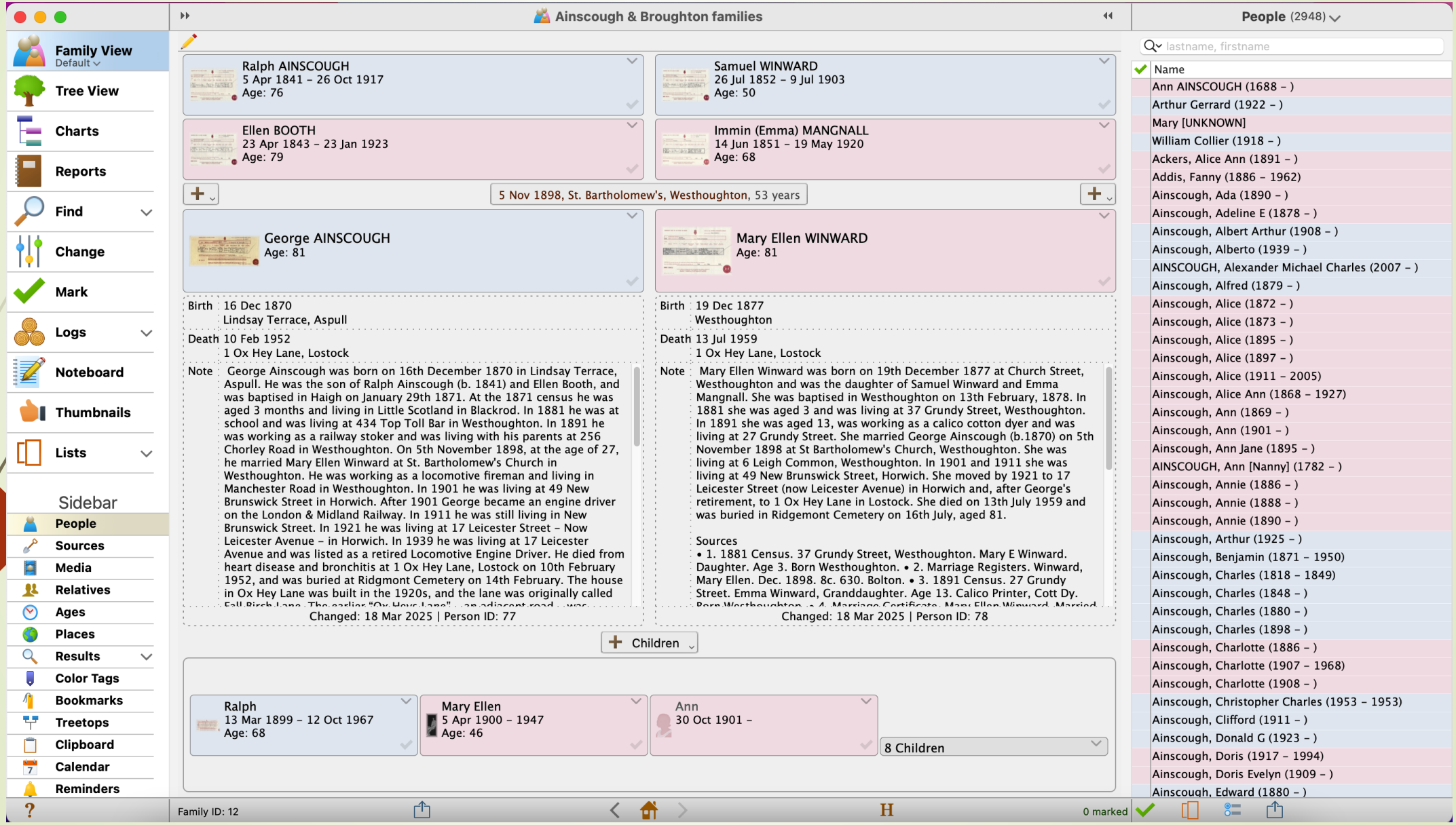


Region	Maternal	Paternal	You
Total: 9	**50%**	**50%**	**100%**
Southeastern England & Northwestern Europe	40%	0%	40%
Northern Wales & North West England	0%	30%	30%
West Midlands	0%	6%	6%
Leinster, Ireland	0%	6%	6%
Munster, Ireland	0%	5%	5%
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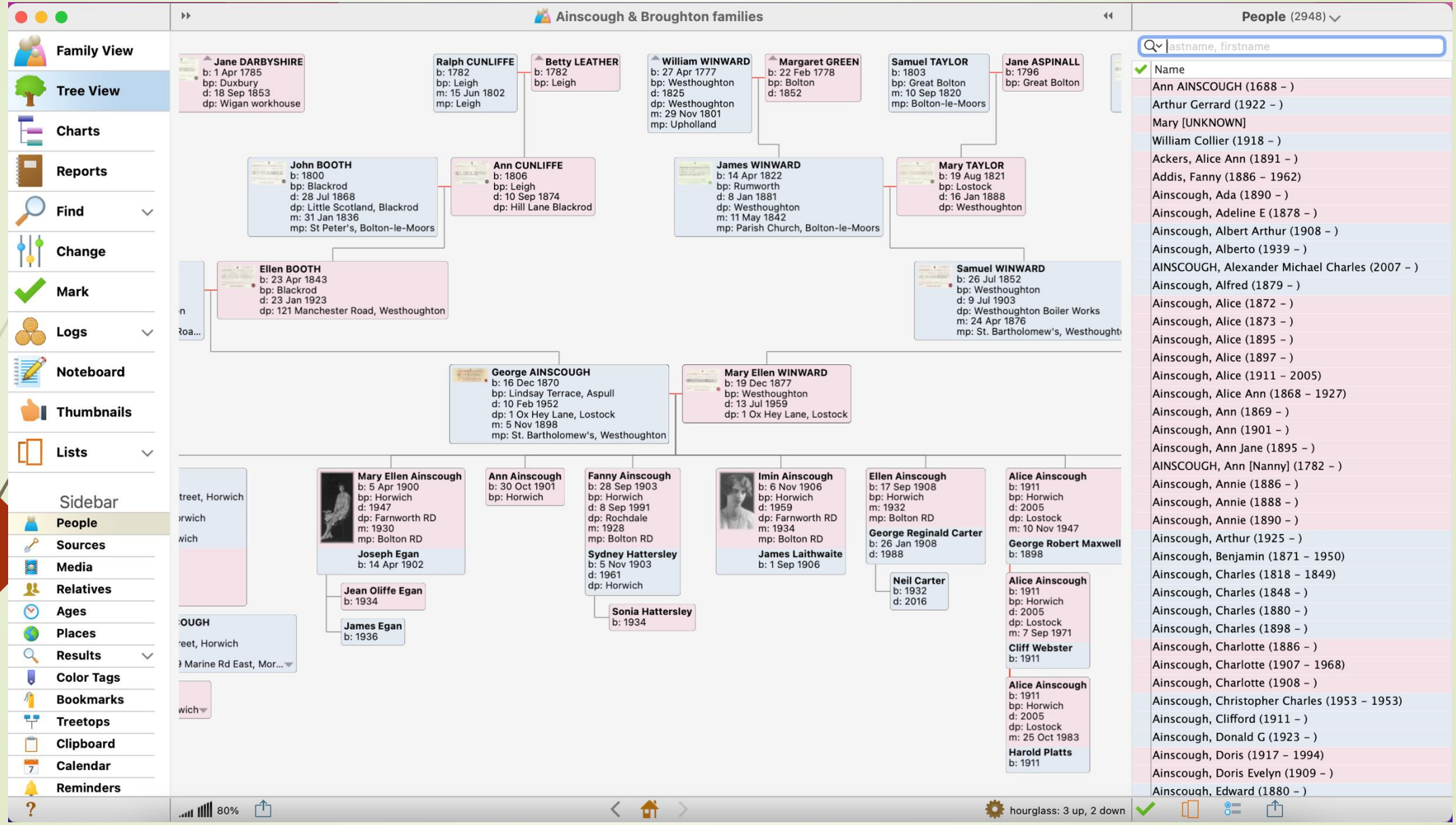
Data storage programs

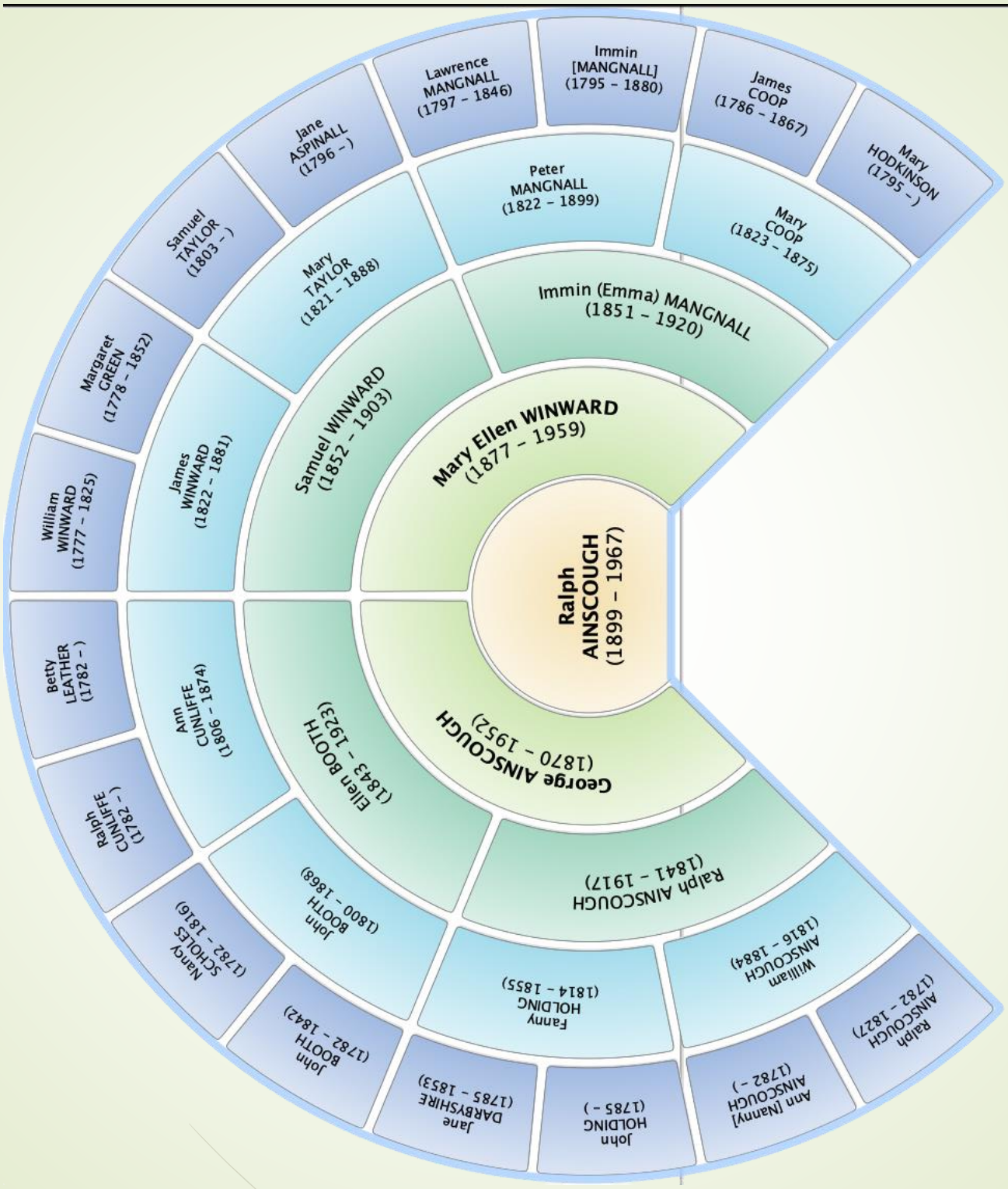
- Reunion
- Family Tree Maker: synchronises with Ancestry
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Data storage programs - Reunion



Data storage programs - Reunion




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Mary Ellen WINWARD (1877 – 1959)
George AINSCOUGH (1870 – 1952)
Samuel WINWARD (1852 – 1903)
Ellen BOOTH (1843 – 1923)
Immin (Emma) MANGNALL (1851 – 1920)
Ralph AINSCOUGH (1841 – 1917)
James WINWARD (1822 – 1881)
Ann CUNLIFFE (1806 – 1874)
Mary TAYLOR (1821 – 1888)
Peter MANGNALL (1822 – 1899)
Mary COOP (1823 – 1875)
William WINWARD (1777 – 1825)
Margaret GREEN (1778 – 1852)
Betty LEATHER (1782 –)
Ralph CUNLIFFE (1782 –)
Samuel TAYLOR (1803 –)
Jane ASPINALL (1796 –)
Lawrence MANGNALL (1797 – 1846)
Immin [MANGNALL] (1795 – 1880)
James COOP (1786 – 1867)
Mary HODKINSON (1795 –)
Nancy SCHOLES (1782 – 1816)
John BOOTH (1800 – 1868)
John BOOTH (1782 – 1842)
Jane DARBYSHIRE (1785 – 1853)
Fanny HOLDING (1814 – 1855)
William AINSCOUGH (1816 – 1884)
John HOLDING (1785 –)
Ann [Nanny] AINSCOUGH (1782 –)
Ralph AINSCOUGH (1782 – 1827)