



USING GENEALOGICAL TECHNOLOGY
TO IMPROVE AND DEEPEN RESEARCH
A RESEARCHER'S WISH LIST

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ADDING INSTRUCTIONAL TO EXP

Research

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To launch your genealogy journey, start with curiosity and a willingness to learn.

1

Decide

Focus on what you want to discover. Start with yourself and work backwards. Work from the known to the unknown.



2

Explore

Explore what's close at hand. Talk to family members. Flip through family photo albums. Read old letters and diaries. Use stories and interviews as clues, but back them up with solid research.



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Organize & Share

Capture what you find in pedigree charts and family group sheets. Use downloadable paper forms, an online tree, or genealogy software. Whatever works best for you. Share your research and collaborate with others online.



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Begin Again

Start again from the beginning and search for someone or something new. Finding one person leads to a critical question: Who are their parents? Explore new locations and time periods.



Research in
1780s Sweden

Research in
1820s New Jersey

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Research in
1930s Georgia

Research in
1850s Scotland

Research in
1890s Germany



The background features a dynamic, abstract design with flowing, wavy bands of color. The top band is a vibrant red that transitions into a bright yellow. Below this, there are more complex, layered waves in shades of red, orange, and yellow, creating a sense of movement and depth. The overall aesthetic is clean and modern, with a focus on organic, fluid shapes.

PROBLEM SOLVING AND COLLABORATION



FROM RECORD HINTS
TO RESEARCH HINTS



EXAMPLE

Nineteenth-century Britain



James Horn

14 June 1835 – 1893 • 9NK7-DQG

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*“Other Information” and
“Sources” included
1871 & 1891 censuses*

He will also be in the 1841, 1851, 1881 censuses

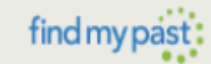
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[Jas Horn](#)
England and Wales Census, 1861

[Possible Missing Child](#)

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James Horn

BIRTH ABT 1835 • Bozeat, Northamptonshire, England

DEATH OCTOBER 1893 • Northampton, Northamptonshire

LifeStory **Facts** Gallery

Facts

Show ▾

Name and gender ▾

1835
(AGE)

Birth

Abt 1835 • Bozeat, Northamptonshire, England
9 Sources

1835

Baptism

14 Jun 1835 • Boughton near Northampton, Northampton, England
5 Sources

1838
3

Birth of Sister Winefred Horn (1838-)

Abt 1838 • Bozeat, Northamptonshire, England

1851
16

Residence

1851 • Bozeat, Northamptonshire, England

Relationship: Son
1 Source

1855
20

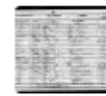
Marriage

17 Jun 1855 • Northampton, St Edmund, Northamptonshire, England

 **Emma Kilby Handley**
(1840-)
1 Source

Sources

Ancestry Sources



1851 England Census



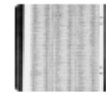
1861 England Census



1871 England Census



1891 England Census



England & Wales, FreeBMD
Death Index: 1837-1915



England, Select Births and
Christenings, 1538-1975



England, Select Births and
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Family

Parents



Joseph Horne
1802-



Winifred Partridge
1804-1867

Siblings ▾

Spouse & Children



Emma Kilby Handley
1840-



Joseph Horn
1856-



Alfred Horn
1861-



Ann Horn
1863-



John Horn
1869-

Missing the 1841 and 1881 censuses



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Research hint:

James Horn should appear in additional census records.

Try searching the 1841, 1851, and 1881 censuses.

Expanded research hint:

To learn more about census record content and coverage, see [[hyperlink to UK National Archives, FamilySearch Wiki, or similar](#)].



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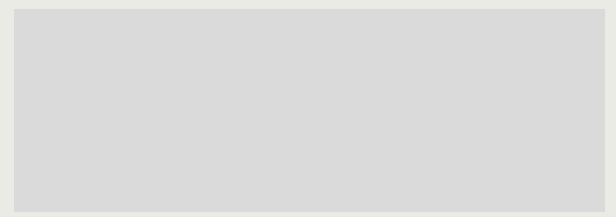
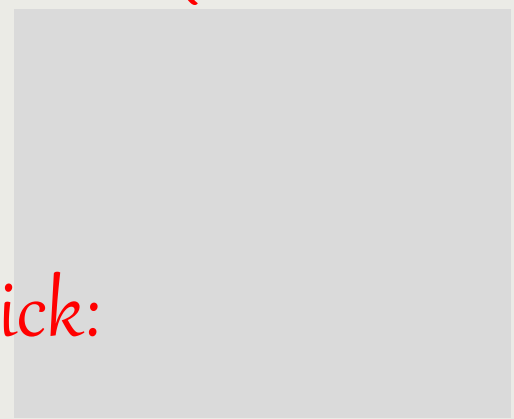
Research hint:

In addition to census records, James's marriage and death records will appear in civil registration (vital record) indexes.

To learn more about civil registration click:

- Coverage and content
- Search strategies
- Accessing the records

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Research hint:

If James belonged to the Church of England (the state church most people belonged to) his baptism, marriage, and burial should appear [indexes/digital collections](#).

To learn more about Church of England records click [here](#).

Note:

If James does not appear in C of E records, he might have been a Nonconformist. To learn more about the records and online indexes, click [here](#).

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LAYERED LEARNING

Example:

Marriage records vs.

marriage bonds and allegations or banns

The background features several flowing, wavy ribbons in shades of red and yellow. The ribbons are layered, with some appearing more prominent than others, creating a sense of depth and movement. The colors transition from deep red to bright yellow, with some areas showing a gradient. The overall effect is dynamic and vibrant.

WHAT IF THERE ARE NO EASY HINTS OR
RESEARCH ANSWERS?

The background features several flowing, wavy ribbons in shades of red and yellow, creating a dynamic and abstract visual effect. The ribbons appear to be layered and have a slight gradient, giving them a three-dimensional feel. The overall composition is clean and modern, with the text centered in the white space.

FROM RESEARCH HINTS TO ANALYSIS HINTS



FOR EXAMPLE, WHAT IF SEARCHING
CHURCH RECORDS FOR JAMES HORN
REVEALED TWO POSSIBLE MATCHES?

WHICH JAMES HORN?

- Born 1835
- Bozeat, Northants
- Father: Jos. or Jas?
- Mother: Winifred

- Born 1835
- Bozeat, Northants
- Father: Joseph
- Mother: Winnie or Minnie?

Analysis Hint

- Which one of these is the best match for *all* the census info you've discovered so far?
- Are the parents' names a match?
- Is the father's occupation a match?
- Is the residence a match?
- In other words, analysis hints to teach users to notice details in each record beyond name, date, and relationship.
- Additional hints could ask similar questions about whether it matches other records' details



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