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Births, Deaths and Marriages, England and Wales

Registrar General's Indexes from 1837 – 2003 (microfiche)

Ancestry, Find My Past and the British Newspaper Archive are all available for free through the public computers

Census returns

1841 - 1901 Westmorland on fiche

1981 - 1911 Ancestry, Find My Past and the British Newspaper Archive are all available for free through the public computers

International genealogical index (IGI)

1992 edition for England, Wales and Scotland on microfiche. Ancestry, Find My Past and the British Newspaper Archive are all available for free through the public computers

Parish Registers

Microfilm copies of parish registers relating to the historic County of Westmorland, and also for Sedbergh and Dent district formerly in the West Riding of Yorkshire and for the Cartmel District formerly Lancashire North of the Sands. Some transcripts and published sources

Directories

County and regional directories from 1829 – 1938. Kendal and neighbourhood directories for 1953, 1963, 1965, 1974

Unpublished indexes

A large proportion of the books are not included in the online catalogue but are listed in an unpublished catalogue within the library.

Card index for ephemeral files and photographs

Maps

Large selection of Ordnance Survey maps from 1^{st} edition, including county series 6'' and 25'' to 1 mile through to modern day on various scales

Additionally, there is a small collection of pre-OS county maps dating back to early 18th century.

Photographs

Large collection of photographs from mid 19th century to modern day. Notable collections include Geoffrey Berry Photograph Archive, works of Moses Bowness, Joseph Hardman, postcards and personal scrapbooks. There is an extensive collection available online at www.cumbriaimagebank.org.uk

Newspapers

Microfilmed copies of local newspapers.

For holdings see http://www.cumbria.gov.uk/libraries/localstudies/newspaper.asp

Journals

Transactions of the Cumberland and Westmorland Antiquarian and Archaeological Society. Collection of newsletters published by local societies and interest groups.

Ephemeral collection

Several thousand items such as handbills, posters, pamphlets, annual reports, newspaper cuttings, and other printed material.