

## How should History Influence our search for our Ancestors? Some of the websites:

### Wars:

<http://www.cwgc.org> – Commonwealth War Graves Commission, soldiers who died in WW1 and WW2

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-448446/The-wives-went-war.html#ixzz1rNzrwiaE> – Women in the Boar War

<http://www.roll-of-honour.com/Databases/BoerDetailed/index.html> - Boar War roll of honour

<http://www.scarletfinders.co.uk/168.html> - UK home hospitals WW1

<http://www.scarletfinders.co.uk/112.html> - Hospitals around the world WW2

<http://www.1914-1918.net/> - The long, long, trail – WW1 information, great read.

### Plagues & Diseases

<http://genealogical-gleanings.com/Plagues.htm> - Plagues and Diseases

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\\_of\\_epidemics](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_epidemics) - List of worldwide epidemics

### Emigration

<http://www.findmypast.co.uk> – Pay Site, Census, BMD's, Migration, Military Records, etc.

<http://www.ancestry.co.uk/home/lo/index?version=a> Pay Site, Census, BMD's, Migration, Military Records, etc.

<http://www.slq.qld.gov.au/info/fh/convicts> - Free site for convicts transported to Australia, new April 2012. Ancestry also has convict records.

<http://www.theshipslist.com/Research/canadarecords.shtml> - the Ship's List, lots of links & info.

<http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/022/022-908-e.html> – National Archives of Canada, Immigration and passenger lists.

### General

[http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/interactive/timelines/british/index\\_embed.shtml](http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/interactive/timelines/british/index_embed.shtml) - BBC History site

[http://www.neighbourhood.statistics.gov.uk/HTMLDocs/dvc13/census1911\\_2001.html](http://www.neighbourhood.statistics.gov.uk/HTMLDocs/dvc13/census1911_2001.html) - Population Statistics 1911 – 2001

<http://www.lostcousins.com> – finding relatives and wonderful newsletter!

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## WW1 Records

- Many WW1 records were destroyed in WW2 during the Blitz on London
- Ancestry, Genes Reunited, Findmypast, National Archives etc. all have WW1 records
- The Long Long Trail has link and information for WW1 records
- Dozens of websites have information regarding individual regiments – just Google WW1
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission gives information about those who perished in WW1 and WW2

## Plagues – general population

- Bubonic Plague (Black Death)
- Smallpox
- Cholera
- Malaria
- Typhus (Typhoid)
- Influenza
- Spanish Flu
- T.B. (Consumption)
- And I'm sure many others!



## Why were wars important?

- Possible explanation for the “disappearance” of relatives between census's
- Explain why some of our ancestors didn't talk about their early life experiences
- Created many widows and orphans left behind to fend for themselves
- Led to many inventions and new technologies that we take for granted nowadays

## Emigration – Why did your ancestors Emigrate?

- Population Growth
- Agricultural Changes
- Crop Failure
- Industrial Revolution
- Religious / Political
- Better prospects



## Why did so many babies die?

- Poor sanitary conditions
- Poverty
- Wet nursing (privileged)
- Childhood Diseases
- Illegitimacy
- Orphans
- Foundlings

