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The Center for Family History and Genealogy at Brigham Young University is an academic research center that provides quality online research and resources for public use at no cost. Below are brief descriptions and links to videos and handouts for more detailed information about several of our current projects.



Immigrant Ancestors Project

The Immigrant Ancestors Project contains index entries for almost a million records of emigrants from France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Netherlands, Belgium, Luxembourg, Portugal, Spain, and the United Kingdom.

Website: <http://immigrants.byu.edu>

Video: https://youtu.be/Q_LnZUBbMMo

Handout: Immigrant Ancestors Project

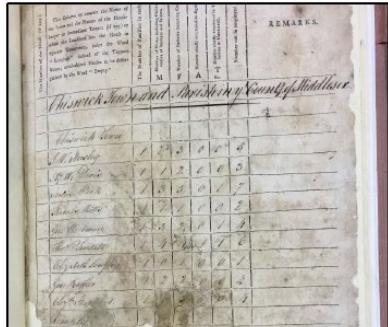
Early British Census Project

This project compiles the numerous surviving census returns from 1801 to 1840 from Britain and Ireland into one searchable database. As of December 2021, the database comprises nearly 175 parish returns containing information for over 60,000 households and 70,000 individuals.

Website: <http://ebc.byu.edu/>

Video: <https://youtu.be/IJ-IDTAjE7c>

Handout: Early British Census Project



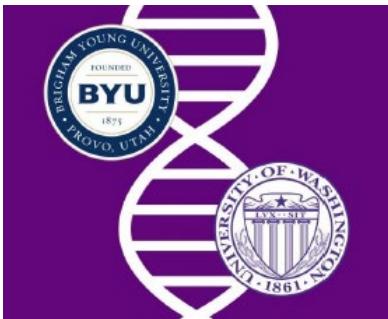
Linking Families for Cancer Prevention

The purpose of the ConnectMyVariant public health initiative is to identify individuals who have a higher risk of hereditary forms of cancer and provide them with resources for cancer prevention. People with the same cancer-risk variant often share a specific common ancestor. The Center is working with the University of Washington to identify the common ancestors for participants, which allows them to inform extended family about potential risks.

Website: <https://cfhg.byu.edu/linking-families>

Video: <https://youtu.be/0RUQ3jad36s>

Handout: [Linking Families for Cancer Prevention](#)



Nauvoo Community Project



BYU student research on residents of the community of Nauvoo assists descendants with genealogical research, as well as assisting historians of frontier towns in learning more about westward migration and life in frontier societies.

Website: <http://nauvoo.byu.edu/>

Video: <https://youtu.be/-znlUT43n8>

Handout: [Nauvoo Community Project](#)

The Script Tutorial



The Center has developed the Script Tutorials, which offer guidance in deciphering documents written in handwriting styles or alphabets no longer in general use. Most of the tutorial explanations are also available in the native languages.

Website: <https://script.byu.edu/>

Video: <https://youtu.be/ZGygrYx8DC0>

Handout: [Script Tutorial](#)

Repatriation Project



The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency's mission is to account for all missing soldiers, and where possible, return their remains to their families. Over 81,000 soldiers remain missing from our country's wars back to World War II. Students at the Center use traditional and genetic genealogical research to assist in identifying the soldiers' living next of kin and potential DNA donors to assist in identifying remains. This provides a meaningful service to our country's military families.

Website: <https://www.dpaa.mil/>

Video: https://youtu.be/aW1yCNaXn_0

Handout: [BYU Repatriation DPAA Project](#)