

Tracing your Relatives' Involvement in the First World War

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There are a number of organisations in Wales who can help you discover more about your relatives' involvement.

Museums, Archives and Libraries

Local museums, archives and libraries can help trace relatives who were involved in the war. Archives often work with local and family history societies to organise local genealogical data and may have access to records of births, marriages and deaths. Museums may hold information and items within their collections that relate to the involvement of local people in the First World War.

A map showing libraries in Wales is available on the Welsh Libraries website:

www.librarywales.org/your-library

Libraries and archives may also provide free access to online sources of military records that are normally charged for, such as

www.ancestry.com

www.findmypast.co.uk

www.genesreunited.com

These sites offer access to a variety of genealogical databases and military records, such as regimental registers, records of death, casualties, pensions and prisoners of war, and awards of medals for bravery or punishments for misconduct.

More information on museums and archives in Wales can be found on the following sites:

www.wales.gov.uk/cymal

www.welshmuseumsfederation.org

www.archiveswales.org.uk

Memorials and Cemeteries

Information about those who died in the war is also provided by memorials and cemeteries, both in the United Kingdom and overseas.

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission www.cwgc.org which looks after war cemeteries and memorials in over 150 countries, provides an online database of the war dead in cemeteries world-wide and makes it possible to trace the burial place of well over a million servicemen and women.

A database of memorials in the United Kingdom, the War Memorials Archive, www.ukniwm.org.uk is maintained by Imperial War Museums. Within the United Kingdom it is believed that there are over 100,000 war memorials, all in need of care and maintenance.

The War Memorials Trust, www.war memorials.org works to protect and conserve these memorials and can award grants to people to care for existing war memorials.

Digitisation Projects

The National Library of Wales is undertaking a mass digitisation of original documents to reveal the Welsh experience of the First World War www.cymru1914.org

Content includes archival and printed materials such as the newspapers of the period, sound recordings, journals, photographs, archives and manuscripts.

The original items come from private and public collections including those at BBC Wales, the National Library of Wales, Welsh Universities and Welsh museums and archives.

Wales Remembers Website

Many organisations are arranging special projects and events throughout the Commemoration period, check the projects and events pages of our website to find out what is happening in your area:

www.walesremembers.org



Social Media Channels

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Keep up to date with what's happening in Wales throughout the four year commemoration period and join in the conversation to let us know how you are getting involved.