

"Uncle Bill"
Sir William Strath, India, date unknown.
Brown family collection

*Finding
great-uncle Bill...*

*an overview of
British India records*

not just any family ...
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Who am I ?

Karen de Bruyne

(born **Brown**)

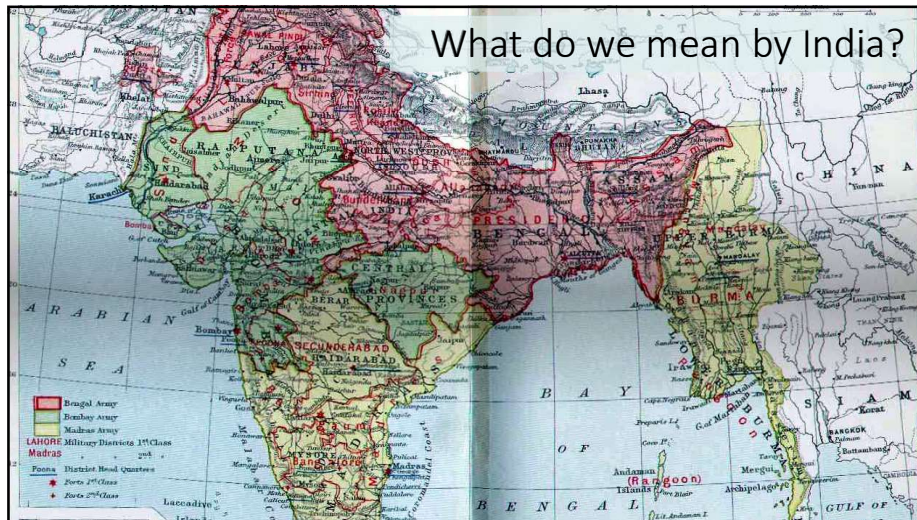


(not Kevin's mum or Aunt)

should be **Bruijn!**



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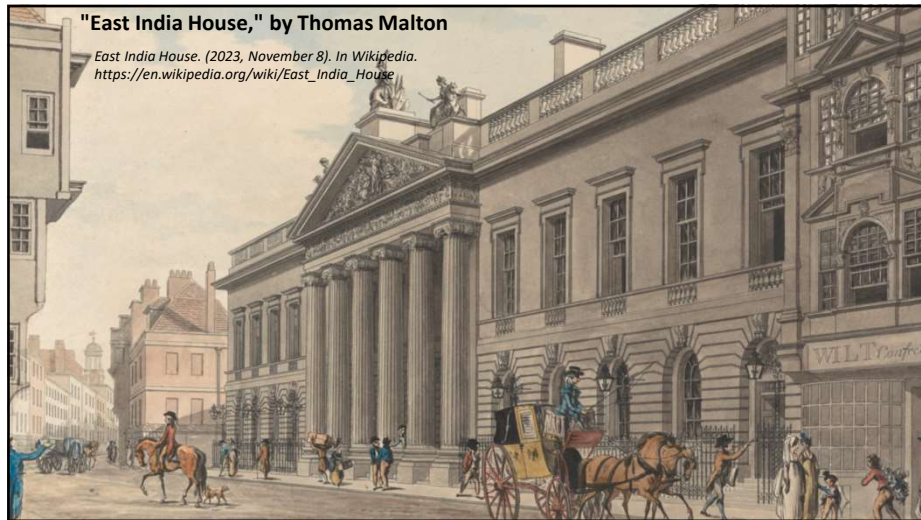
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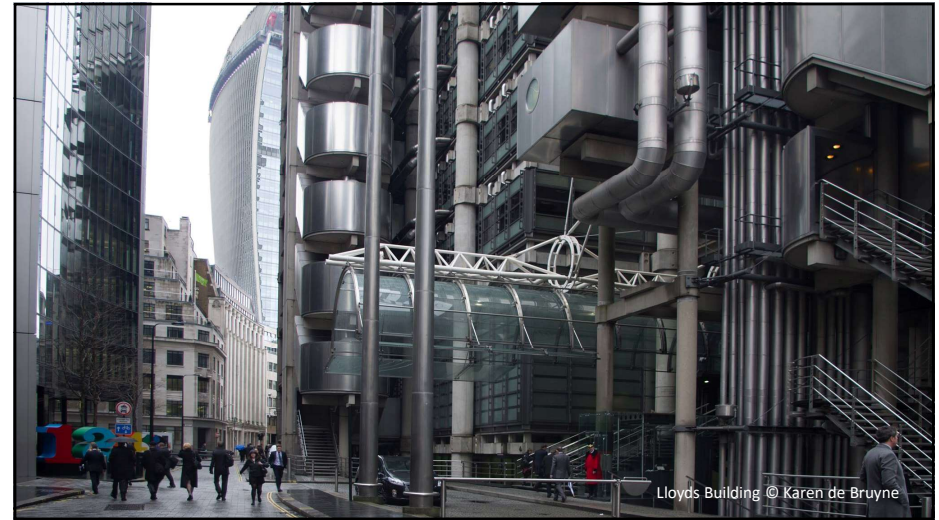


"The Honourable East India Company"

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The death of Colonel Moorhouse, Madras Artillery, at the storming of Bangalore, 7 March 1791
Oil on canvas by Robert Home (1752-1834), 1793.

Presidencies: Bombay Madras Calcutta (Bengal)

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How do you discover an India connection? CENSUS

Page 4] The undermentioned Houses are situate within the Boundaries of the

Civil Parish (or Township) of	Municipal Ward of	Parliamentary Borough of	Town or Village or Hamlet of	Urban Sanitary District of	Rural Sanitary District of	Locality
Warrington		Warrington				

No. of Person	ROAD, STREET and No. or NAME	NAME and Surname of Person	Rank, Profession, or OCCUPATION	WHERE BORN
20	16	Madam Rundhir	Princess	India 1838
		Melina R. S. S.	Princess	India 1838
		Melina R. S. S.		
		Melina R. S. S.		
		Melina R. S. S.		

1881 census from ancestry.co.uk

Melvina Rundhir SINGH
1860-1919

Spouse & Children ^
Arthur S GILBERT

Theodore R HODGES
1807-1858

Henrietta M HODGES
1831-1893

Nathaniel HODGES Capt.
1783-

Their great grandfather Captain Nathaniel Hodges was born in Rotherhithe!

Melvina Rundhir SINGH
Born abt. 1860 Kapurthala, India
aunt of husband of sister-in-law of brother-in-law of 1st cousin 2x removed

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ROAD, STREET, &c., and No. or NAME of HOUSE.	NAME and Surname of each Person.	RELATION	CONDITION	AGE	OCCUPATION.	WHERE BORN.
Nisbet House	Margaret J. Brown.				Private Means	Roxburghshire Kelso
	Elizabeth W. Cameron				do.	Edinburghshire Herriot
	Amelia N. do.				do.	Berwickshire Duns
	Lawrence C. Brown				an Merchant	Penang S.S. Brit. Sub.
	Henrietta C. do.				Merchant's Wife	do. do.
	Edith M. do.				do.	do. do.
	Lawrence F. do.				do.	do. do.
	Henrietta M. do.				do.	Berwickshire Whitson
	Elizabeth C. do.				do.	Penang S.S. Brit. Sub.
	Madeline M. do.				do.	do. do.
	Mary S. Northington				do.	do. do.
1891 census from ScotlandPeople.gov.uk						
Penang SS Brit Sub						
<div>WHERE BORN.</div> <div>Roxburghshire Kelso</div> <div>Edinburghshire Herriot</div> <div>Berwickshire Duns</div> <div>Penang S.S. Brit. Sub.</div> <div>do. do.</div> <div>do. do.</div> <div>Berwickshire Whitson</div> <div>Penang S.S. Brit. Sub.</div> <div>England</div> <div>do.</div>						
so, Scotland y, Scotland nd						

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3rd great-grandfather of husband newspapers

Captain James TAIT
born Jul 1769 Langrigg, Whitsome, Berwickshire, Scotland
died 16th May 1847 Edenside House, Kelso, Roxburghshire, Scotland

**27th ult. at Dunse, James Tait, esq. late of
Prince of Wales Island, to Margaret, eldest daughter of the
John Turnbull, esq. of Abbey St Bathams—**

"27th ult. at Dunse, James Tait, esq. late of
Prince of Wales Island, to Margaret, eldest daughter of the
...John Turnbull, esq. of Abbey St Bathams —"

Tuesday 11 July 1815, Tyne Mercury; Northumberland and Durham and Cumberland
Gazette, Northumberland, England, page: 3
britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk

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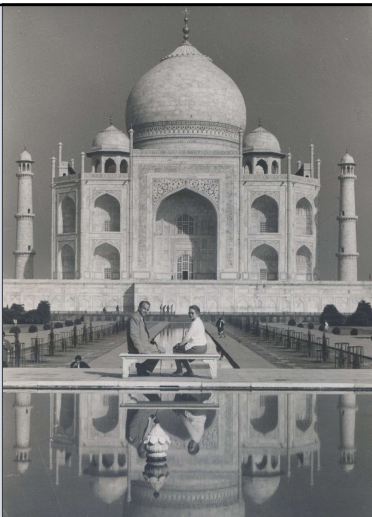
Missing from records in Britain
for a period of time.....

May not have been born, married or died
in India!

Just passing through...for work?

Look in India !

Sir William and Lady Strath.
Agra, India. date unknown.
Brown family collection



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THE BASICS

Birth, Marriage and Death records

No Birth Marriage or Death Registration

except those registered as

"British Armed Forces and Overseas"

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"British Armed Forces and Overseas"

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All Record Sets

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overseas

5 record sets

Record Set	Category	Subcategory	No. of Records
British Armed Forces and Overseas Deaths and Burials	Birth, Marriage, Death & Parish Records	Civil Deaths & Burials	2,766,074
British Armed Forces and Overseas Births and Baptisms	Birth, Marriage, Death & Parish Records	Civil Births	1,964,588
British Armed Forces and Overseas Banns and Marriages	Birth, Marriage, Death & Parish Records	Civil Marriage & Divorce	462,700
British Armed Forces and Overseas Browse	Birth, Marriage, Death & Parish Records	Parish Registers	249,461
British Red Cross Register Of Overseas Volunteers 1914-1918	Military, Armed Forces & Conflict	Regimental & Service Records	17,479

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"British Armed Forces and Overseas"

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Card Catalogue

Searchable listing of all record collections

Title

Keyword(s)

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Title	Category
UK, Military Records of Baptisms, Confirmations, Marriages and Burials, 1813-1957	Birth, Marriage & Death, including Parish
UK, Registers of Births, Marriages and Deaths From British Consulates, 1810-1968	Birth, Marriage & Death, including Parish
UK, Registers of Births, Marriages and Deaths at Sea, 1844-1890	Birth, Marriage & Death, including Parish
UK, British Army and Navy Birth, Marriage and Death Records, 1730-1960	Birth, Marriage & Death, including Parish
UK, Foreign and Overseas Registers of British Subjects, 1628-1969	Birth, Marriage & Death, including Parish

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"British Armed Forces and Overseas"

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Collection Title

British Armed Forces and Overseas

Results (1)

Collection Title ↑

[United Kingdom, British Armed Forces and Overseas Vital Records, 1761-2005](#)

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"British Armed Forces and Overseas"

Discover your Ancestors

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Overseas BMDs

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BMD Registers

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Overseas Marine Deaths

United States Social Security Death Records

World War 1 Deaths

World War 2 Deaths

not on My Heritage (yet?)

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HM Passport Office
General Register Office
Official information on births, adoptions, marriages, civil partnerships and deaths in England and Wales

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First name(s)
Last name
Sex
Marriage year
Marriage place
Place type
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CERTIFIED COPY of an ENTRY OF MARRIAGE
KA 015312
Application Number 13975196/1

District of Consul - General at Bangkok

MARRIAGE solemnised at Bangkok

No.	When married	Name and surname	Age	Condition	Rank or profession	Residence at the time of marriage	Father's name and surname	Rank or profession of father
1	21st August 1915	Ernest Claude Robinson	33	Bachelor	Engine Driver Royal Railway Department	Bangkok	Henry Robinson (deceased)	Store-keeper
2	21st August 1915	Amey Yai	26	Spinster		Bangkok	Mai Thib (deceased)	Cultivator

Married in the British Consulate-General at Bangkok according to the PROVISED of the Foreign Marriage Act, 1892, by me,
[Signature] Ernest Claude Robinson in the presence of [Signature] Cecil Ross Simmons (G.S.) [Signature] J. Crosby
[Signature] Amey Yai (Signature of Amey Yai) [Signature] Lillian B. Williamson H.B.M. Acting Consul-General

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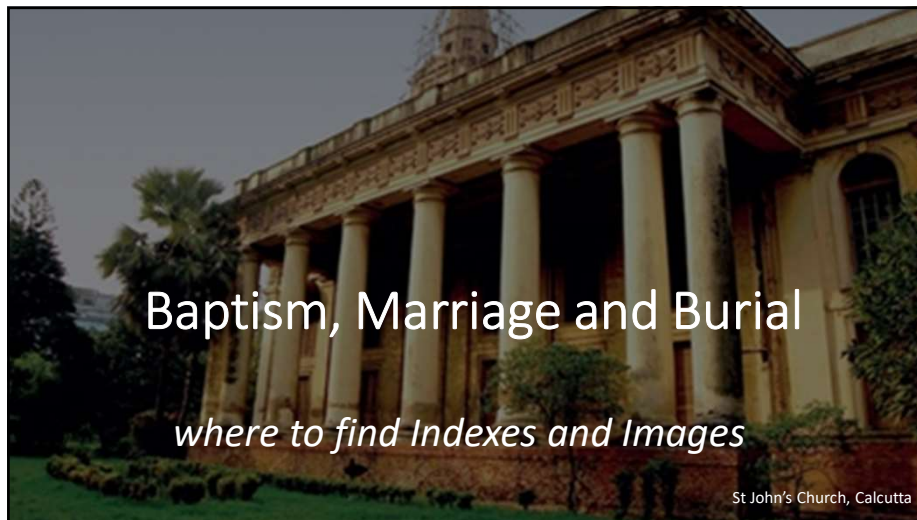
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Genealogy websites having British India records

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Title
Keyword(s)
India
Search

Filters
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Only records from the UK and Ireland

Results 1-25 of 33
Sort By Collection Title

Title	Category	Records
India, Select Births and Baptisms, 1786-1947	Birth, Marriage & Death, including Parish	1,984,388
India, Select Deaths and Burials, 1719-1948	Birth, Marriage & Death, including Parish	791,084
India, Select Marriages, 1792-1948	Birth, Marriage & Death, including Parish	632,516
East India Register and Directory for 1830	Stories, Memories & Histories	669
Global, Find a Grave® Index for Burials at Sea and other Select Burial Locations, 1300s-Current	Death, including Parish	0
Grant of Arms and Pedigree of the Family of Grose	Schools, Directories & Church Histories	9
The History of British India	Stories, Memories & Histories	705
India called them	Stories, Memories & Histories	437

Indexed only....

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MyHeritage Home Family tree Discoveries Photos DNA Research

Research > Collection Catalog

374 collections found for "india" Clear search

Sort by: Number of records

Collection	Last updated	Number of records
India, Births and Baptisms, 1786-1947 Birth Records	Dec 22 2013	8,081,908
India Deaths and Burials, 1719-1948 Death, Burial, Cemetery & Obituaries		3,924,641
India, Marriages, 1792-1948 Marriage & Divorce	Dec 22 2013	1,971,784

Asia
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USA

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TheGenealogist

Master Search

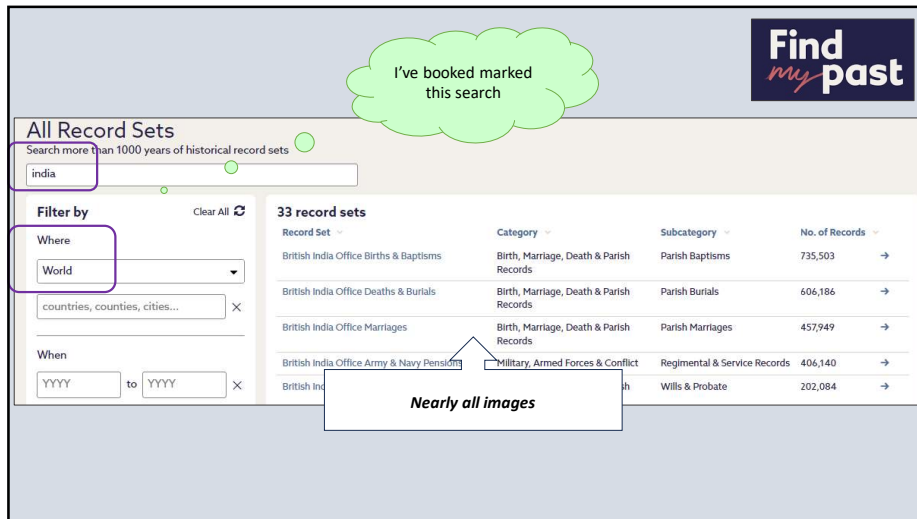
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Births & Baptisms (2)
Census (2)
Census Ireland (2)
Census US
Court & Criminal
Deaths & Burials
Education Records (159)
Immigration, Emigration & Travel (10)
Insolvents & Bankrupts (1)
International (318)

Landowner & Occupier (1)
Marriages
Military (402)
Miscellaneous
Newspapers & Magazines (12477)
Occupational (438)
Parish Record Books
Peerage, Gentry & Royalty (309)
Polls & Electoral Rolls
Reference Books
Trade, Residential & Telephone (1662)
Wills

**No B.M.D.....
(except overseas)**

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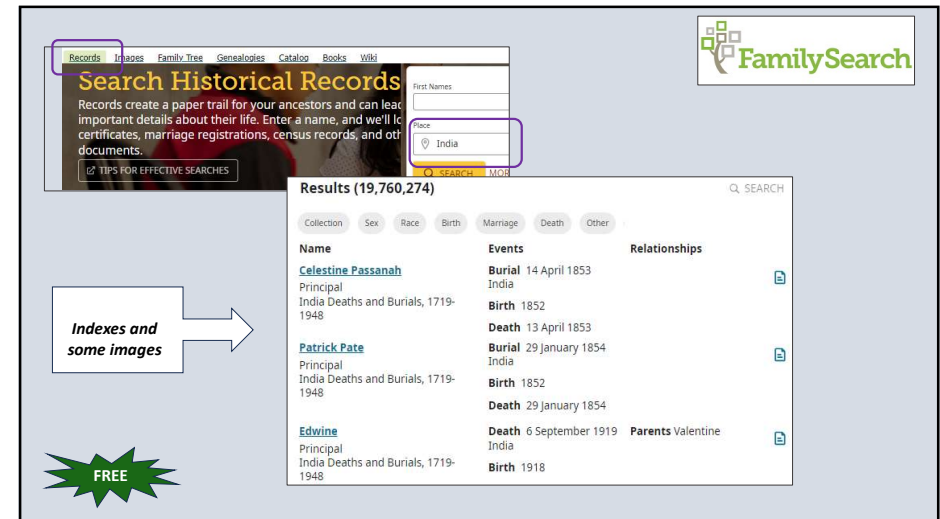
33 record sets

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British India Office Deaths & Burials	Birth, Marriage, Death & Parish Records	Parish Burials	606,186
British India Office Marriages	Birth, Marriage, Death & Parish Records	Parish Marriages	457,949
British India Office Army & Navy Pensions	Military, Armed Forces & Conflict	Regimental & Service Records	406,140
British India Office Wills & Probate	Wills & Probate	Wills & Probate	202,084

Nearly all images

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FamilySearch

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First Names
Last Names
Place
India

Results (19,760,274)

Name	Events	Relationships
Celestine Passanah Principal India Deaths and Burials, 1719-1948	Burial 14 April 1853 Birth 1852 Death 13 April 1853	
Patrick Pate Principal India Deaths and Burials, 1719-1948	Burial 29 January 1854 Birth 1852 Death 29 January 1854	
Edwine Principal India Deaths and Burials, 1719-1948	Death 6 September 1919 Birth 1918	Parents Valentine

Indexes and some images

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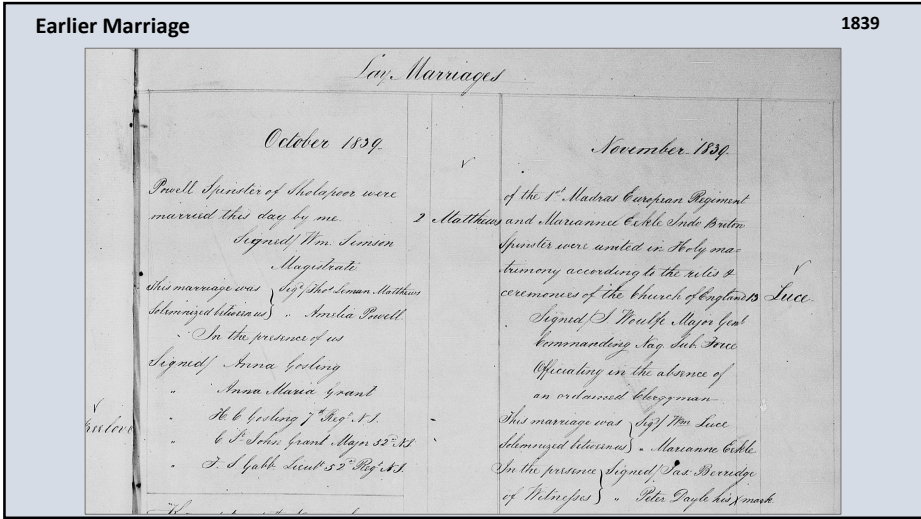
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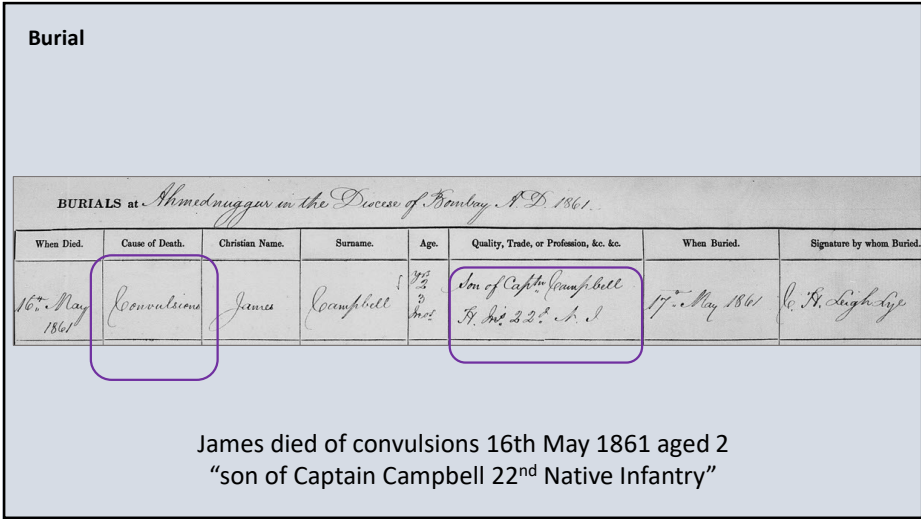
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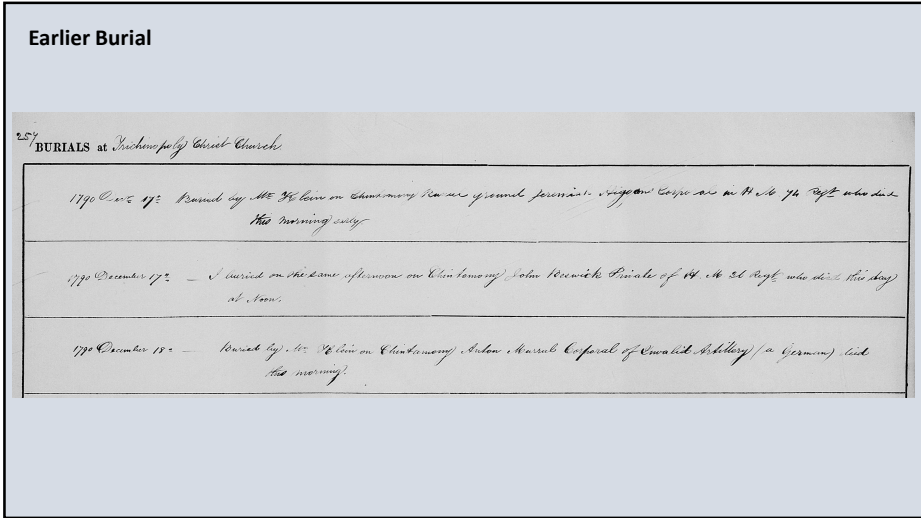
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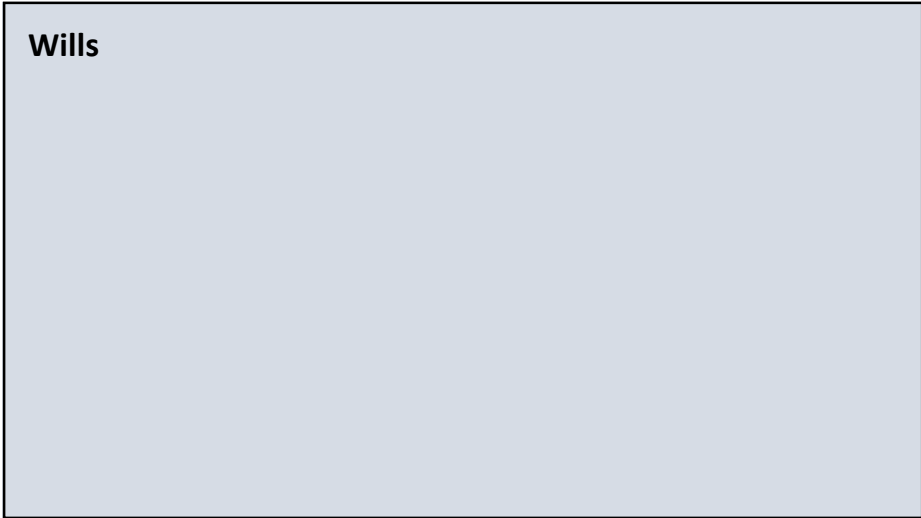
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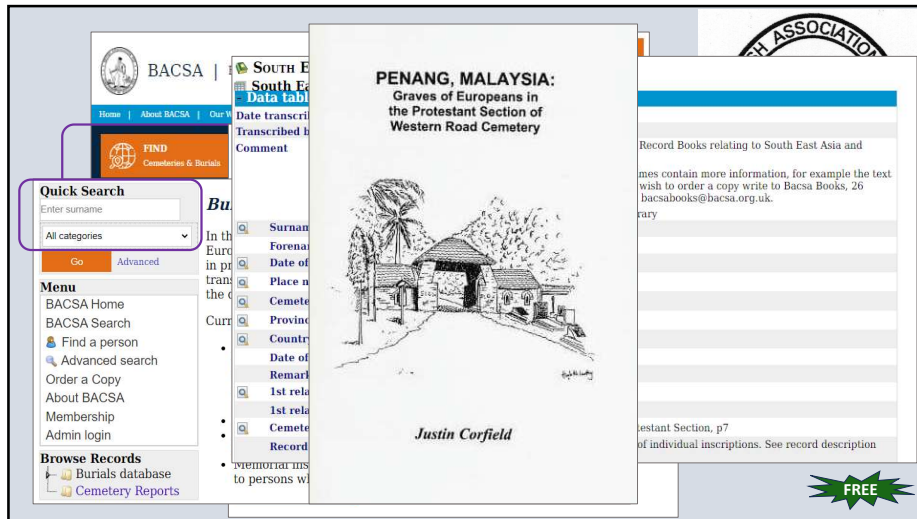
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Missing Images Baptism, Marriage and Burial



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James Neil Campbell in 1862

British India Office Births & Baptisms
Ahmedabad, Bombay

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First name(s)	James Neil	Father's last name	Campbell
Last name	Campbell	Mother's first name(s)	Sophia
Birth year	1862	Archive reference	N-3-36
Birth date	27 Mar 1862	Folio	87
Baptism year	1862	Catalogue descriptions	Parish register transcripts from the Presidency of Bombay, 1709-1948
Baptism date	21 Apr 1862	Record set	British India Office Births & Baptisms
Place	Ahmedabad	Category	Birth, Marriage, Death & Parish Records
Presidency	Bombay	Subcategory	Parish Baptisms
Father's first name(s)	James	Collections from	Great Britain, UK None

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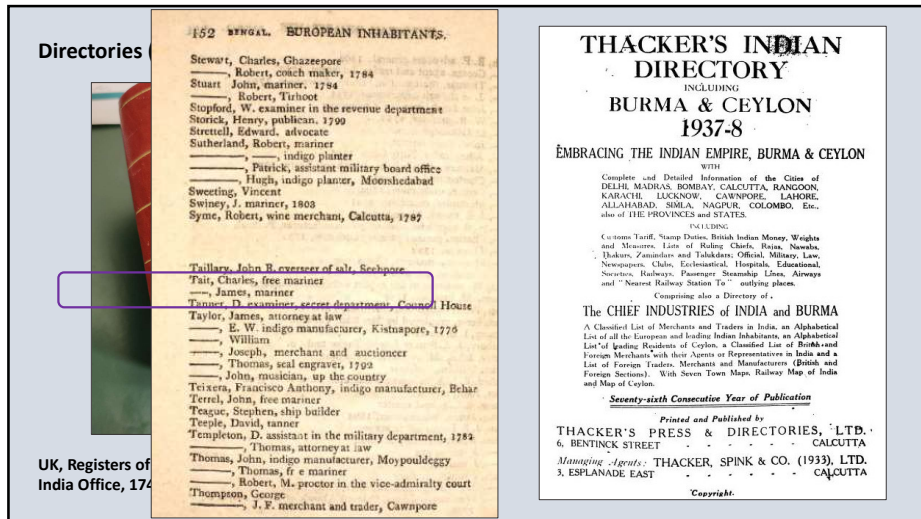
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Census

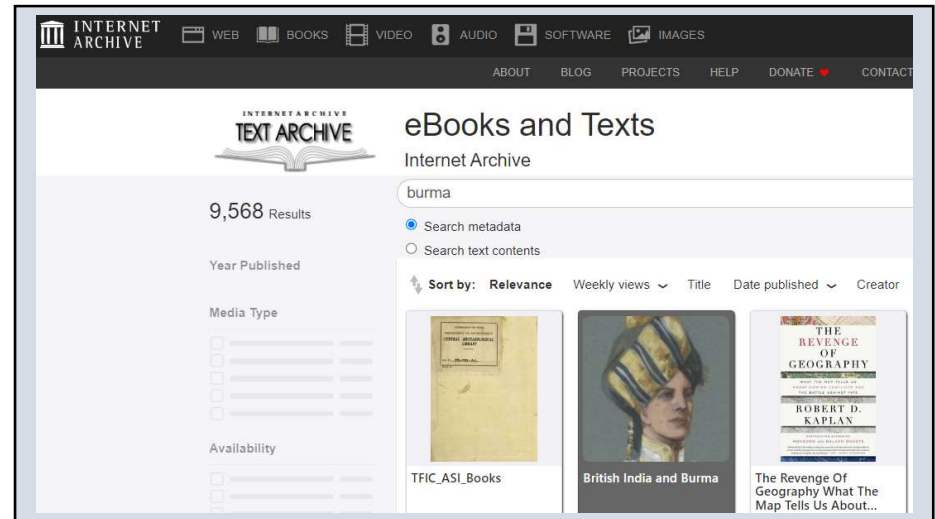
Official census are taken but historically not by name
too many people!

need to find substitutes.....

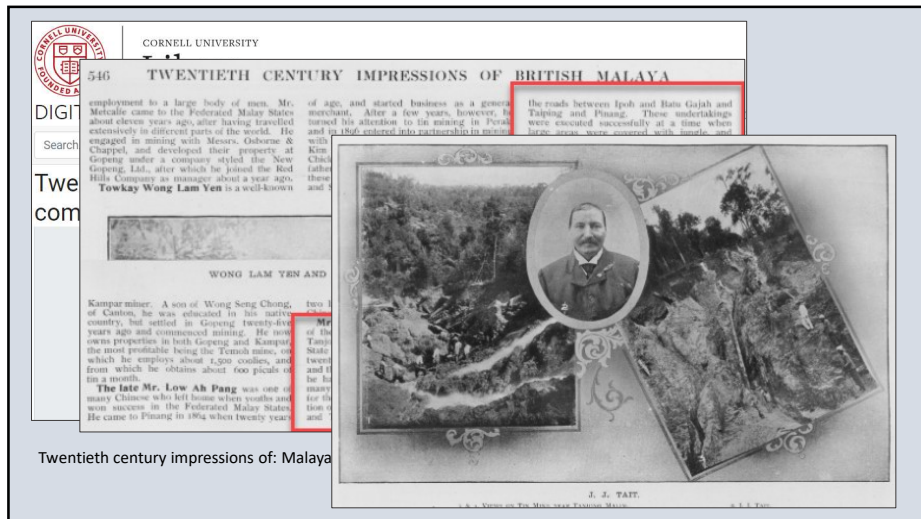
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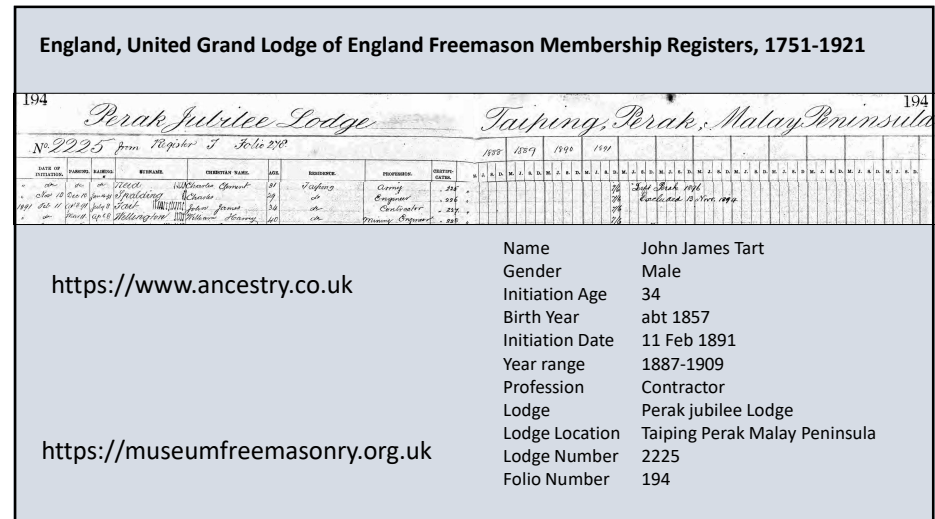
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Occupations

Military	Retail/Merchant
Government	River Pilot
East India Company (writer etc.)	Ship builder
Free mariner	Tanner
Indigo farmer/manufacturer	Attorney
Railways	Surveyor
Tea planter	Coachman
Doctor / Nurse	Teacher
	etc.....

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Travel

SHIP "ORMONDE" Port of Arrival SOUTHAMPTON Date of Arrival 8 JUN 1945 P.M. 23
 Ship Line ORIENT STRAM NAV. CO. LTD. Whence Arrived BOMBAY.

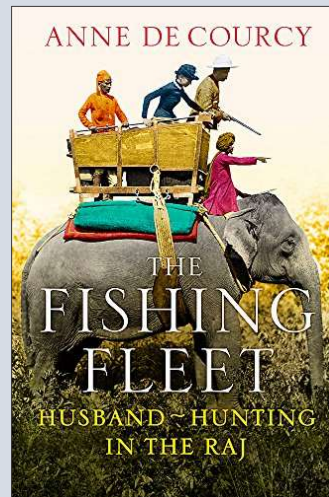
NAMES AND DESCRIPTIONS OF BRITISH PASSENGERS.

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)
Port of Embarkation	Port at which Passengers have been landed	NAMES OF PASSENGERS	CLASS	AGES OF PASSENGERS	Proposed Address in the United Kingdom	Profession, Occupation, or Calling of Passengers	Country of last Permanent Residence *	Country of Intended Future Permanent Residence *
74 Bombay	do	Moore, Mrs J.F.	1st	28	Ollerton, Notts.	HOME DUTIES ANNUAL	"	"
84 do	do	Moderate, Mrs. I.M.	"	40	ington, Quay-on-Tyne.	Home Duties	"	"
85 do	do	Mst. R.G.	"	12	do	Child	"	"
86 do	do	Mst. J.S.	"	1	do	Infant	"	"
87 do	do	McCombe, Mrs. M.R.	"	24	28, Tyres Par, Whiteabbey,	Home Duties	"	"
88 do	do	Miss M.K.	"	4	Belfast	Child	"	"
89 do	do	Miss P.R.	"	2	do	Child	"	"
90 Gibraltar	do	Marsh, Mr. W.	3rd	22	11, Grafton Street, Liverpool 8.	Fireman	ENGLAND	"

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Women in India



The Fishing Fleet: Husband-Hunting in the Raj
 Anne de Courcy

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Archives and Libraries



The British Library

Asia and Africa Reading Room

The India Office Records
 Date: 1600-1948

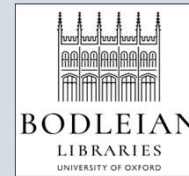
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Other London Archives and Libraries



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Archives and Libraries elsewhere...



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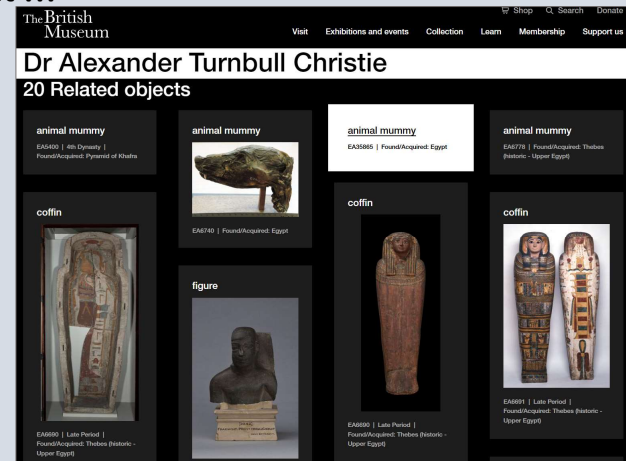
James Tait, esq.
late of Prince of Wales

3rd great-grandfather of
Captain James Tait
born Jul 1769, Lang'kiss, Whitcombe,
died 26th May 1847, Edenside House, Kelso
27th ult. at Dunrobin,
Prince of Wales Island, to Margaret
John Turnbull, esq. of Abbots
Tuesday 11 July 1815, Tyne Mercury, Northumberland, Eng.
Whitcombe, Kelso

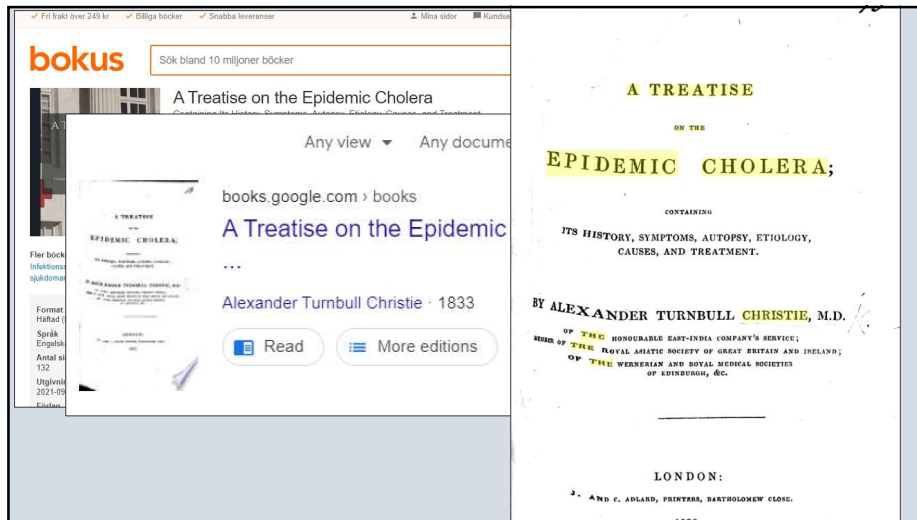
Particularly as the son is now gone to London - In consideration of His Brother having been, on the right side of the Police in the County and I, myself will be, as you would wish him to be, as he has been one before for then sixteen years, with a very respectable character I am ready to yield to the contrary, of taking the liberty of sending the request, to you - If this application should be accompanied, with an inventory of adding to the number of calculations with what you are concerned, I beg you will be it full from your view of figure my query you the double - I have ordered an open book, with the insertion on one you should judge it proper for him to take upon a down

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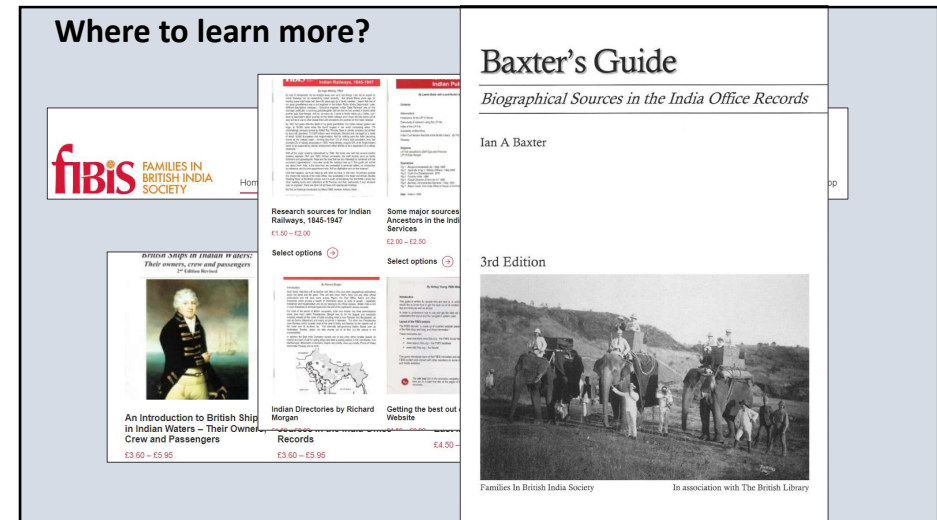
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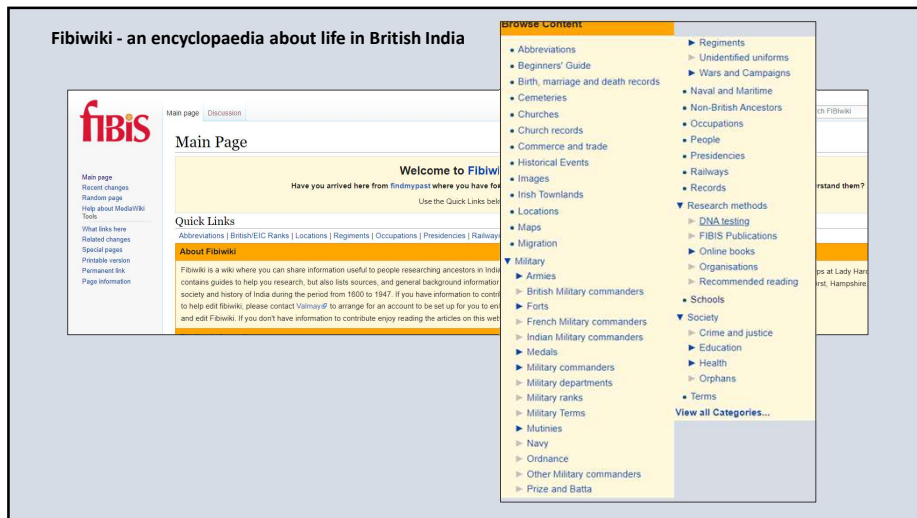
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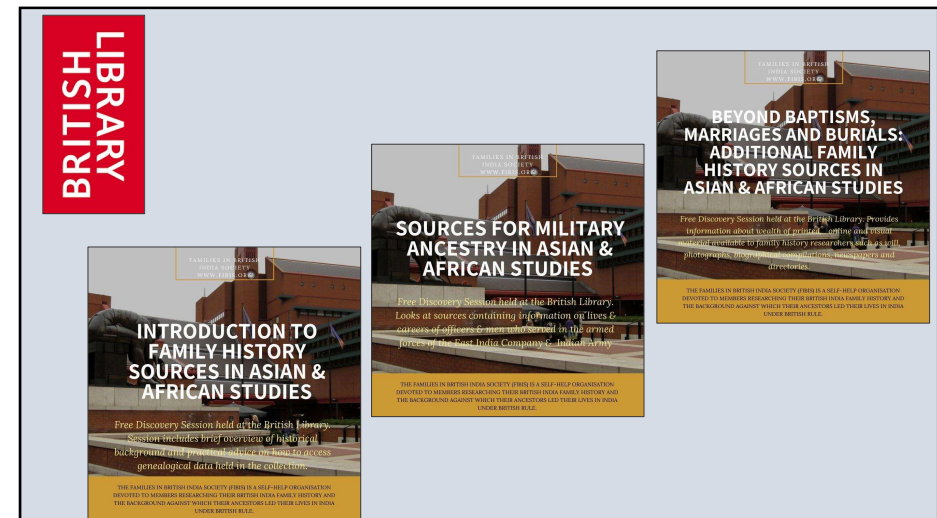
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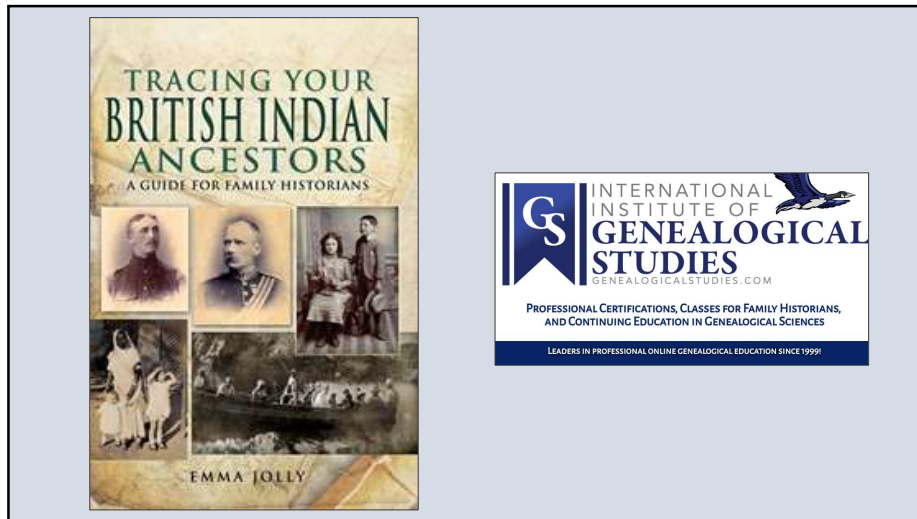
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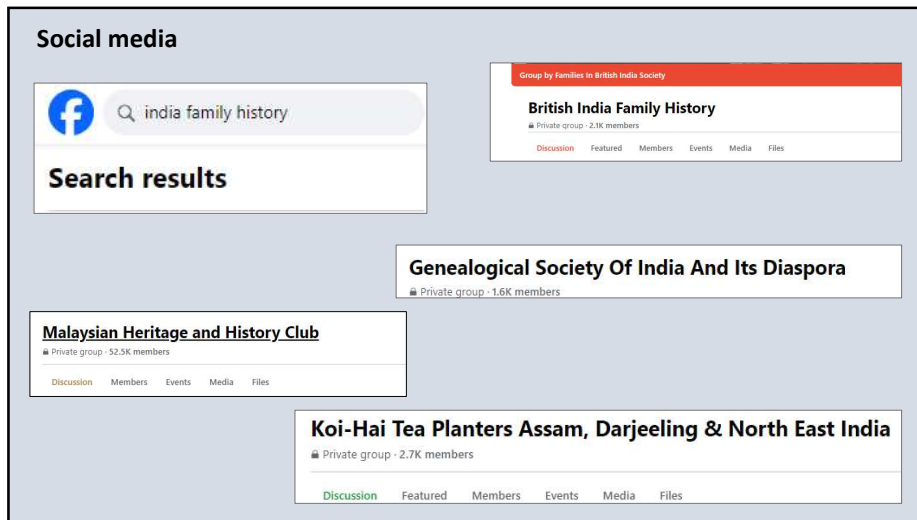
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