

## **BFI National Library**

### Researching Family History – Early British Cinema

The study of genealogy has become extremely popular, and this applies to researching members of one's family that may have been involved in the early years of the British film industry.

There are numerous resources available via the Internet, but it is worth bearing in mind that some of them operate subscription services.

The following is in no way intended as an exhaustive list but as an indication of the types of sites and resources that could prove useful to someone researching their family history.

[Ancestry.co.uk](http://Ancestry.co.uk) - with records starting in July 1937 up to and including 2004, this website holds a vast amount of data taken from the census, parish records, and birth, death and marriage indexes for England and Wales. These registers are held at the Family Records Centre in London.

[The 1901 Census Online](http://The1901CensusOnline) - The 1901 census is now available via the National Archives website. There is a charge for some of this service.

[Family Search](http://FamilySearch) - This genealogy website is worldwide in scope.

[Free BMD](http://FreeBMD) - This is an ongoing web project that eventually aims to provide free internet access to the Civil Registration Index of Births, Marriages and Deaths in England and Wales. Many records are already available.

[The National Archives](http://TheNationalArchives) - The National Archives, based at Kew is one of the largest public archives in the world, spanning UK history from the Domesday book to the present.

[The Family Records Centre](http://TheFamilyRecordsCentre) - The Family Records Centre holds registers of births, marriages and deaths in England and Wales, as well as census returns and wills.

[FamilyRecords.gov.uk](http://FamilyRecords.gov.uk) - This is the UK governments' official resource for family records, linking information on archives in England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.

[BBC Family History](http://BBCFamilyHistory) - the BBC family history website offers tips on how to get started researching your family tree as well as links to other websites.