

If you find that the entry you expect to find is missing and you think you know the parish go to the new website libraryofbirmingham.com and search the online catalogue. When you work out how find the parish register holdings you will probably find it is not available on film or microfiche. It appears that Ancestry has only copied the photographic images and not scanned the original documents.

How many living relatives do you have?

On average we each have between 2000 and 5000 living relatives who are 5th cousins or closer (a 5th cousin is someone who shares our great-great-great-great grandparents).

But did you realise until that your ancestors must have had a similar number of cousins. Perhaps not quite so many, as people died younger - but then again, families were much larger in the late 19th century.

Ancestry has announced its purchase of the FindAGrave.com website.

During the last 18 years users have contributed 75 million photographs of gravestones to the free website. Find A Grave will become a wholly owned subsidiary of Ancestry.com, and will continue to be managed by its founder, Jim Tipton. Terms of the transaction were not released.

“We will maintain Find A Grave as a free website, will retain its existing policies and mode of operation,” said Ancestry.com CEO, Tim Sullivan. Ancestry.com plans to enhance Find A Grave by creating a new mobile app, improving customer support, and adding foreign-language support.

I found this out as using Ancestry Trees, a shaking leaf appeared on my wife great grandmother's entry with a photo of her grave which includes her great uncle's details. I had not entered all of her 3000 + relatives into the FindaGrave website up had uploaded a GEDCOM to Ancestry !!!

Our November meeting on 12th will be on the subject of Burne-Jones Stained Glass Windows by Pam Craven

Regards Mike Fisher