

TREASURES OF THE ARCHIVES

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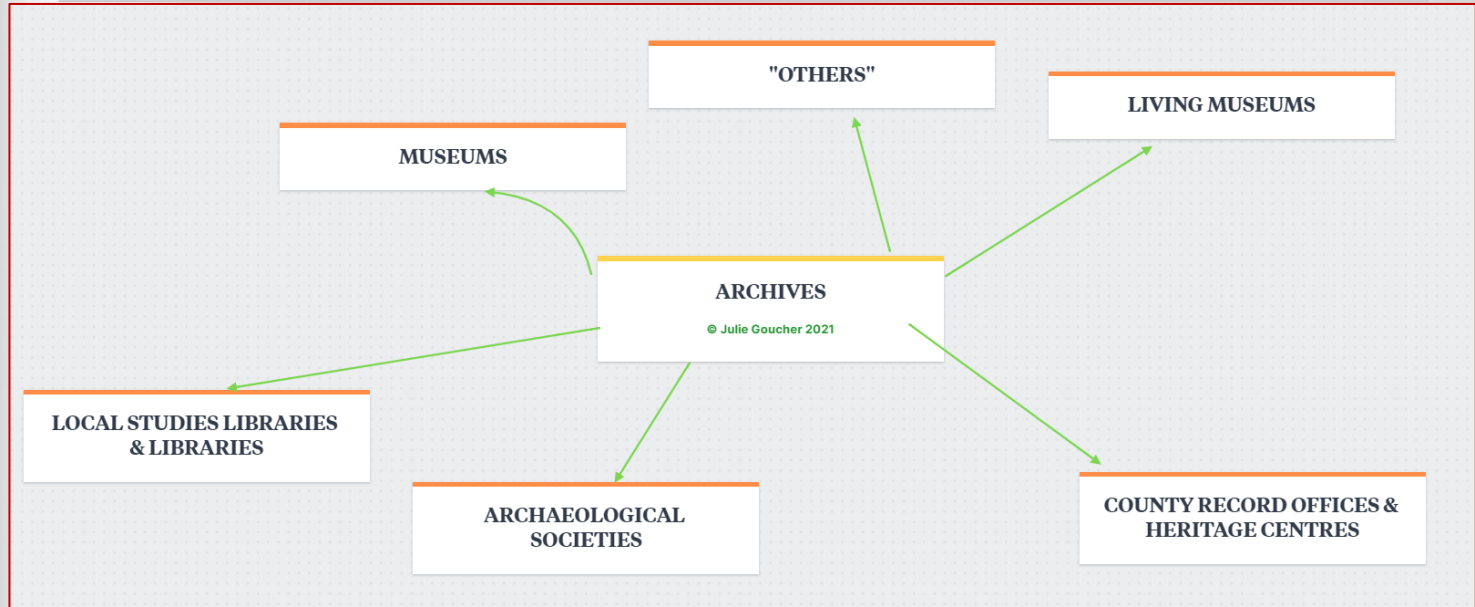
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1. ARCHIVES

Those first, tentative steps

ARCHIVES





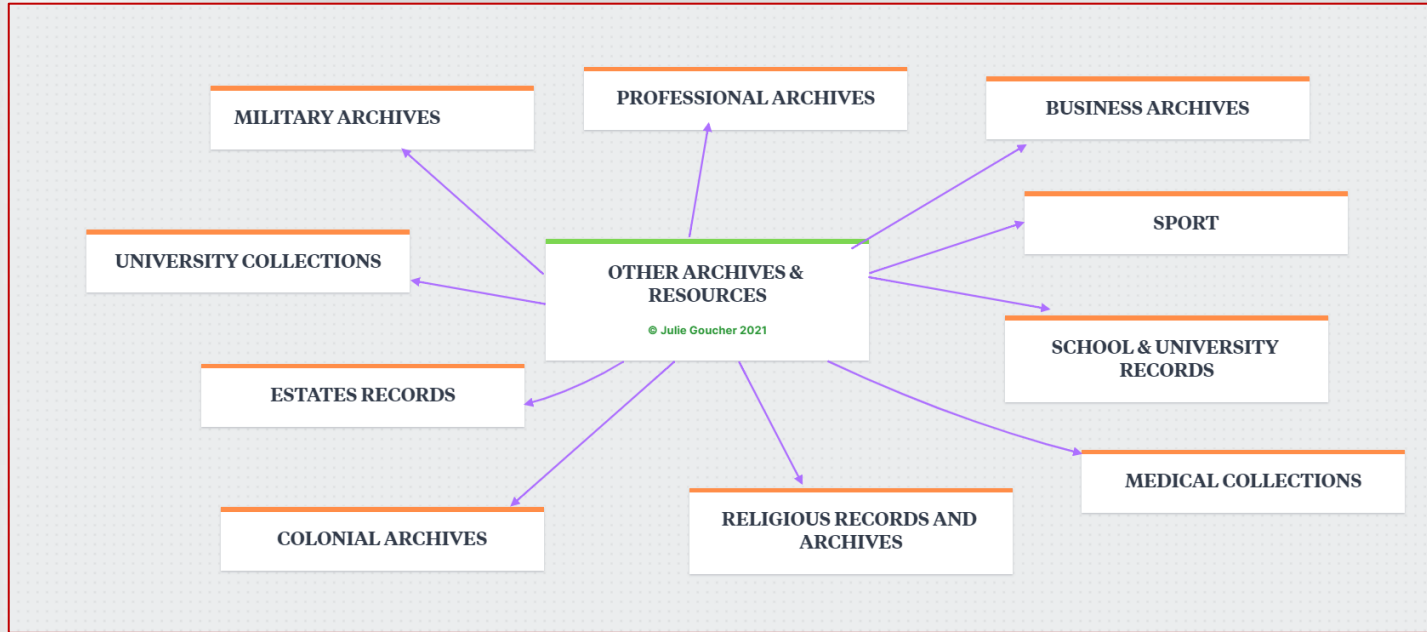
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2. “OTHERS”

Leave no stone unturned.....

“OTHERS”



3. ESSENTIALS

Back to Basics.....

ESSENTIALS

- Map of the area, noting the boundaries
- Record your searches in a log
- Retain a to do list = helping to keep on track
- Don't make assumptions



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.....Seek, and you might just find!

FOCUS POINTS

- Not all in a physical building
- Not all is in the place it pertains to
- Some/All is held in digital format
- Not all is on paper
- Material by topic

LIVING MUSEUMS



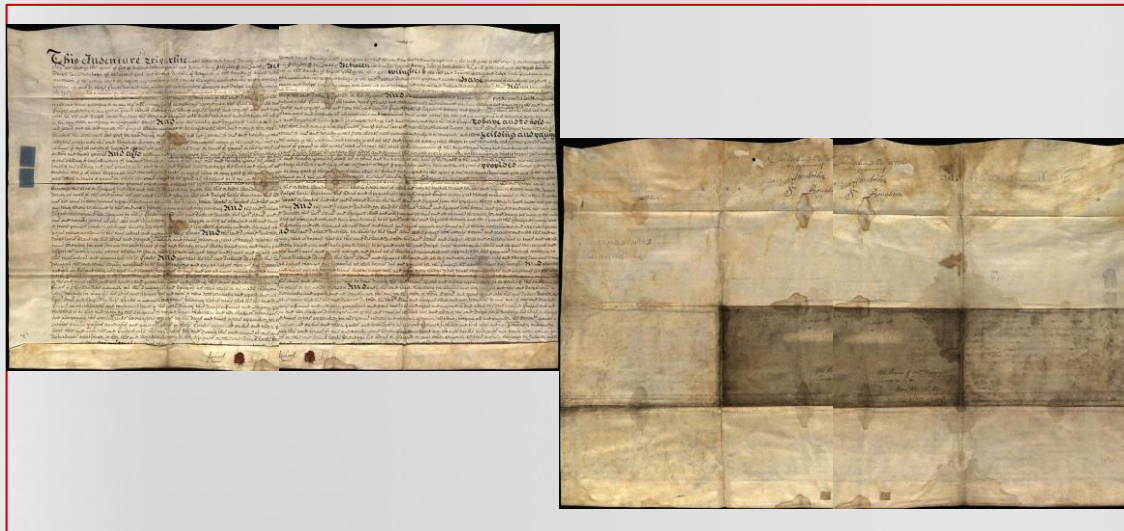
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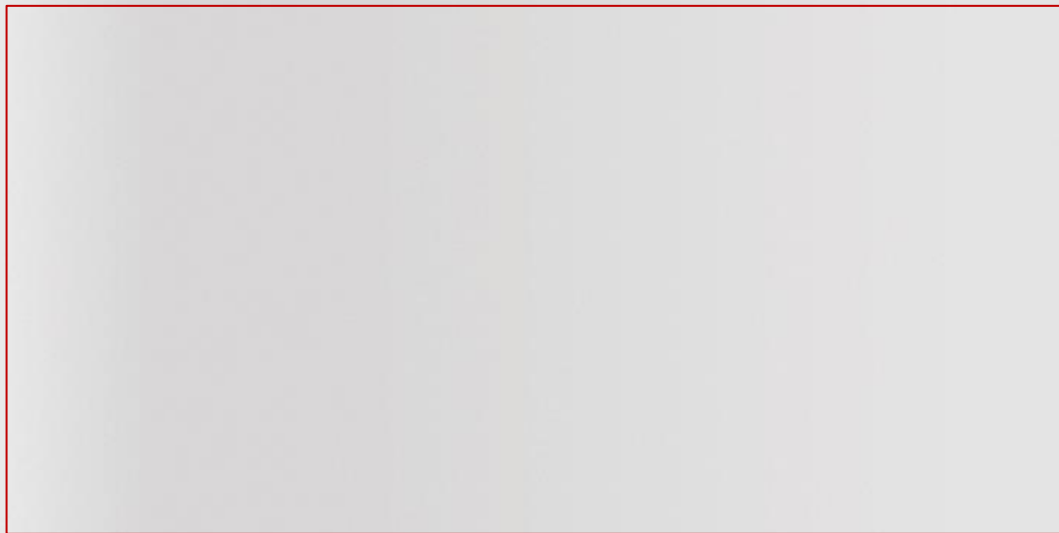
www.sussexmillgroup.org.uk

3D virtual tour on the Weald
and Down Museum website.

LOCATION OF MATERIAL



DIGITAL COLLECTIONS



NO PAPER!



TOPIC BASED ARCHIVE

- Military Regiments
- Welcome Library
- Mass Observation Study

RESEARCH TIPS

- Different search engines can give different results
- Local groups, history soc & individuals
- Oral history & Testimony
- Blog Post Showcasing
- Social Media
- Map
- Other organisations = depth of research

LOCAL HISTORY GROUPS & INDIVIDUALS

- Location based archives
 - One-Place Studies
 - Heritage Groups
- Surname archives
 - One-Name Studies
 - DNA Projects
- Specific groups – Pub History,

ORAL HISTORY & TESTIMONY

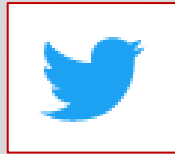
USC Shoah Foundation - Survivor Interviews

Searching for Surname (phonetically like) : ORLANDO 4 matching records found. Run on Fri, 09 Apr 2021 16:35:33 -0600							
Name	Gender	Birth Date	Relationship to Interviewee	Interviewee Name	Interviewee Country of Birth	Testimony	Full Record
Mandil Benjamin	M	Jul 24, 1924	Self	Mandil Benjamin	Yugoslavia (historical)	Testimony Link	View Full Record
Fellows Freiburger Helen (Ilona)	F	Jul 21, 1912	Self	Fellows Freiburger Helen (Ilona)	Austria-Hungary (historical)	Testimony Link	View Full Record
Orlando Justin	M		extended family members	Fellows Freiburger Helen (Ilona)	Austria-Hungary (historical)	Testimony Link	View Full Record
Orlando Bryan	M		extended family members	Fellows Freiburger Helen (Ilona)	Austria-Hungary (historical)	Testimony Link	View Full Record

<http://jewishgen.com>

BLOG POSTS & SOCIAL MEDIA

- Record Offices Blog posts
- Twitter



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Q & A

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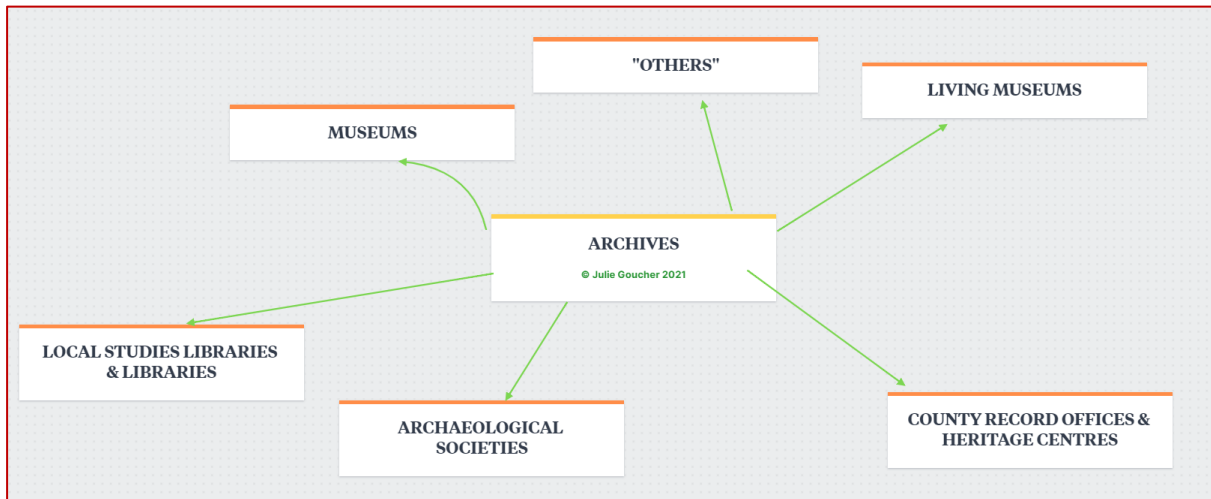
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When we think of archives we likely think of Records Offices and Heritage Centres, and whilst that is true, there is so much more we can explore.

We looked at the examples in the following diagram.



Focus Points

- 1) Not all material is held in a physical building – Living Museums.
- 2) Not all material is held in the County it pertains to – It was common for wealthy landowners to have properties of agricultural land in other counties, but documentary evidence could be in the home county of the landowner.
- 3) Some material might be held in a digital collection.
- 4) Some material is deposited in topic lead facilities – Welcome Library (You can obtain an online reader's ticket and then have the ability of creating files in your own personal library)

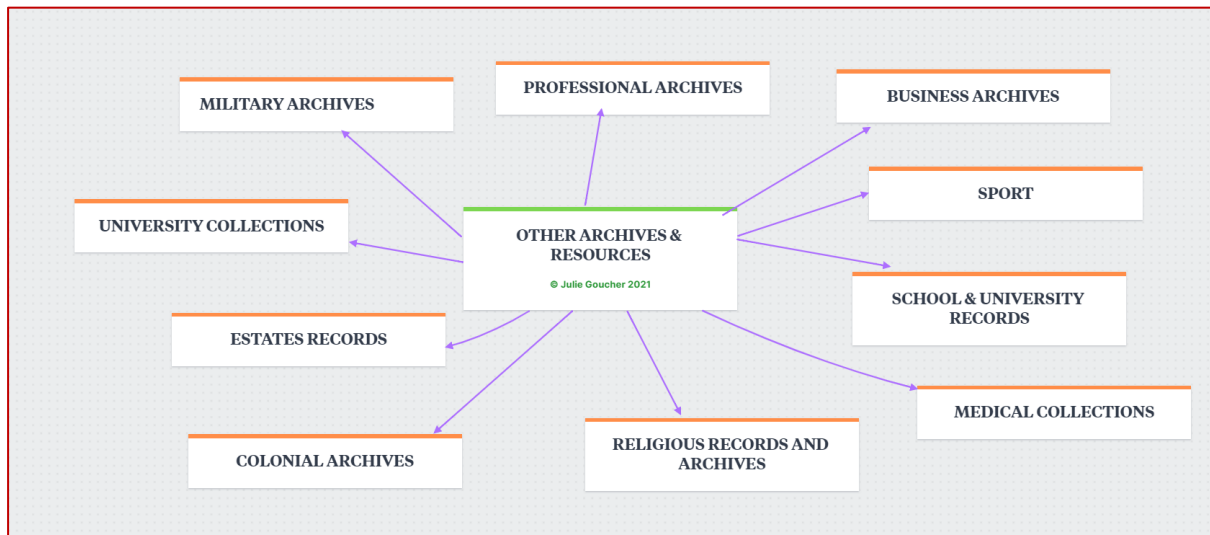
5) *Catalogues are your friend. - Think outside of the box, be creative and search everywhere; leave no stone unturned.Seek, and you might just find!*

Research Tips

- 1) Vary search engines, you can see different results.
- 2) Use local groups, societies and Individuals who are researching in the same area or surname as you.
- 3) Oral History
- 4) **Blog posts** – Many archive venues have blogs as a way of showcasing their resources. Explore these, sometimes things appear in blogs written by individuals, local societies, and records offices in a different county to where you are researching.
- 5) **Social Media** – sometimes you can find some fascinating sites. On Twitter, The Archives and Records Association Special Interest Group @ARAArchMus share and re-tweet material. They often have sharing tweets, search #Archive30 for some fascinating material.

Treasures of the Archives
Family History Federation – Really useful Show – April 2021

In addition to the Archives mentioned in the above graphic there is a vast amount of other archive and collections all available to researchers to tap into and perhaps locate a missing gem.



There are several here that I especially want to focus on:

- **Colonial Records** – these could be material relating to another country and might be at archives in the UK and/or material in the home country.
- **Religious Records** – This is not the records of those Ordained or alike necessarily. This might be material relating to missionary work.
- **University Collections** – these are not the actual records of former students, but collections of material held at a university an example of this is the Charles Booth Poverty Maps held at the London School of Economics. I have written several times about this amazing work: - <https://anglersrest.net/2014/05/24/survey-into-life-and-labour-in-london-1886-1903-by-charles-booth/> and in Who Do You Think You Are? Magazine <https://anglersrest.net/2020/01/15/who-do-you-think-you-are-magazine-february-2020/>
- **Professional Archives** – This could be material relating to someone who worked in a specific profession for example a Chemist & Druggist.
- **Business Archives** – Following on from the example above, you might find material with the business if it still exists or has merged with another business.
- **Estate Records** – this is typically the landowners within a community. Whilst we might not descend from the landowners, maybe they feature in papers and diaries left behind. Here is an example from my own family in Surrey, where my several times great Grandfather, Daniel Butcher (1720-1787) was mentioned. <https://archiveshub.jisc.ac.uk/search/archives/ad97dd3e-9dac-3abc-a6bb-9d9cb3311b66> and <https://archiveshub.jisc.ac.uk/search/archives/a47c7090-4e0b-3835-88a8-a54e9ba4e191>

Other Useful Links

- Archive Hub - <https://archiveshub.jisc.ac.uk/>
- Community Archives & Heritage Group - <https://www.communityarchives.org.uk/>
- Society of Genealogy – <https://sog.org.uk>

We are limited by our imaginations, cast your net far and wide and you will be amazed at the gems you discover.

