


Manchester Ancestors Website

1. Home Page
 - a. Menu Bar
 - b. New name and logo (which is also a 'Home' link)
 - c. Current stories, these change frequently, but today they show:
 - i. Our fair at the library on 25th March
 - ii. Meetings and Events list (including archive)
 - iii. A link to The Manchester Genealogist page
 - iv. A link to the 1921 Project page with articles and videos
 - v. The latest collection of RC records (now a download)
 - vi. Reminder that the 1921 census is free at the library
 - d. Upcoming Events – direct links to booking on Eventbrite
 - e. Promotional items
2. Research
 - a. Floating menu  an easy way to see all the pages at a glance
 - b. Research Guides
 - c. Members Forum
 - d. Alan Godfrey Maps Index
 - e. Reference pages
 - i. FAQ
 - ii. Useful Addresses
 - iii. Manchester Timeline
 - iv. Civil Registration Key Dates
 - v. Genealogists' Glossary
3. Branches
 - a. Floating menu – an easy way to see all the pages at a glance
 - b. Each branch has sections with more pages listed
 - c. And a breadcrumb trail menu
 - d. Manchester is the Society, of course...
 - e. Details of upcoming meetings, of venues and access
 - f. Local Interests for each branch
 - g. Links to speakers notes and videos (both public and members only)
 - h. Lists of local interest documents
4. Special Pages to Look For
 - a. What's Happening (at Manchester / Branch Events) – new database additions
 - b. Databases (at Manchester / Research) – every database listed
 - i. Note: some databases, especially the Great Database, comprise numerous smaller datasets
5. Your membership
 - a. Joining, Renewing and Updating your membership
 - b. Preferences
 - c. Record your research surname interests
6. Members' Welcome Page (Welcome back, Hilary)
 - a. Membership (as above)
 - b. Resource Library Catalogue

- c. Quick Links to Members Databases
 - d. Documents Collection
 - e. Manchester Genealogist Archive
 - f. Exchange Journals
 - g. Members Forum
 - h. Speakers Notes and Videos
 - i. Latest additions to Database (What's Happening)
 - j. Members Interests – search
7. Our Blog
- a. Articles of interest (not a news-based blog)
8. Shop
- a. Downloads are replacing CDs
 - b. Ancestral File
 - c. A wide range of books and booklets
9. Databases
- a. If you are a member, log in first (it's just a bit easier)
 - b. Use the orange search button for most searches
 - c. Results are divided into two sections – public and members
 - i. Be sure to click on both headings to see them all
 - d. Unless you are searching for 'Smith'..... start with a surname
 - i. Narrow it down with a first name
 - ii. Use any other filters that are offered such as a date range
10. Special Page
- a. Manchester / Research / Databases – because you can see the full list of databases that includes those that are not included in the orange 'search' button because they have different properties. This listing includes links to the Godfrey Maps Index, Resource Library, Strays and Members Interests.
11. Documents
- a. Accessed from the Member Area and, in some cases, also accessible from the Branches' Research sections
 - b. 'General' refers to Documents relating to every researcher
 - c. 'Bolton', 'Oldham' and 'Scotland/Anglo Scottish' are separate local collections created by the branches.
12. Speakers' Notes and Videos
- a. Some speakers allow their handouts and videos to be available for public viewing, some restrict permissions to members only and time-limited
 - b. To provide easy access to handouts and videos, each branch has its own access point in the branch's Research section
 - i. Go to [Branch] / Research / Speakers Notes
13. Newsletter
- a. The Society and the Branches issue newsletters most months and each section has its own link page
 - b. The Manchester Newsletter is administrative and informative for all and is automatically sent to all members
 - c. The Anglo Scottish, Bolton and Oldham newsletters are optional and available to members and non-members. Go to the Newsletter section in the branch(es) of your choice and opt in.