



**GENEALOGICAL, HERALDIC
AND HISTORICAL RESEARCH**

undertaken by

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GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH

We are able to undertake genealogical research in the records of any part of England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland; we can also arrange for research to be undertaken in most foreign and Commonwealth countries.

Clients may instruct us either to undertake specific searches or they can entrust us with the general conduct of their research.

HERALDIC RESEARCH

We are able to undertake research to establish the authenticity, or otherwise, of armorial bearings, and we can apply for them to be granted, confirmed or matriculated by the appropriate authority, if so desired. These include the College of Arms in London (for England and Wales and the Commonwealth), the Court of the Lord Lyon in Edinburgh (for Scotland and for those of Scottish descent everywhere), the Chief Herald of Ireland in Dublin (for Ireland) and the Cronista Rey de Armas in Madrid (for the Spanish Empire, which claims armorial jurisdiction over those States of the U.S.A. which once formed part of it).

We can also provide paintings or sculptures of crests and coats of arms to order.

ARMORIAL IDENTIFICATION SERVICE

We provide a service for antique dealers, auction houses (including Christie's and Bonhams) and individuals for the identification of coats of arms, crests, coronets, uniforms, orders and decorations etc. which can sometimes extend to the identification of the individuals concerned.

BUSINESS HISTORIES

We are able to undertake research into the histories of companies and firms.

RESEARCH FOR SOLICITORS

Solicitors may instruct us to carry out specific searches or general research for them, and they can rely upon their requirements being dealt with confidentially and efficiently. This has included research in connection with establishing rights to peerages.

RESEARCH FOR BIOGRAPHERS AND AUTHORS

We have had much experience in helping to provide biographers, authors, journalists and feature writers with specific information or general background in order to augment their own researches.

RESULTS

If the information is available, our knowledge and expertise should enable us to locate and identify it.

It is unusual, initially, not to be able to produce some genealogical information dating back at least to the 1830's, when the keeping of certain Public Records became statutory. However, no genealogist can ever guarantee results, because records may not have been kept, or may subsequently have been lost or destroyed, and because unsuspected research problems may be encountered in any one case.

On completion of the work, we report fully on the results achieved, detailing all searches undertaken and the reasons therefor and forwarding copies of all relevant documents. We also indicate the possibilities of further research, making recommendations as appropriate, and advising upon probable costs.

TABULAR PEDIGREES AND FAMILY HISTORIES

We are able to provide tabular or illuminated pedigrees showing the results of our research. We can also prepare an exclusive photographic family tree picture, or family histories, incorporating photographs, coats of arms, reproductions of paintings depicting members of the family or places with which they have been associated.

ADVANCE INFORMATION

It is always helpful to receive all known information concerning a client's family as early as possible, so that we can eliminate some preliminary enquiries and plan our research to best advantage. We believe it is vital to have a firm and established starting-off point, from which we can begin working backwards. Equally, it is important for us to know the objective of the research in order to gauge the standard of proof and the amount of detail that might be required.

COSTS AND METHOD OF PAYMENT

It is always difficult to estimate costs in advance because there are so many imponderables. It is customary for genealogical fees to be paid in advance and on completion of the work, or when the remittance has been exhausted, a statement of account will be forwarded along with the report of the researches undertaken. The advantage of this method is that we have a fixed sum within which to operate, enabling us to plan our research to best advantage, whereas the client is only committed to the research for which he has paid, any subsequent phases being handled upon exactly the same basis.

THE NEXT STEP

If you would like us to indicate the level of payment that would be necessary, please send us all details possible of your research requirements, so that we can give you an indication of costs and timing.



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Although Peter Dewar is an accountant by profession and founded Peter Dewar Associates in 1988, he has been in practice as a professional genealogist and research consultant from 1965. Since 1979 he has been the Heraldry Consultant for Christie's Fine Art Auctioneers as well as a Trustee and Hon. Fellow of the Institute of Heraldic & Genealogical Studies and a Vice President of the Royal Stuart Society. He has served seven times as Falkland Pursuivant Extraordinary at the Court of the Lord Lyon King of Arms in Edinburgh and is a past Chairman of the Association of Genealogists and Record Agents and a member and office holder of other societies.

His publications include *The Family History Record Book* (1991), *The House of Dewar 1296-1991* and *The House of Nell Gwyn 1670-1974* (co-author) and as a contributor and consultant to *Burke's Peerage*, *Burke's Landed Gentry*, *Debrett's Peerage*, *The Armorial Who's Who*, *Catholic Ancestor* (1991), *Christie's International Magazine* (1986), *The Dictionary of Genealogy* (1985), *Worldwide Family History* (1982), *Debrett's Family Historian* (1981), *Handbook of British Family History* (1979) and various genealogical publications. He has also lectured widely, including lecture tours of the USA - West Coast (1980) and to The Smithsonian in Washington DC in connection with *The Treasure Houses of Britain Exhibition* (1986).

He serves as a Justice of the Peace for Inner London and is a Lieutenant Commander in the Royal Naval Reserve, a member of the Queen's Body Guard for Scotland (The Royal Company of Archers), a Knight of Malta, a company director and school governor.