

Other records

These may include property documents [leases], maps and plans, archives of local estates, businesses, chapels, poor law and gaol records etc; the Cornwall Archives online database is a useful guide to the catalogues.

Sources of information

Cornwall Archives and Local Studies Service , Kresen Kernow

[formerly Cornwall County and Diocesan Record Office and Cornwall Local Studies Library]

Now [late 2019] relocated into a new building at Kresen Kernow [‘Cornwall Centre’], Little Vauxhall, Redruth TR15 1 AS
Website www.kresenkernow.org ; telephone number 01209 614430
Online catalogue of records; via the service’s website, which has plenty of useful information and guidance on how to locate and use archives.

Cornwall Family History Society

Research library at 18 Lemon Street, Truro TR1 2 LS
Website www.cornwallfhs.com; telephone number 01872 264044
Various types of membership which allow access to large online database of transcripts and indexes. Good guidance and links.

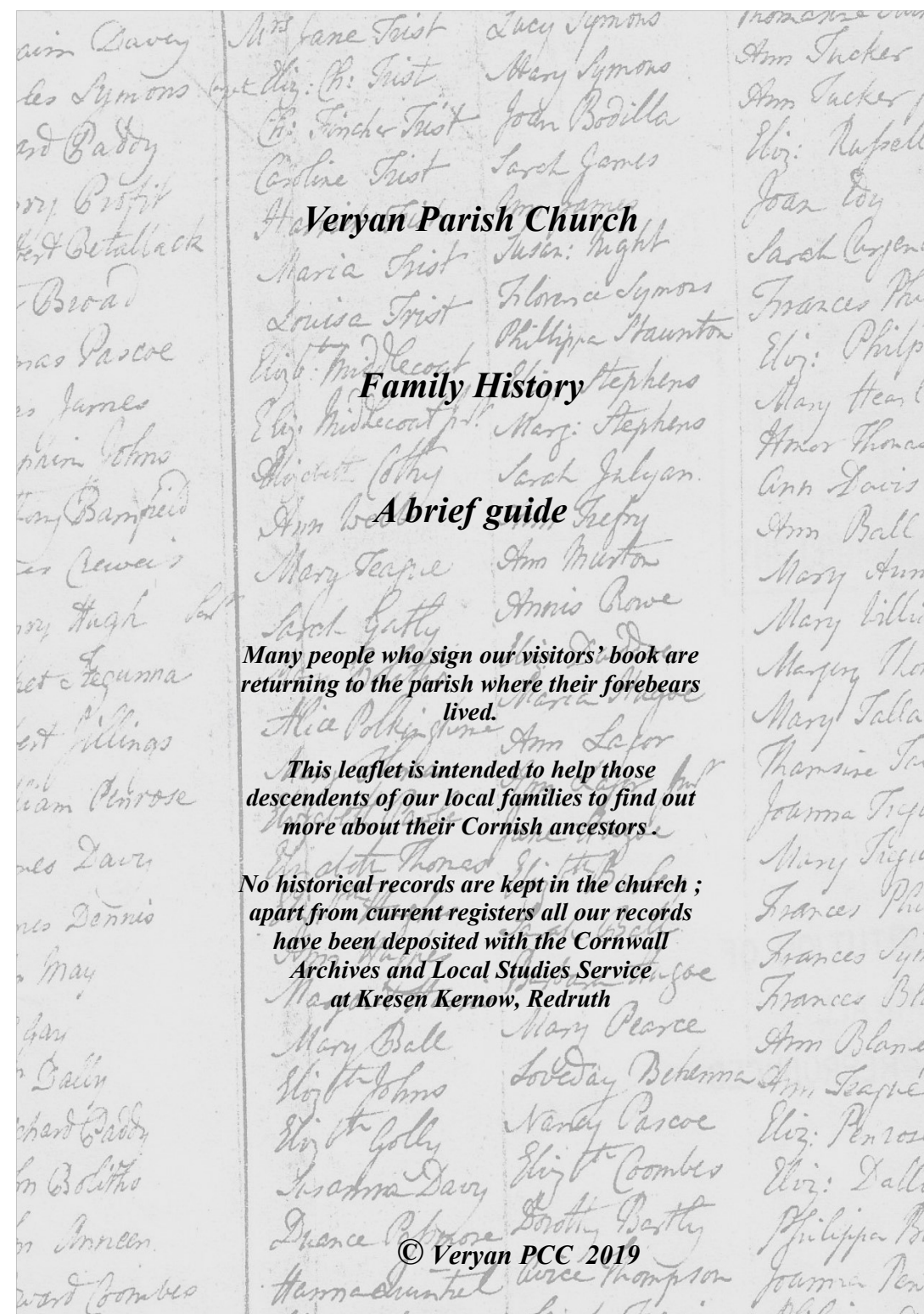
Other subscription family history websites

[e.g. Ancestry, Society of Genealogists, Find My Past] may also be helpful and provide useful guides and help; when searching transcripts however it’s always wise to check the original documents!

General Register Office

For copy certificates; apply by telephone, post, or via the website, using the appropriate application form;
Certificate Services Section, General Register Office, PO Box 2, Southport PR8 2JJ
Telephone number 0300 123 1837, Website www.gro.gov.uk/ has information and guidance on using the indexes and ordering

Certificates which can also be purchased from the **Cornwall Registration Service**; 0300 1234 181 or Certificate Applications [Registration], PO Box 94 Truro TR1 9AZ



Veryan Parish Church

Family History

A brief guide

Many people who sign our visitors' book are returning to the parish where their forebears lived.

This leaflet is intended to help those descendants of our local families to find out more about their Cornish ancestors.

No historical records are kept in the church ; apart from current registers all our records have been deposited with the Cornwall Archives and Local Studies Service at Kresen Kernow, Redruth

Where to begin?

Begin with your own family: parents, grandparents, and their siblings, recording full names and dates where known.

You may then need to consult the following sources.

Records of the Registrar General

Registration of births, marriages and deaths with a local civil registrar was introduced in 1837, but made compulsory only in 1874. The detailed registers are not available to the public but you may consult the indexes; locally these are available through the Cornwall Family History Society, at the Cornwall Archives and Local Studies Service in Redruth, or as an on line search free at [freebmd](#).

When you have obtained the necessary information full copies of original entries [certificates] can be purchased from the General Register Office or from the local registration service.

Census returns

Census returns have been compiled every ten years since 1801 but contain useful family information only from 1841 onwards; from 1851 this includes parish of birth. Access is currently to records over 100 years old. On line subscription websites offer access, and microfilm copies of the Cornwall returns for 1841-1891 are available at Cornwall Archives and Local Studies Service; [Cornwall on line census project](#) provides transcripts for 1841-1891 and is a useful guide, but you may need to check the originals for full entries. In addition Cornwall's public libraries provide free access *via* the website www.findmypast.co.uk through the People's Network computers. [Veryan is in the St Just division of the Truro registration district].

School records

Veryan is fortunate in having records of its church school from its foundation in 1804. They include admission registers from 1894 to 1943, available at Cornwall Archives.

Anglican parish registers

From 1538 all parish churches were required to keep a record of all baptisms, marriage and burials. Very few of the earliest registers survive; for Veryan the oldest surviving register dates from 1683.

Original registers of all of Cornwall's 257 Anglican parishes are held at Cornwall Archives Service, but in order to ensure their preservation facsimiles on microfiche are available for research.

Cornwall Family History Society has compiled and holds reliable transcripts, available to members.

Bishops' transcripts

From 1597 copies of parish registers were required to be sent to the bishop; these may fill gaps in the original registers but themselves have 'missing' years.

For Veryan the Bishops' transcripts exist from 1602 to 1673 with some gaps, and may be seen at Cornwall Archives.

Chapel registers

Other denominations also have registers of baptism and burial, and those which survive are held at Cornwall Archives.

Monumental inscriptions

Until the later 18th century very few graves were marked with headstones. A record of most of Veryan's churchyard memorials has been made and is available to members through the Cornwall Family History Society website; alternatively a link to the Online Parish Clerks [OPC] website can be found on Veryan church's website www.veryanchurch.org

Probate records

Wills of local people were until 1857 'proved' [probate was granted] by the church. It is estimated that around 10% of the population made a will during this period. The wills for over 400 Veryan people from 1601 to 1857 are at Cornwall Archives; you can check the names on its online database. Register copies of wills from 1857 to 1941 are also available there.