

# IAN'S SEARCH TECHNIQUES

## PREPARATION

- Open all GOTO LINKS in separate browser windows - see <https://www.handricks.com/resources>
- Open Family Tree Program

## ASSUMPTIONS

- Middle names are often mother's surname or grandparent's first names
- First names, especially male children, are the same as the father
- Jewish middle names are the same as the father's surname
- Welsh surnames often reflect the father's surname (ap is son of, verch (or ferch) is daughter of)
- Mac and O' are son of
- Place of birth often continues for many generations
- Daughter's name is often father's name with "a" or "ine" added at end
- Wedding place is often same as bride's birthplace
- Trades continue down the generations (father is Rev. son often is Rev. also etc.)
- Spelling changes are common (people could not read or write and dialect's affected spelling)
- Surnames often reflected professions (Cooper – barrel maker, Fletcher – arrow maker etc.)

## TRICKS

- Use google with " " marks
- Use google to search name and date of birth
- Use google to search name and place of birth
- Use google to search name and name of spouse
- Use google image search
- Use "Public Member Trees" in Ancestry search
- Use both "Family Tree" and "Genealogies" in Family Search
- DigitalNZ and Find-a-Grave are surprisingly successful search places
- Use family surname and "genealogy" or "family" in google