ONLINE SOURCES contd.

www.genuki.org.uk - Database of sources of information for genealogy in the UK, including libraries, record offices, local societies etc.

www.nationalarchives.gov.uk - UK National Archives – full details, including Family Records Centre, Census etc.

www.2a.org.uk - Describes archives held in record offices and libraries throughout England, including more than 2000 lists from the Lancashire Record Office.

http://www.nara.gov/ - United States National Archives in Washington, DC. links to http://www.archives.gov/genealogy/start-research/ which offers expert advice on how to conduct research and guides the user to other sources available to them in the United States. Some of those links are included below.


http://www.cdc.gov/nchswww/ - National Centre for Health Statistics, offers a list of vital records offices in the United States at the following site: http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/howto/w2w/w2welcom.htm contains very useful advice for the beginning researcher using resources in the United States.

www.1837online.com/Trace2web/ - Genealogical databases for Britain and the United States. It includes British Census records for 1871, 1881, 1891 and 1901 and birth, death & marriage records for England & Wales. This is a charged service.

The indexes are being added gradually. www.cwgc.org - Commonwealth War Graves Commission database giving details of 1.7m Commonwealth sailors, soldiers and airmen who died during two world wars, and where they are buried.

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The following list is just a representation of the sources available in the Library. Please come in and see what else is available.

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ONLINE SOURCES

www.IB37online.com/Trace2web/ - Copy of the indexes of births, marriages and deaths for England and Wales from 1837 to 2001. This is a charged service.

www.ancestry.com - Genealogical databases for Britain and the United States. It includes British Census records for 1871, 1881, 1891 and 1901 and birth, death & marriage records for England & Wales. This is a charged service.

www.familysearch.org - This Mormon database for family history includes International Genealogical Index (I.G.I.) and 1881 Census for UK, as well as American sources.

http://freebmd.rootsweb.com - Registrar General’s indexes to births, marriages and deaths for England and Wales. The indexes are being added gradually.

www.cwgc.org - Commonwealth War Graves Commission database giving details of 1.7m Commonwealth sailors, soldiers and airmen who died during two world wars, and where they are buried.
Genealogy in Bermuda

Genealogy – How do I start?
Start with the information you have or can gather from family members and work back, step by step, to your parents, grandparents, great-grandparents and so on. Look in family records such as personal letters, family Bibles, photo albums, scrapbooks, diaries, newspaper clippings, etc. Ask family members to tell stories from their childhood; what seems like a small detail may become important later (i.e. nicknames mistaken for legal names).

Example:
- **Name:** Self
- **Parents:** Father: Thaddeus Arthur Hollis II (known as Thad or “TA”)  
Mother: Catherine Ellen Jane McDonald
- **Siblings:** 
  - **Brother:** Thaddeus Arthur Hollis III (known as Thad)
  - **Sister:** Adria Catherine Russo
- **Father’s parents:** 
  - **Father:** Thaddeus Arthur Hollis (known as “Arthur” or T. Arthur)
  - **Mother:** Doris Louise Denman
- **Mother’s parents:** 
  - **Father:** William James McDonald (known as “Mac”)
  - **Mother:** Winifred Beatrice Powell (Occasionally called “Fred”)

This gives a very basic family tree which can be filled in with uncles and aunts, great-aunts and great-uncles, nephews and cousins!

For example:
- **Name:** Thaddeus Arthur Hollis II
- **Siblings:** 
  - Sister 1: Edith Matilda Mia
  - Sister 2: Thelma Audrey (known as Audrey)
  - Sister 3: Doris Louise (known as Louise)
- **Sister 1 married Charles Z. Mann
- **Children:** Son 1: Andrew
  - Son 2: Ian
- **Sister 2 married Jim Cloud
- **Children:** Daughter 1: Candice
  - Daughter 2: Stacey
- **Sister 3 married Wallace Sheffield
- **Children:** Son 1: Arthur
  - Son 2: William

Indexes & Certificates of Births, Marriages, Deaths

All births, marriages and deaths in Bermuda should have been registered with the local registrar. Information about Bermuda’s Registry General can be found at: http://www.registrygeneral.gov.bm/. Members of the public may search the Birth, Marriage and Death records at the Public Search Facility, located on the 1st floor of the Government Administration Building, Hamilton, on payment of an hourly fee. Queries can be emailed to:
- kminors@gov.bm—Births, deaths
- mperinchief@gov.bm—Marriages

Alternately, please contact the staff at:
- **The Registry General**
  - 1st floor, Government Administration Building  
  - 30 Parliament Street, Hamilton HM 12, Bermuda

For births, deaths and marriages prior to 1866 please contact the Bermuda Archives. Alternatively, you can use several books that have been created from those early sources. These books are available at the Bermuda Archives and at the Bermuda National Library.

Wills

Wills can be a very useful source of information for historians as they may give details of family circumstances and often indicate the transfer of property. Microfilm copies of the books of wills from the 1600s to the 1974 (probated wills) are available at the Government Archives in the public reference room. Early Bermuda wills have also been transcribed and published by Dr. and Mrs. Hallett. [Please see following list of recommended books]. For probated wills dated after 1974 the researcher is encouraged to contact the Registry of the Supreme Court.

Address:
- **Registry of the Supreme Court (Court 3)**
  - Old Town Hall, 113 Front Street,  
  - Hamilton HM 11, Bermuda

Church Registers

The Bermuda Archives holds a collection of private papers relating to Bermuda which have been donated by private organizations, institutions, and members of the public. Many of these collections support genealogical research and include the Anglican, Methodist and Presbyterian Church registers as well as records of the Parish Vestries.

Parliamentary Registers

Parliamentary Registers give the addresses and names of those who are allowed to vote. They are normally arranged by street within each parish. Current editions are available at the Bermuda National Library, Post Offices and online. Several of the older Registers can be seen upon request at the Bermuda National Library and at the Government Archives.

Local Newspapers

Newspapers are full of information that can assist you in developing your family tree. They contain not only the news, but also interviews with, and profiles of, local personalities, accounts of court cases, birth, marriage and death announcements, obituaries and tributes, photographs and advertisements.

The Bermuda National Library collects the local newspapers and has microfilm copies of these newspapers available for public use. The earliest Royal Gazette we hold is from 1784. The original copies of the newspapers are maintained in an off-site storage facility. Public access to the originals is very limited so that these rare documents can be preserved. The Bermuda Index is an annotated index to the local newspapers which assists staff and researchers to find the location of articles of Bermuda interest.

Genealogy – What sources exist online?

The Internet offers many additional ways to help you with your family tree. A good place to start is www.rootsweb.com/~bmuwgw/bermuda.htm the Bermuda Genealogy Group website.

A number of other useful websites are listed over the page.