

# Searching the British Newspaper Archive

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Although you can search just by typing into the search box on the home page, there are more options if you click “**Advanced Search**”

If you are searching for a name it's worth entering this in the “**Use exact phrase**” box (*but see search tips overleaf*).

By default, the site uses a “fuzzy” search. If you tick the “**Exact search**” box you may get fewer but more relevant results.

If you know a specific newspaper and/or date and place of publication, you can put the details here, although it may be easier to leave these blank and filter the results once you have done the search.

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## Search tips:

- **Use different forms of the name** if you don't get suitable results with the full name. Be mindful that society was much more formal in the past, and it was quite usual for first names not to be included in articles but initials and titles used instead. For example, Sergeant Isaac Leonard Williams, may be more likely to appear in newspaper reports as Sgt. I. L. Williams, rather than under his full name. It was normal for a married woman to be referred to by her husband's name rather than by her own name. e.g. Jane Williams, wife of Isaac, is more likely to be referred to as Mrs Isaac Williams or Mrs I. Williams, rather than by her first name. If you see Mrs Jane Williams, this is likely to imply a widow (or later, a divorcee).
- **Combine names and places or occupations**, especially if you have a common surname e.g. Williams Wolverhampton or Williams ironworks Wilden

**Search Terms**

Search all words

Search some words

Exclude words

Use exact phrase

☐ Exact search (e.g. search for "fish" and not "fishing" or "fished")


Please note - the search system excludes common words and characters known as stop words. These include words such as, 'the', 'or', 'as' and 'how' as well as some single digits and letters.

Insert the name in the **"use exact phrase"** search box. You may need to experiment with variations using the search tips above.

For common names, it's worth adding in a place or occupation to the "all words" box.

Your results for: "dr e s page"


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If this is a search you may want to repeat in the future, you can save it, so that you don't have to type everything in again.

Click on the title to view the article (you need to be in the library or have a paid subscription for this).

Click on the + to bookmark the article to view later. This may be done outside the library and then you can view the articles later.

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You can add extra terms in the search box (use “speech marks” if you want text to appear as a phrase e.g. “Solihull grammar school”

You can also filter results by date, newspaper or region.

Just click on the relevant date, newspaper or region on the left of the screen.

Filtering by date is probably the most useful option. Newspapers often reported content from outside their region so you may exclude potentially useful articles if you filter by newspaper title or region.

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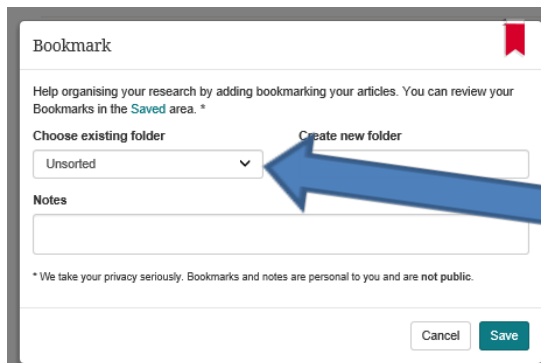
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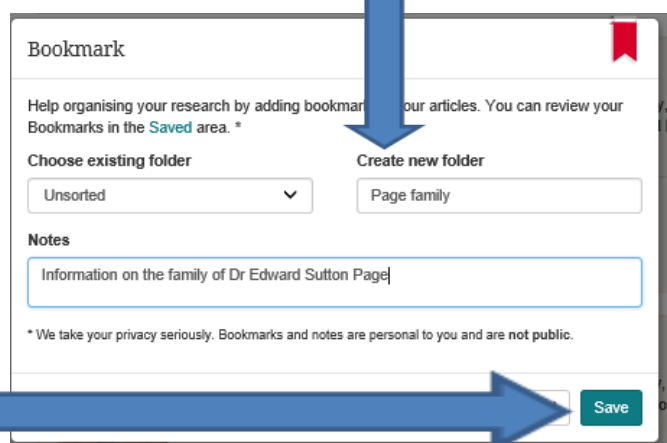
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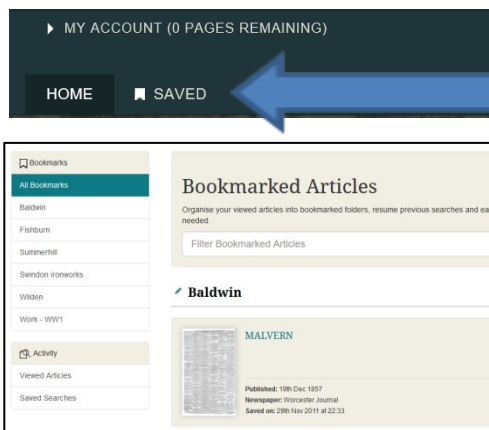
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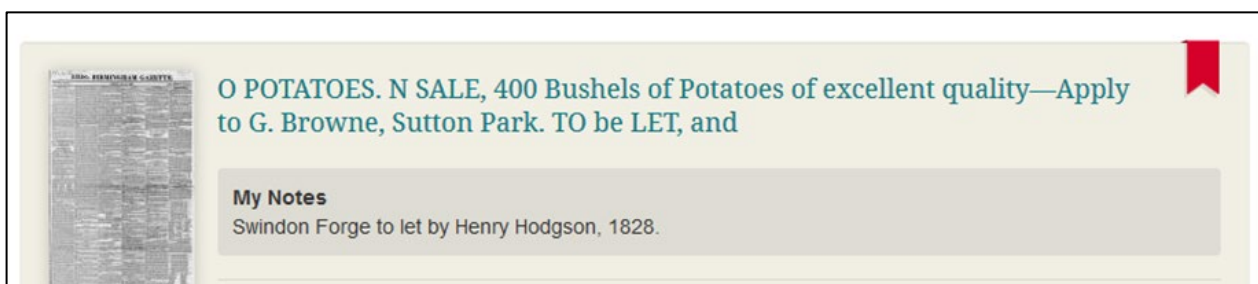
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