

Gardens Trust Training Handout:

Desk-based research leads and online resources available.

Searchable Databases and Archives

www.heritagegateway.org.uk

Immense database that aspires to draw together all the logged bits of research.

https://historicengland.org.uk/listing/the-list/

Historic England's Heritage List has useful descriptions of places that are of national importance, so long as they have survived reasonably intact.

Local Archives: Your Local Archive Office's on-line catalogue

Account books, estate papers, family papers, plans, maps. Some originals might be digitised and available to look at, but this is an opportunity to make a list of reference numbers and items to look at on your next visit.

National Archives: <http://discovery.nationalarchives.gov.uk>

www.parksandgardens.org Now based at Hestercombe, more information being added constantly. Some text the same as HE listing but many others available too.

RHS Lindley Library

Holds a big collection of modern as well as historic books.

www.rhs.org.uk/education-learning/libraries-at-rhs/visit-the-libraries/lindley-library-london

www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk/

Old newspapers online, including surprising mentions of gardens and especially parks.

www.jstor.org

Digital source of academic journals and articles. Including Garden History Journal (journal of the Gardens Trust). May incur a cost unless you are a current student.

Gardener's Magazine between 1827 and 1843 (and other book titles)

<https://catalog.hathitrust.org/Record/008607042>

www.maryevans.com Older material including from old books and periodicals

www.biodiversitylibrary.org

Texts from 18th century onwards including botanical works, gardening newspapers

www.britishlistedbuildings.co.uk



thegardenstrust.org



Titled families' trees www.thepeerage.com

Capability Brown landscapes. <http://www.capabilitybrown.org>

Victoria County Histories. <http://www.british-history.ac.uk/search/series/vch>

Kelly's Directories

<http://specialcollections.le.ac.uk/digital/collection/p16445coll4/id/249398/rec/2>

Maps and Images

<http://maps.nls.uk/os/> National Library of Scotland for 1-25 inch & 1-6inch Ordnance Survey historic maps

British Library Ordnance Survey drawings

<http://gallery.bl.uk/viewall/default.aspx?e=Ordnance%20Survey%20Drawings>

Historic England Photograph Archive

<https://historicengland.org.uk/images-books/archive/collections/photographs/>

National Trust Images.

<http://www.nationaltrustimages.org.uk/> Try family searches because paintings, plans and documents can end up at other properties.

www.bridgemanimages.com/en-GB/

Paintings and images reflecting history and culture generally.

www.britainfromabove.org.uk

Aerial photographs

www.francisfrith.com/uk

Not just photos! Concentrates on England in 1850-1950

<http://britishart.yale.edu>

Paintings

www.gettyimages.co.uk

Surprising range of English wartime images as well as paintings and pictures.

www.countrylifeimages.co.uk

www.ebay.co.uk Brilliant source of historic postcards and other images.

Finally, . . . an optimistic **Google Search**, particularly using an **images** search, can throw up nuggets of information or lead to websites and blogs by other groups or individuals.

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