

NURSING AND OTHER MEDICAL PROFESSION RECORDS

Have you discovered a medical professional in your family? Maybe your nursing ancestor was missing off the 1939 register? They could have been enlisted by the British Expeditionary Force. Here are some great links to get you started on your hunt for your medical professionals.

www.Ancestry.co.uk collections include:

UK Medical Registers, 1859–1959;
UK and Ireland Medical Directories, 1845–1942;
UK and Ireland Nursing Registers, 1898–1968;
Queen’s Nursing Institute Rolls of Nurses, 1891–1931;
Scotland Nursing Applications, 1921–1945;
UK Midwives Rolls, 1904–1959;
UK Dentist Registers, 1879–1942;
GMC student registers, 1882–1937;
Physiotherapy Registers, 1895–1980.

British Army Nurses 1914-1918

[The National Archives](#) has created several guides to researching healthcare, hospitals, doctors and nurses, military medics and wartime volunteers. This page contains more than 15,000 service records of nurses who served during the First World War, including those from the Queen Alexandra’s Imperial Military Nursing Service and the Territorial Force Nursing Service, which you can search and download. These can reveal where a nurse trained, plus references, hospitals, field ambulances or their medical units in which they served, and even their superiors’ opinion of their work.

[Royal College of Nursing](#)

The RCN Archives has digitised the whole of the *Nursing Record/British Journal of Nursing* covering the period 1888–1956 (*Nursing Record* was first published in 1888, becoming the *British Journal of Nursing* from 1902). Family historians can search the database by name or by keyword, and each issue can also be browsed page by page.”

They also offer a [research service](#) for family historians seeking records for a specific nurse. This service covers 1921-1968.

www.Findmypast.co.uk collections include:

Records of [Bethlem Hospital](#),

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Nursing Service who joined 1903 - 1926

Nurses who went to France with the British Expeditionary Force in late 1939 - early 1940

Nurses who served with the Scottish Women's Hospital during the Great War

Royal Hospital Chelsea nurses: these are the records of nurses who were employed to look after the Chelsea Pensioners 1856 – 1910

Medical Register of 1913

Both [FamilyRelatives](#) and [TheGenealogist](#) offer a range of medical registers.

The [People's History of the NHS](#) includes a 'virtual NHS museum' and a members' area where you can share your own memories.

The [NHS at 70](#) is a University of Manchester oral history project recording the history of the NHS from its foundation to coronavirus.

Pre-NHS healthcare was often carried out by voluntary hospitals, which are listed on the dated but still functioning [Voluntary Hospitals Database](#). Similarly, The National Archives' old [Hospital Records Database](#) can still be searched although it is no longer updated.

[The Kings College London](#) have records of the Royal British Nurses' Association which reveals the fascinating personal lives and careers of those who were among the first nurses to sign up to a professional register in 1890.

[Red Cross Hospitals and volunteers](#)

This [Gen guide](#) to other Doctors, surgeons and nurses occupation records has some more fabulous website references to browse through.

There are always new websites coming online and new records being added to the leading research sites. Some websites allow you to subscribe for updates on their most recent collections.

Please see our guide to Hospitals and Asylums for even more helpful information.