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### **Title**

Source for Mr Goose and Mrs Gander

### **Summary**

An overview of the various document repositories in the UK and an explanation of the types of records held including on-line information. This talk will look in detail at some of the primary sources found within the UK, including Parish Registers; Birth, Marriage & Death Indexes and Certificates. With a complete coverage of 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> Century censuses, the census resources will be examined to see how they can be linked together and some problems and pitfalls to be avoided.

### **Abstract**

The talk will start by examining parish registers as one of the oldest sources available to family historians. It will look at Baptism, Marriage and Burial register information across time.

Repositories and on-line resources will be explained with examples of the documents available. Changes to the format of registers will be explained, although after 1837 the emphasis will change to central registration of Births, Marriages and Deaths.

These will be also looked at over time including the key changes in the registration system. Examples of certificates will be shown and an explanation of how certificates can be ordered on-line.

The final set of primary sources to be examined will be the census records. These vary for the different parts of the UK, i.e., Scotland Ireland, Wales & England. These differences will be compared as will the changes between the format of the currently available censuses between 1841 and 1911. Most of the censuses are now available on-line and an explanation of how they can be accessed will be given. There will also be a look inside the 1911 Census and the additional family history information that this census has made available.

Finally there will be a look forward to new information that is in the process of being made available, this is likely to include online data for London, the 1939 Registration prior to WW2 and electoral rolls.

### **Audience**

All levels