



APPLEBY website – leaflet for volunteer data collectors

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Transcriptions of **Parish Register baptism, marriage and burial entries**

ANY help in collecting data to add to the Appleby website is more than welcome .. but it is important to first check that detailed information for the collection you are checking isn't already on the website!

The amount of APPLEBY information already held varies hugely from county to county (and I have very little at all for other countries such as USA and Canada, Australia and New Zealand – apart from those which I was able to locate online for families I was actively researching).

1. So before you set off for your local Records Office, take a look at the RESOURCE page for each of the regions on the Appleby website, to see what I already hold.

I am guessing that if you are planning a visit to your County Records Office, your first priority is to dig up some information about someone in your own family history, but if you have time to browse through any of the records for any APPLEBYs I would of course be hugely grateful for anything you can send me.

So before you set off, please take a look at the **RESOURCE page** for your region, which will show you WHICH record collections I have already accessed, as well as the format I use for Baptism, Marriage and Burial entries, and try to record all the relevant information to collect.

It is also useful to take a look at Familysearch.org, to see if they hold the transcriptions of records for the parish(es) you plan to check. Although they ONLY include very basic information they do have pretty comprehensive coverage, so it is useful to go armed with a list of all the APPLEBYs in the parishes you expect to be checking, so you only need to add the additional details from the original records to your list ... this was my plan of action when I spent weeks checking all the APPLEBYs in the London Metropolitan Archives many years ago ... I printed out all the Appleby entries from Family Search baptisms for the relevant period in each of the parishes in the East London area, then I only had to write in the extra snippets rather than the whole entries as I was trawling through each of the original record books trying to locate my husband's ancestor **Joseph Appleby** (who SAID his father was Charles Appleby, wheelwright on his marriage certificate and also SAID he was born in Bethnal Green in about 1822 in later censuses)...BUT I have NEVER found Joseph and neither have I ever found a Charles Appleby who was a wheelwright!!

If you wanted to be REALLY efficient, you could print out a blank form with all the headings from the relevant Excel sheets on the website, but if you get that obsessive you'll end up as bad as me!

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