

ONE-PLACE STUDIES

Over the years we've been contacted by numerous members who are carrying out One-Place Studies, many with dedicated websites, and as a result we've decided to introduce a One-Place Studies feature.

HOW THIS WILL WORK

(1) From the point of view of an ordinary LostCousins member

Ordinary members won't need to do anything differently. They will continue to enter on their My Ancestors page information about their relatives taken from the censuses that we support.

The only difference is, when they click the Search button we'll not only look for their living relatives, or 'lost cousins', we'll also look for other members with whom they have a common interest (even though they have no familial relationship, so far as we can tell).

(2) For the compiler/co-ordinator of a One-Place Study

As the compiler of the study we need you to identify the households in the area covered by the study by entering on your My Ancestors page the head of each household. (If the place you're studying is in England or Wales, then you can use either the 1841 or 1881 Census - or preferably both.)

It is very important that you select the correct relationship. No doubt some of the people living there will be relatives of yours - but for all the others the relationship shown should be 'One-Place Study'.

CONDITIONS

You must provide a secondary email address in case your primary address fails. Please complete the Secondary Email Address box on your My Details page if you have not already done so.

Misuse of the LostCousins system, or failure to respond in a timely and courteous manner will result in your account being closed. If you will be unable to respond to enquiries within 14 days due to an extended vacation (or for any other reason) please let us know so that we can advise members accordingly.

FAQS

Can I use my existing LostCousins account?

At this time we don't see any reason why you shouldn't use the same account for the study if you wish. If we do need to change the system we will transfer the study-related individuals to a separate account on your behalf - you won't need to re-enter them.

Will I need to become a LostCousins subscriber?

No - unless you want to initiate contact with another member. We believe that in most cases it would be more appropriate for you to wait for interested members to contact you.

Can I simply direct people to my website?

When a member contacts you it is entirely up to you how you respond (though we do, of course, expect that you will respond politely and promptly). You may find that the best approach is simply to refer the other member to your website - although you should bear in mind that they may come back to you with questions or comments