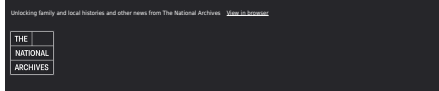


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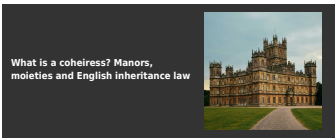


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Unlocking family and local histories... and other news from The National Archives

This January marks one year since we launched the 1921 Census, so we're bringing you a range of resources relating to unearthing family and local histories. Dive into the complicated nature of English inheritance laws and learn what happens when there were no male descendants. Plus, get started with your own research via a new offer from FindMyPast, our handy research guides, and an upcoming webinar all about using our online catalogue, Discovery.

- Here's what we have for you this week:
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What is a coheiress? Manors, moieties and English inheritance law

As any Downton Abbey fan will know, the Dowager Countess of Grantham is a force to be reckoned with. Known for her sarcasm and wit and guaranteed to make any dinner party memorable, some of her riddles are infamous. However, her remark that 'there is no such thing as an English heiress with a brother' sums up centuries of English inheritance law. Read on to gain an insight into what happens when there is no son to inherit an estate.

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FindMyPast: Celebrate one year of 1921 Census discoveries with 21% off subscriptions

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Research guide: How to look for Census Records

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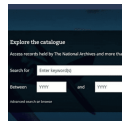
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Join us to learn top tips for using Discovery, our online catalogue which allows you to download 100 free records a month. You will come away with all of the tools needed to make the most of the catalogue for your research, whether you are a new user or an experienced researcher.

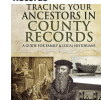
This webinar will be delivered by Sarah Castagnetti, Visual Collections Team Manager. We're carrying out essential maintenance on Sunday 15 January from 09:00 GMT that will affect Discovery and related services, including the booking system and record copying. We're aiming to complete the work as quickly as possible during the morning to keep disruption to a minimum.

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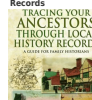
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