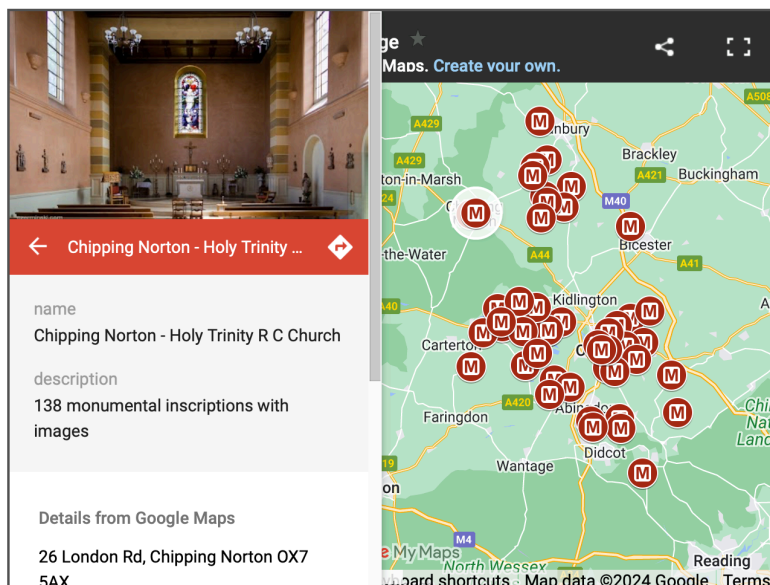Oxfordshire Family History Society (OFHS) is ready to release its Big Oxfordshire Names Database (BOND) during the week commencing **9th September 2024**.

BOND is a name rich data source of anyone who left their mark in Oxfordshire with search facilities which will bring to light ancestors across multiple sources previously all held separately. It will be available to members of the society. The initial release covers:

- ✓ Parish Registers transcriptions: Baptisms, Marriages, Banns and Burials
- ✓ Monumental Inscriptions (MIs)- with images
- ✓ Surnames - Developed from hundreds of books/lists containing Oxfordshire names amounting to nearly 200,000 lines of people data (in 2024) dating from the medieval period to the 20th century (see image below)
- ✓ Surname variants and Oxfordshire places

There will be an interactive map of Oxfordshire indicating the coverage of the data available in BOND. For example the image below shows which MIs are loaded.

Below is a map showing the BOND Coverage of Monumental Inscriptions. Clicking on the "M" in a red circle provides more information. Use the slider (top left) to display/hide the list of places. Use the [ ] (top right) to view a larger map.

BOND

SWITCH TO GENERAL SEARCH   SEARCH

Home / Surname-project

Select Year Ranges to set filters to the specified period(s)

☐ Year
☐ 1250-1299 157
☐ 1300-1349 28
☐ 1350-1399 68
☐ 1400-1449 197
☐ 1450-1499 281
☐ 1500-1549 333
☐ 1650-1699 7348
☐ 1700-1749 54
☐ 1750-1799 3564

Click Refresh to view records

REFRESH   RESET

Click Reset to clear selection

Surname	Forenames	Location	Year	
ABELL	Richard	Kingham	1665	VIEW
ABELL	Richard	Witney	1665	VIEW
ABRAHAM	John	Piddington	1665	VIEW
ABRAHAM	Thomas (snr)	Banbury	1665	VIEW
ABSOLON	James	Shiplake	1665	VIEW
ABSOLON	John	Shiplake	1665	VIEW
ABUNT	Geoffrey	Thame	1665	VIEW
ACKLAND	Michael	Oxford All Saints	1665	VIEW
ACRES	(unknown)	Oxford St Ebbe	1665	VIEW
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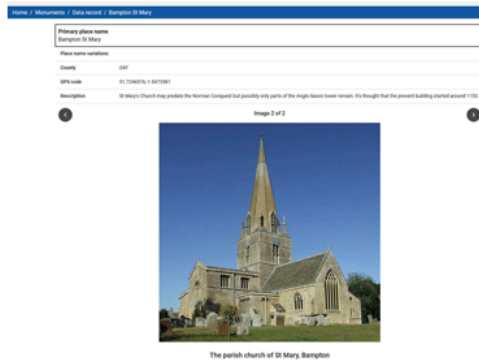Click View to see more details

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Features of particular note include:

✓ The ability to do a general search, say with a surname, to find the possible location of that person if not known - rather than purchasing multiple CDs or downloads.

✓ Ability to use a filtered search to find more information, such as dates and witnesses to a marriage, further validating your research.

✓ For monuments, the dates and inscriptions and photograph give very useful additional information which normally would be very difficult to find, again saving the need and cost of purchasing an MI CD.

✓ The massive surname variants table will offer you different spellings of the surname you are looking for. This is more specific than a general 'sounds-like' feature as we have built it with knowledge of Oxfordshire dialects and common alternatives. It may help you find an elusive ancestor in Oxfordshire by offering alternatives you have not considered.

✓ Choice of specific date ranges is useful to facilitate the search for particular information from the initial database.

✓ Movement between screens is quick and presentation is appropriate, and we have included how to use guides and a feature to contact us with specific queries or suggestions for data 'correction'.

Work will continue to 'standardise' the data, which has been transcribed by many volunteers over the years, before loading into the structured BOND database, and we will keep you informed as the coverage becomes more complete for each dataset.

We will also progress with other datasets such as War Memorials and Wills adding to the power of the searching.

BOND

LOCATION LOOK UP
Information on Bampton St Mary

The Location Look up Data Set contains information about the identified individual locations in BOND. These can be settlements i.e. villages, towns etc. or specific places e.g. places of worship (parish churches etc), cemeteries, Colleges of the University of Oxford.

The user accesses them by clicking on the link on the Data Record.

They will eventually contain the following information:
- GPS Code (longitude & latitude)
- A description
- At least one image (hopefully more than one)
- For locations linked to Monuments a PDF containing the maps of the relevant graveyard and/or cemeteries.

The parish church of St Mary, Bampton

BOND represents the next generation in OFHS's family history data; collated, indexed and made available via our website to members in support of their genealogical research. For further information please contact publicity@ofhs.uk.

To join the Society the membership is £10 per annum for a UK household and £15 per annum for an Overseas household, membership can be obtained on-line at www.ofhs.uk/become-a-member