

1911 Census Update - ver 2

We have just found out that Guy Etchells (who runs a website for the Guys of Bottesford, leicestershire) has received a decision from the Information Commissioner Richard Thomas granting him access to one particular 1911 record (for Bottesford in Leicestershire) via the Freedom of Information legislation. The Information Commissioner ruled that confidentiality could only be applied to details of people's health or mental infirmity, which did not apply in the case of the particular record Guy requested. Go to The Information Commissioner's website to read the decision notice

The National Archives has just announced two services in advance of the official 2012 full release date.

Starting in January, TNA will offer a limited research service where the address of an individual in the 1911 Census is already known. There will be a non-refundable search charge of £45 (see www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/1911census).

Meanwhile, TNA said it hopes to offer a searchable online service in early 2009, with key sensitive information withheld until 2012. Well done Guy!