



## TheGenealogist completes Norfolk Parish Records

- Over 6.23 million new searchable Norfolk Parish Records released in partnership with the Norfolk Record Office
- This final tranche includes over 5.95 million records for Norfolk
- Plus more than 276,000 records relating to the boundary areas of Suffolk
- Adding to the 3.6 million individuals already released earlier

[TheGenealogist](#) has successfully completed a project to release over 9.8 million fully searchable records for the registers of baptisms, marriages, marriage banns and burials for Norfolk with images of the original registers.

It is now easier than ever to research Norfolk ancestors in the parish registers of this Eastern English county. With some of the surviving records reaching back as far as the early 1500s, this is a fantastically rich resource for family historians to use for discovering Norfolk ancestors.

Released in partnership with The Norfolk Record Office, the registers of baptisms, marriages, burials and banns of marriage cover the majority of parishes in the Diocese of Norwich. This also includes a number of Suffolk parishes in and near Lowestoft that make up the deanery of Lothingland. Also covered by this release are the parishes in the deanery of Fincham and Feltwell that were part of the Diocese of Ely in south-west Norfolk.

## Examples of famous people to be found in these records include:

Edith Cavell, the First World War Nurse executed by the Germans for treason was born in the South Norfolk village of Swardeston. Her baptism can be found in the register of Swardeston for February 1866 where her father was the vicar and performed the christening ceremony. With a single click family historians can see an image of the actual entry in the parish register.

1866	Feb 4 <sup>th</sup> No. 526.	Edith Louisa dgr of	Fredrick & Louisa Sophia	Cavell	Sandston	Clerk in Orders	F. Cavell Vicar
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Edith Cavell's baptism record in the Norfolk Parish Register on TheGenealogist

Likewise, Horatio Nelson - who would grow up to become perhaps Britain's best known naval hero of all time - was also baptised by his clergyman father. In Nelson's case it was in the village of Burnham Thorpe on the North Norfolk coast in 1758.

Invested with the Emblems of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, at St James's Sept: 27 <sup>th</sup> 1797.		Baptisms 1758	
Edmund Nelson		Horatio son of Edmund & Catherine Nelson born Sep 29, Bap: Oct 6 <sup>th</sup> priv: pub: Nov 15	
Crispian		Robert son of Crispian & Mary Thompson	
Peter Black		James son of Peter & Mary Black Jan 5 1759 1759	

Horatio Nelson's baptism 1758 in the Norfolk Parish Registers on TheGenealogist

Another British seafaring hero, whose baptism can be found in the Norfolk parish records on TheGenealogist, is Henry George Blogg. He would grow up to become known as the "Greatest of the Lifeboatmen" and be highly decorated. In his case, however, it was not his father that baptised him. His entry in the register reveals a less than auspicious entry of this Norfolk hero into the world - the vicar wrote in the parish register of Cromer that Henry was "base born". Blogg, however, became a skilled seaman and a lifeboatman. For the many rescues, that he took part in as the coxswain of the Cromer lifeboat, he was awarded the gold medal of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution no less than three times and also the RNLI silver medal four times. He was also honoured with the George Cross from the King, the British Empire Medal, and a series of other awards.

BAPTISMS solemnized in the Parish of <u>Cromer</u>						
in the County of <u>Norfolk</u>						
in the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and <u>Eighty Six</u>						
When Baptized.	Child's Christian Name.	Parents' Name.		Abode.	Quality, Trade, or Profession.	By whom the Ceremony was Performed.
		Christian.	Surname.			
1876 April 2 <sup>nd</sup> No. 641	Ernest Herbert son of Edyble	Charles or Ann	Bray	Cromer	Crozier	Fredric Vtch Vicar
1876 April 2 <sup>nd</sup> No. 642	Henry Granger base born son born Feb. 7. 76	Ellen	Blogg	Cromer	—	Fredric Vtch Vicar
1876						

Norfolk Parish Registers on TheGenealogist: Henry Blogg's baptism 1876

Five years after his birth, Henry's mother, Ellen Blogg, married a fisherman called John Davies. It was this stepfather that taught Henry how to fish and the skills that he needed to be a highly competent seafarer. The marriage banns for Henry's mother and stepfather can be found in the Banns book for the parish, within the new records on TheGenealogist. Their actual marriage can also be found recorded in the parish register for Cromer included in this new release. See the records at:

[www.thegenealogist.co.uk](http://www.thegenealogist.co.uk)

Banns of Marriage between

John. James Davies

Bachelor

and Ellen Blogg Spinster

both of this parish

1st Time, Sunday, Dec 4 by George Murton. Curate.

2nd Time, Sunday, Dec 11 by George Murton. Curate.

3rd Time, Sunday, Dec 18 by J. T. Mutton

Banns of Marriage records from the Norfolk Parish Registers on TheGenealogist

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