

## Press Release

**For immediate release:**

**You just never know who you will uncover in your family history!**

***More fascinating characters unmasked in the new Parish Records added to TheGenealogist!***

TheGenealogist has continued to add to its extensive collection of parish records with the release of almost 385,000 new individual record transcripts covering a wide variety of counties in England. The records cover the period from the mid 1500s to 2005.

This major addition of baptisms, marriages and burials include many famous and also notorious ancestors. In our Essex records, we uncovered the family history of shadowy highwayman, Dick Turpin, born in Hempstead, Essex, baptised in 1705, as Richardus Turpin, in the same parish where his parents had married. He started life as a butcher, but came into contact with the 'Essex Gang' and embarked on more clandestine, criminal activities.



The new Parish records give details of his early family life with his brother and two sisters in the early 1700s. Tracking him down proves easier now than the authorities experienced at the time! He subsequently changed his name to John Palmer, but after a lengthy time evading capture, his real life and identity as a poacher, burglar, horse thief and killer was exposed following a letter Turpin wrote to his brother in law and he was executed in 1739, but his legend continues to this day.

**The new parish records added cover the counties of Bedfordshire, Devon, Essex, Leicestershire, Lincolnshire, Middlesex, Rutland, Shropshire and Westmoreland**, it's an addition of a substantial amount of individuals around the country. The newly added records cover a range of baptisms, marriages and burials in these counties.

Mark Bayley, Head of Development at TheGenealogist comments:

"We are committed to constantly adding new records to the website. The new parish records are a continued response to our customers requests for more

parish records and pre-1837 information. We've got much more in the pipeline coming through in the next few months. You may find your own Dick Turpin in the records!"

The latest parish record releases are part of a concerted ongoing project on TheGenealogist with many more Parish Records due in early 2014.

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**More details on the new Parish Records are available. For more information on TheGenealogist, please contact David Osborne at [david.o@sandn.net](mailto:david.o@sandn.net) or 01722 717003.**