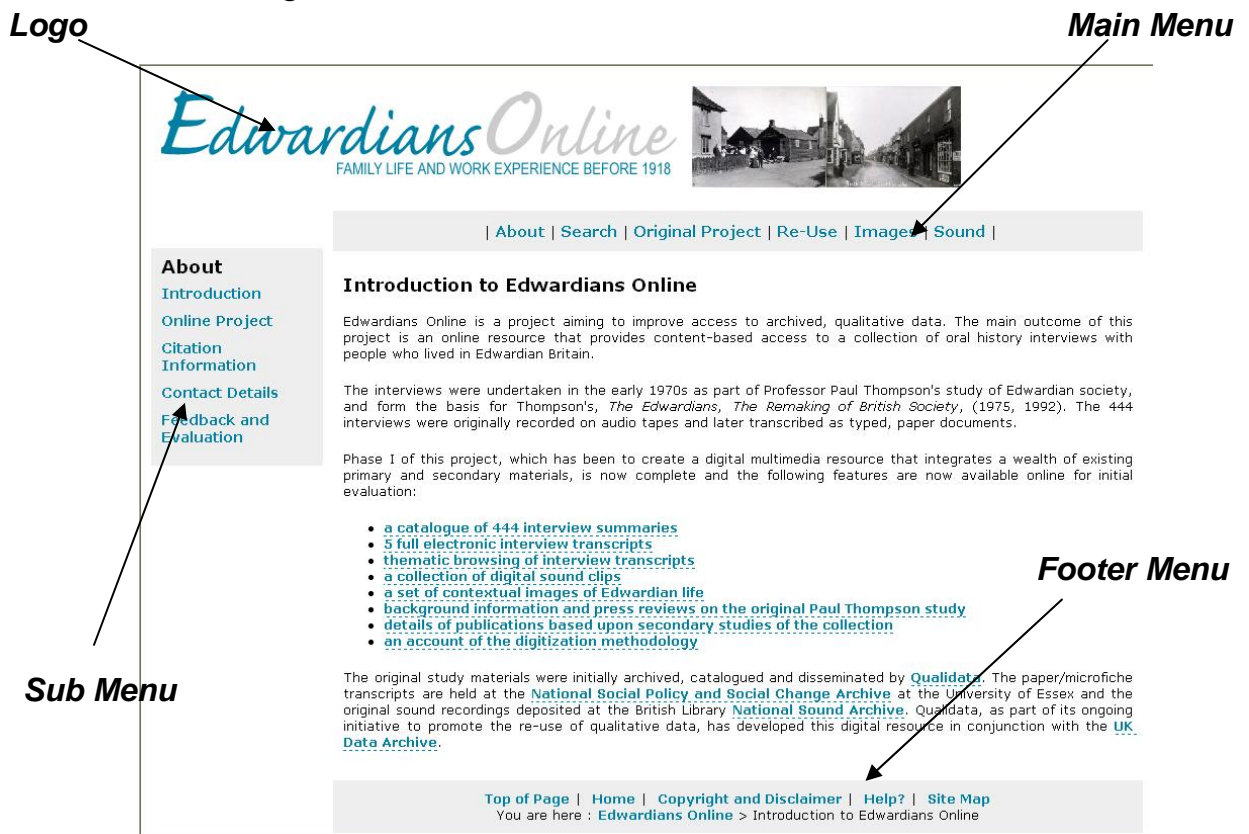


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The Edwardians Online web site has a fairly simple menu structure. Starting at the home page it is possible to access the various sections of the web site by choosing the appropriate menu. This can be seen from the diagram below;



**Logo** : This will always take you back to the home page.

**Main Menu** : This contains the 5 top level menus of Edwardians Online and is always present.

**Sub Menu** : This changes according to what part of the site you are using and shows the options available to you.

**Footer Menu** : This stays the same across the site and has useful links and information, including help, site map and a 'you are here' feature that shows your location on the site at any time.

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### Background Reading

To gain an understanding of the, it is advisable to read the section on the Main Menu on the Original Project;

[www.qualidata.essex.ac.uk/edwardians/original/introduction.asp](http://www.qualidata.essex.ac.uk/edwardians/original/introduction.asp)

and from the Sub Menu, the section on the Online Project,

[www.qualidata.essex.ac.uk/edwardians/about/online.asp](http://www.qualidata.essex.ac.uk/edwardians/about/online.asp)

This will give you a background to the methodology of the original project, which may be helpful when browsing the rest of the site.

### Searching and Browsing

There are a number of ways to access the interview summaries and interview transcripts. Firstly it should be noted that at the moment there is information available on all 444 interviewees in the form of their summary record, however, we currently only have 6 full interview transcripts available online (they are all available in paper format).

The **Search** menu offers 4 main options;

The screenshot shows the 'Edwardians Online' website interface. A navigation menu on the left lists 'Search', 'Introduction', 'Search Summaries', 'Search Transcripts', 'Browse Themes', 'Browse', and 'Transcripts'. The main content area is titled 'Introduction to Searching' and contains four sections: 'Search Interview Summaries', 'Search Interview Transcripts', 'Browse Themes', and 'Browse Transcripts'. Arrows from external labels point to these sections: 'Search Transcripts' points to the 'Search Transcripts' menu item; 'Search Summaries' points to the 'Search Interview Summaries' section; 'Browse Themes' points to the 'Browse Themes' section; and 'Browse Transcripts' points to the 'Browse Transcripts' section. The website footer includes contact information for Qualidata at the University of Essex and copyright notices.

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The first option is to search the interview summaries.

These records provide categorical information about the interview subject and a structured summary of the full interview text.

Categorical information includes details such as date of birth, sex, place of residence at the time of interview, final occupation and occupational class. These fields typically contain discrete values.

By contrast, the summary fields contain a rich description of key information in the interview by theme. Themes include: family, marriage, housing, education, parent's work history, work history, political affiliation, religious background, health and childbirth, leisure activities, and a miscellaneous category.



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### Search Interview Summaries

This search enables you to access the summaries of the 444 interviews in the collection. To find out more about the interview summaries we suggest that you read about the [background to interview summaries](#).

The search form contains categorical fields (date of birth, sex, occupational class etc.) and a free-text search box. You may search the interview summaries in a number of ways:

- by selecting values in the fielded form using the drop-down lists
- by free-text search across the full collection of interview summaries
- by using a combination of the fielded search and the free-text search

For further ideas on how to use the summaries in your search strategy or if you are having difficulty using this search, please see [help on searching](#). *Please note that search terms are not case-sensitive.*

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**Free-text** (search whole database):

Sex:

Year of Birth:

Place of Residence:

Final Occupation:

Occupational Class:

Do you want to search for any (OR) or all (AND) of your terms?

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Thus if we search for the term **vicar** in the *free-text* box and click the *Search Now* box we find that there are 8 results as shown below.

The initial results screen only shows basic information about the results found. We can then select the interviewees we are interested in and retrieve further details.



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### Interview Summaries : Interim Results

Your search found the following record(s). Please tick those you are most interested in and click to retrieve the full interview summary record(s). You may bookmark this search.

You searched for **ANY** of the following terms;

**Free-text : vicar**

Name	Residence	Occupation	Interview Number
<input type="checkbox"/> Revd W Frank B	Banbury, Oxford	Vicar	410
<input type="checkbox"/> Mr William B	Oxford	Builder's labourer	42
<input type="checkbox"/> Mrs Susan Alice F	Swinton, Lancs	Greengrocers assistant	69
<input type="checkbox"/> Mrs Edith G	Keighley, Yorkshire	Housework	268
<input type="checkbox"/> Mr Percy H	Wilcot, Wiltshire	Baker and Roundsman	18
<input type="checkbox"/> Mrs Edith Anne R	Newton Abbott, Devon	Housekeeper	356
<input type="checkbox"/> Dr Bernard T	Bolton, Lancs	Doctor	33
<input type="checkbox"/> Mr Wilfred Benjamin W	Stoke-on-Trent, Staffs	Fireman	211

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Thus in our example above we can select to see further details about the Reverend W Frank B, a vicar from Banbury in Oxford.

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### Interview Summaries : Selected Records

You selected the following record(s). The interview number is a hyperlink to the full interview transcript (where available). Additionally it may also be possible to view, where available, other interview materials.

#### Revd W Frank B

[Link to full interview transcript](#)

Interview Number: [410](#)  
[Other Interview Material](#)

Sex:  
M

Year Of Birth:  
1889

Place of Residence:  
Banbury, Oxford

Family:  
Born Lichborough Rectory, Northants. 2 siblings, younger brother. Mother's family had an estate in Worcestershire. Maiden name, Phelpsston. Affectionate parents.

Marriage:  
Married in 1933. One daughter.

Housing:  
Moved to Norfolk Island in 1894. Returned to stay with grandmother in Windsor then returned to Lichborough. Lichborough Rectory had 21 rooms.

Education:  
Had schooling at small mission school, Norfolk Island. Brother and WFB went to uncle's school in Kent as boarders. Moved to St Edwards school, Oxford. Took a degree at Kings College, Cambridge. Studied at Leeds Clergy school for one year.

Parents' Work History:  
Father was a clergyman.

Work History:  
Took over family living at Lichborough from his father. Was in France during WW1, stretcher bearer in RAMC. 1919, Assistant at Kempston; 1921, missionary in Melanesia. 1923, Temporary parish in Australia. 1924, England, without parish. 1925, Solomon Islands to 1932. Assistant in Andover. 1934, vicar of West Hithe, then Travers, Dorset. Spent 1948 in America. 1951 in the West Indies. 1956, Vicar of Tysoe, Warwickshire.

Final Occupation:  
Vicar

Political Affiliation:  
Voted Conservative. Attended political meetings.

Religious Background:  
Family were Church of England. Attended father's services. Was in the church choir.

Occupational Class:  
Professional

Leisure Activities:  
Played cricket and bowling. Children played card games. Mother was musical. Father enjoyed reading. Had book prizes from Eton College. Father read Tennyson aloud. Father took the Daily Mail. Christmas morning was spent in the parish. Brothers received many presents. Family rented a cottage on the North Norfolk coast for a month for holidays. Family went to the theatre and to music festivals. Went for long walks, cycled and swam.

Health / Childbirth:  
Mother died of typhoid fever in 1908. Schoolboys at St Edwards contacted ringworm.



Miscellaneous:  
Father sailed on the Southern Cross mission ship to the Solomon Islands. Living had been bought by grandfather from Lady Knightly Forsley. From Norfolk Island, father travelled and was away for long periods, visiting heathens and Christmas in remote parts. Parents did not visit sons while at school in Kent, sent birthday presents. Retired Crimean veterans would take boys out around London. Father and sons became vegetarians. Family were teetotal. WFB first drank wine in France during WW1. Brothers went to Canada in 1909. Detail: voyage on half-sailing, half-steam ship; bath and bathing; food; boarding school; school boys; tithe; St Edward school headmasters; school food; Lichborough community; father's works; clergy school. List of posts held from 1912-1956, and letter from interviewer.

Number of pages in Transcript:  
52

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Clicking on the link for the full interview transcript displays the complete interview, the bold text being that of the interviewer and the plain text being that of the respondent.



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**Selected Interview Transcript**

To view the interview summary, click the title.

[Revd. W. Frank B. Place of residence, Banbury. Born, 1889. Final occupation, vicar.](#)

**Can you tell me the house where you were born?**

I was born in Lichborough Rectory, in Northamptonshire.

**That was 1892?**

1889.

**How many years did you live there?**

We lived there about - five years.

**And then where did you go to?**

Then we went to Norfolk Island. The whole family went to Norfolk Island. And my father - he went off to the Solomon Islands. In the - mission ship the Southern Cross. And he -

**How long were you abroad?**

We were abroad then in my childhood seven years.

**When you came back where did you come back to?**

We back to - stay at first at Windsor, with my grandmother and then went to Lichborough, Northamptonshire.

**Back again to the rectory?**

Yes. And then - my father got a place in - Waltham St Laurence in Berkshire. He was assistant curate there -

It is also possible to search the interview transcripts directly for a particular keyword looking again for **vicar** gives us the following. The distinction between the two sets of results being that currently the interview summary search will search all the 444 interview summaries and the interview transcript search will only search those transcripts which have been completely digitised (currently 6).

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The search term is highlighted together with an indication of the amount of times (hits) it appears within a transcript. To further assist, the keyword is shown in context of the question and response in which it appears.



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It is also possible to browse the transcripts either by theme or by person. In the original research project the interview transcripts were coded using a system of 19 themes relating to the subject of family life and work experience. These themes or 'topics' are reflected in the main sections in the interview schedule (<http://www.qualidata.essex.ac.uk/edwardians/original/interview.asp>). The questions in the schedule therefore provide an indication of the type of content that might be classified under a particular theme. The categories are fairly broad and many strong themes to emerge in the course of the interviews, such as migration, health and poverty, for example, were not included in the original coding.

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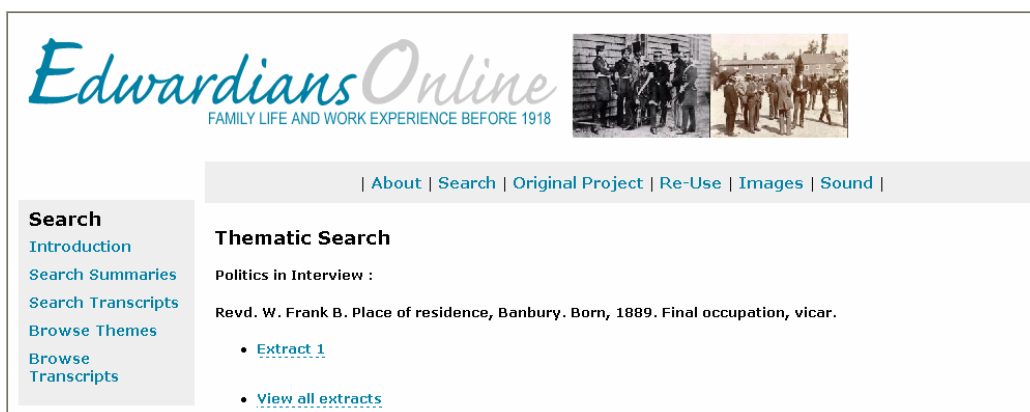
Clicking on any theme will show those interviews where the theme appears, for example choosing politics shows the following interviews



The screenshot shows the Edwardians Online website interface. At the top left is the logo "Edwardians Online" with the tagline "FAMILY LIFE AND WORK EXPERIENCE BEFORE 1918". To the right of the logo are two small images: a windmill and a street scene. Below the logo is a navigation bar with links: | About | Search | Original Project | Re-Use | Images | Sound |. On the left side, there is a "Search" menu with links: Introduction, Search Summaries, Search Transcripts, Browse Themes, Browse Transcripts. The main content area is titled "Thematic Search" and "Selected Theme: Politics". Below this, it says "Selected extracts in interviews :" and lists five results:

- [Mrs Madeline C. Place of residence, Stoke-on-Trent. Born, 1900. Final occupation, pottery painter.](#)
- [Miss Annie H B. Place of residence, Darlington. Born, 1899. Final occupation, housekeeper.](#)
- [Mrs Grace Bessie B. Place of residence, London. Born, 1901. Final occupation, housekeeper.](#)
- [Mrs M. C. Place of residence, Stansted. Born, 1901. Final occupation, housework.](#)
- [Revd. W. Frank B. Place of residence, Banbury. Born, 1889. Final occupation, vicar.](#)

Selecting the Reverend shows that there is one extract coded with the selected theme.



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- [Extract 1](#)

Below the list, there is a link: [View all extracts](#)

To view the extract, simply click on the link provided.

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### Thematic Browsing

Politics Extract 1 in Interview :

Revd. W. Frank B. Place of residence, Banbury. Born, 1889. Final occupation, vicar.

[view extract in full document](#)

**Was your father a political man, was he interested in politics?**

Oh yes, yes.

**What were his politics?**

He always voted Conservative. Mm.

**And your mother the same?**

Yes, we all did I think. I was told at school that it - it was the thing to do and - I always believed that. Before - before I went to school - before they had an election, had an election at - when I was at school, I professed to be a Liberal I remember. I was told that wasn't the right thing. It's quite a respectable thing to be as a matter of fact.

**Why did you think you wanted to be a Liberal?**

Well I - I - thought - that most people were Liberals and - it seemed a very good thing to be and -

**Was your mother interested in politics on her own account?**

No I don't think very much, no.

**Did she follow what father did?**

The Edwardians Online site also includes additional resources including a picture gallery. The photos are displayed in various categories and each has a description and historical note. The photos are available for download in both the common JPG format and the higher resolution TIFF format. A sound library with clips from selected interviews in MP3 and Windows Media formats is available as is additional contextual information from interviewees (e.g. letters, personal photos, etc.). These are depicted in the following screenshots.

For any other help please email Qualidata [qualidata@esds.ac.uk](mailto:qualidata@esds.ac.uk)

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To view a picture full size please click on the thumbnail. This will open a new browser window with the picture at full size. If you wish to download the picture please use the [Picture Download](#) page where the images are available for download as either JPEG or TIFF files. The pictures are also available as a Windows Screensaver and slideshow.

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#### Agriculture



**Description:** Three generations of a family pose for a photograph in front of the family home and business c.1904. Behind them are various works in progress for this wheelwrights including an urban district council wheel barrow.

**Historical Note:** Movement of rural populations to urban centers led to the decline of many small-scale village tradesmen. However larger villages could still support business such as wheelwrights and blacksmiths that were central to the local economy.

**Location:** Witham



**Description:** A view of South Street where the photographer has assembled passing villagers. The adults are dressed in their daily work clothes including a blacksmith who has been interrupted in his work with a horse.

**Historical Note:** By the turn of the century the great migration of rural dwellers to the towns and cities was over leaving the countryside to begin a process of slow decay. The motor car still had not made an impression in such areas and the horse still provided the main form of transport.

**Location:** Southminster

### Sound

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#### Sound Clips

Sound clips from a selection of interviews have been made available in a number of formats. These all have a brief synopsis of the sound clip, together with a link to the individual's interview summary.

We provide the files in two different sound formats, WMA and MP3. We recommend listening to the WMA files as these will start to play instantly (known as streaming audio). To do this you will need [Windows Media Player](#), this is available for Windows, Macintosh and Solaris computers. Alternatively you can choose to listen to the MP3 files, this will download the files to your computer first before playing in your MP3 software.

To listen to the files you just need to click on the appropriate link below, the MP3 files are higher quality than the WMA files. Please note however, that the sound clips were originally recorded onto mono audio cassette tapes and have subsequently been digitally encoded, thus the sound quality may be poor in places. The clip length is also displayed.

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1:58 | [WMA](#) | [MP3](#) | [Mr Clifford H. Place of residence, Colchester. Born 1904. Final occupation, Farm labourer.](#)

Describes class division in railway carriages and at local church: lists different types of people sitting in particular positions in the Church according to their rank. Also describes behaviour of vicar to different classes of churchgoers, especially his disdain for the lower class. Interviewee conveys resentment to attitude of upper/middle classes.

[View this extract in the interview transcript](#)

1:21 | [WMA](#) | [MP3](#) | [Mr Clifford H. Place of residence, Colchester. Born 1904. Final occupation, Farm labourer.](#)

Conveys resentment to the superior attitude displayed by members of upper/middle classes to himself and his class (lower class). Illustrates this by a particular story of a local shopkeeper (baker's) response to him wearing a new suit. Refers to who he perceives to be so called social superiors, e.g. the rich; intellectuals; doctors, vicars. Includes example of social address between classes.