

# FindMyPast Skill-builder Solutions

The screenshot shows the FindMyPast website interface. At the top, there are navigation links for 'Family tree', 'Search', and 'DNA'. The main heading is 'Search A-Z of record sets in England'. On the left, a sidebar lists geographical regions, with 'England' selected. The search bar contains the text 'greater manchester'. Below the search bar, a table lists search results:

Title ^	Category ⇅	Subcategory ⇅	Records ⇅
England, Greater Manchester Baptisms 1571-1910	Life Events (BMDs)	Parish Baptisms	811,410
England, Greater Manchester Burials 1570-1990	Life Events (BMDs)	Parish Burials	499,216

This screenshot shows a detailed search result for 'Philemon Stott'. The search criteria on the left include: First name(s) 'Philemon', Last name 'e.g. Churchill', Year '1884', and 'Include name variants' checked. The search results on the right show one result:

First name(s)	Last name	Year	Father's first name(s)	Mother's first name(s)	Place
Philemon	Stott	1884	James	Ann	Oldham, St Stephen and All Martyrs

Philemon Stott was baptised in the parish church of **St Stephen and All Martyrs in Oldham**. Note that FMP puts the town first to alphabetically group this church with others in the same location rather than those with the same saint's name. So copy the name directly from the screen as written.

When you paste the church name into the Place search box, the program substitutes a "token" placed underneath. This is because your search is not actually based on the words in the name but an internal code that is invisible to users but makes the program more efficient. This also means that you could type in the name of a second parish that would also be tokenised to allow you to search for either one OR the other at the same time.

**Your search** Clear All

First name(s)  
 ×

Include name variants i

Last name  
 ×

Include name variants i

Year Give or take  
 -/+ 2yrs ×

Father's first name(s)  
 ×

Include name variants i

Mother's first name(s)  
 ×

Include name variants i

Place  
 ×

**1 result**

First name(s)	Last name	Year	Father's first name(s)	Mother's first name(s)	Place
Ogden Samuel	Wild	1873	John	Mary Ann	Oldham, St Stephen and All Martyrs

**1**

**Ogden Samuel Wild** was two given names but that is not always the case. For this task, you need only his first name.

When you replace the last name and add Abraham as a given name in the search panel, remember to remove items that are no longer relevant, such as Father's first name. If you leave John in that box, you will get no result because Abraham Ogden's father was Samuel.

**Your search** Clear All

First name(s)  
 ×

Include name variants i

Last name  
 ×

Include name variants i

Year Give or take  
 -/+ 2yrs ×

Father's first name(s)  
 ×

**1 result**

First name(s)	Last name	Year	Father's first name(s)	Mother's first name(s)	Place
Abraham	Ogden	1830	Samuel	Anne	Blackley, St Peter

**1**

One again, you should copy the parish name (**Blackley, St Peter**) from here and then paste it into an otherwise blank search page for the final task.

Note that the program appears to have pre-filled some other search boxes (for example Winston Churchill 1908) but anything that begins "e.g." is just a prompt to you and is actually invisible to the search engine. Confusing I know, but you will get used to it.

**Your search** Clear All **10,091** results Sort By Relevance

First name(s)  
 X

Include name variants (i)

Last name  
 X

Include name variants (i)

Year Give or take  
  X

Father's first name(s)  
 X

Include name variants (i)

Mother's first name(s)  
 X

Include name variants (i)

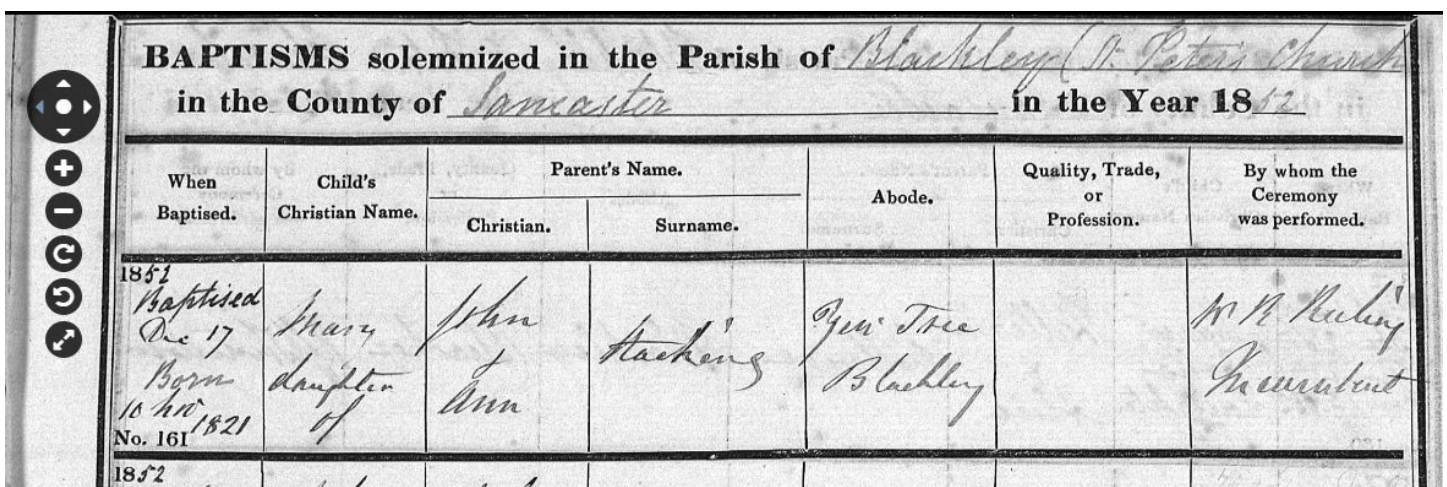
Place  
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First name(s)	Last name	Year	Father's first name(s)	Mother's first name(s)	Place		
—	Tomlinson	—	William	Sarah Ann	Blackley, St Peter		
<b>Mary</b>	Hacking	1821	John	Ann	Blackley, St Peter		
<b>Charles</b>	Ashton	1822	Joseph	Mary	Blackley, St Peter		
<b>Sarah Anne</b>	Ashton	1822	Joseph	Mary	Blackley, St Peter		
<b>Caroline</b>	Bennet	1822	Robert	Frances	Blackley, St Peter		
<b>Mary Anne</b>	Booth	1822	John	Hannah	Blackley, St Peter		
<b>James</b>	Bradbury	1822	John	Esther	Blackley, St Peter		
<b>Maria</b>	Broughton	1822	Mark	Elizabeth	Blackley, St Peter		
<b>Joseph</b>	Brown	1822	James	Sarah	Blackley, St Peter		
<b>Joseph</b>	Brown	1822	Joseph	Phebe	Blackley, St Peter		
<b>Joseph</b>	Brown	1822	Samuel	Esther	Blackley, St Peter		
<b>Sarah Ann</b>	Brown	1822	—	Ruth	Blackley, St Peter		
<b>Joseph</b>	Buerdsell	1822	Thomas	Betty	Blackley, St Peter		

The search produces more than 10,000 results but use the sort switch (small triangle) on the Year column to see that **Mary Hacking** is the first entry with a known date, 1821.

But view the image rather than just the transcription (using the last icon in the row).



You see that **Mary** was baptised on 17 December 1852; more than 31 years after she was born.