

## **Wills online**

The index to the Archdeaconry of Richmond wills 1749-1858 is now on LANCAT. The index has been available on A2A for some time but it is much easier to search on LANCAT. You can, for example, carry out an advanced search to look for surnames in a particular area.

There are 36,000 entries from the area north of the River Ribble, taking in parts of what were Cumberland and Westmorland and part of Yorkshire.

This index has been compiled from the wills flattened by the volunteers and so should be more accurate than the printed will indexes which were probably compiled from Probate Act books. The index also covers the non-Lancashire areas of the Archdeaconry of Richmond which the printed indexes don't and so saves you having to look through the Act books for these areas.

This index has only been made possible because of the work of the will-flatteners and the hard work of Dr Andy Gritt in compiling it. Making it available in this way is a fantastic achievement.

## **Medieval Latin**

The National Archives provides free interactive, step-by-step online tutorials in Medieval Latin (1066 – 1733) at both beginners and advanced levels. They are available at:

[www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/Latin/Beginners](http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/Latin/Beginners) and

[www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/Latin/Advanced](http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/Latin/Advanced)

There is also help with reading handwriting from 1500 to 1800 at

[www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/Palaeography](http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/Palaeography)