

A list of information you can obtain from certificates

From “Birth Certificates”

- Place and date of birth
- Full name at birth and gender
- Given name and surname of father
- Given name and surname of mother
- Father’s occupation
- Informant and their address, (usually the mother)

From “Marriage Certificates”

- The place and date of marriage
- The groom’s name, age, occupation, and residence
- The bride’s name, age, occupation, and residence
- The names of the groom’s and the bride’s fathers
- Their occupations and a note to say they are living or deceased

From “Death Certificates”

- Place and date of death
- Name of deceased, their age and gender
- Occupation and residence
- Other information, for example a note may say “wife of...”
- Informant of the death and their relationship to the deceased and possibly their address

Hints

Remember, on all birth, marriage and death certificates it always states where the event took place, so that when you are searching census records you will firstly search using the name of the county that the event took place in and *then* widen your search.