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You can also access the ODNB using the PDF Gamble Guide listing all electronic resources which is emailed out by the Librarian.

Once you click on the 'Oxford DNB' icon you will be prompted to enter your Union Theological College email address and password. You will then be redirected to the ODNB landing page.



The ODNB holds over 63,000 biographies and 12,000 portraits of influential people who shaped British history. Each January new individuals who passed away four years ago or more are added. The ODNB is updated monthly by academics at Oxford University.

Simple search

You can search the ODNB by typing in names ('Article titles') in the search box and clicking the magnifying glass or pressing enter on your keyboard:

The screenshot shows the top of the Oxford Dictionary of National Biography website. The header is dark blue with the ODNB logo and navigation links: About, Tools and Resources, Subscribe, Customer Services, News, and a user icon. Below the header, there's a search bar with 'John Owen' entered and a magnifying glass icon. To the left of the search bar are filters for 'Occupations' and 'Religious Affiliation'. Below the search bar, there's a 'Welcome to Oxford Dictionary of National Biography' section with a list of statistics: Over 63,000 biographies, 75 million words, 12,000 portraits. To the right of this text is a collage of historical portraits.

Results can then be refined on the left. For example, you can choose to see just articles rather than articles and images in your results. You can enter the date range they may be from. Alternatively, scroll down the results list and select the individual you are interested in by clicking on the article title:

Life event ⓘ

Any

Date

☒ Date range ☐ Single date

From 1616

To 1683

Location

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Owen, John (1616–1683), theologian and Independent minister



Richard L. Greaves

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Published online: 23 September 2004

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Article

Owen, John [Joannes Audoenus] (1563/4–1622?), Latin poet



Article

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Article title and life dates of the individual.
Author of the article is named under this.

DOI (digital object identifier) is listed and can be used and shared as a permanent link to the article.

Details of when the article was published and a link to the previous version are given.

These icons allow you to:

- Download the article PDF
- Generate the article's citation (NB this is different to the College's referencing system so use with caution)
- Save the article to your personal profile. (See page 7 for how to create a personal profile)
- Email the content to someone or copy a link to the article. (Only College staff and students will have access to the article's full text).

The article's contents are on the left of the screen and you can click the heading you want to go directly to its content.
'Sources' give the list of references consulted to write the article and so are very useful.
'Likenesses' list the portraits, engravings etc. of the individual which are available.
'External resources' give links to other websites which give information on the individual.
'Abbreviations' link to all abbreviations used in the ODNB.

Advanced search

The advanced search can be accessed by clicking on the link beside the simple search box:

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Search Article Title

Advanced search

If you have already done a simple search the advanced search options will be listed on the left of the webpage. The advanced search will allow you to search within a range of fields, not just the article title. For example, you can search for all articles on male ministers who were around from 1600 to 1700 in Ireland:

Modify your search

Term

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minister

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Articles containing

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Sex

Male (29)

Life event

Any

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From 1600

To 1700

Location

Ireland

Add event

Update

Adair, Patrick (1624?–1693/4), Presbyterian minister and historian

Finlay Holmes

Published in print: 23 September 2004

Published online: 23 September 2004

Adair, Patrick (1624 ? –1693/4), Presbyterian **minister** and historian , was the son of John Adair of Genoch in Galloway. His family were prominently involved in the Scottish migration to Ulster in the seventeenth century, and he was the nephew of Sir Robert Adair , a major Scots colonizer in mid-Antrim , and of the Revd William Adair , who in 1644 administered the solemn league and covenant in Ulster. As a boy Patrick was present in St Giles's Cathedral, Edinburgh , in 1637 when the use of a new Scottish prayer book provoked the riot traditionally

Article

Alexander, John (1686–1743), minister of the Presbyterian General Synod of Ulster

Alexander Gordon revised by M. J. Mercer

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Published online: 23 September 2004

Alexander, John (1686–1743), **minister** of the Presbyterian General Synod of Ulster , was born on 30 September 1686 at Temple Patrick, co. Antrim , the son of John Alexander (d. 1712) , and his wife, Mary Hamilton. His father was the fourth son of William Alexander, first earl of Stirling. He was educated at Glasgow University where he matriculated on 3 March 1701. He subsequently trained for the ministry, probably under Samuel Jones at Gloucester and later at Tewkesbury. About 1713 he became the first **minister** of the newly opened Independent chapel

Article

Blackwood, Christopher (1607/8–1670), Particular Baptist minister

Richard L. Greaves

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Particular Baptist **minister** , was born in August 1607 or 1608, in Yorkshire , the youngest son of William Blackwood. After matriculating at the age of thirteen from Pembroke College, Cambridge , at Easter 1621, he graduated BA in 1625. He was ordained a priest in the diocese of London on 8 June 1628, at which time he was referred to as having the MA degree. After serving as vicar of Stockbury, Kent , in 1631, he was curate of Rye, Sussex , from 1632 to 1635. On emigrating to New England in 1640, he succeeded John Lathrop as **minister** at Scituate in Plymouth

Article

Boyd, William (1685–1772), minister of the Presbyterian General Synod of Ulster

Alexander Gordon revised by W. D. Bailie

Published in print: 23 September 2004

You can refine this search further, by for example selecting 'Religion and belief' under occupation:



Occupations

- ▶ Education and scholarship (2)
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Religious Affiliation

- ▶ Christianity (29)

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Article

Abbadie, Jacques [James] (bap. 1654?, d. 1727), Church of Ireland dean of Killaloe

Ruth Whelan

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Abbadie, Jacques [James] (*bap.* 1654?, *d.* 1727), Church of Ireland dean of Killaloe, was born in Nay in Béarn; he is most probably the Jacques Abbadie who was the third child of Violente de Fortaner and Pierre Abbadie, baptized on 27 April 1654. He received his early education at the local protestant school, which was overseen by the pastor and writer ...



Life event ?

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From

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Location

Life event ?

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Browse the ODNB

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These can be further refined on the left of the screen.

Other useful tools and resources

Under 'Tools and Resources' 'Free ODNB' there are a range of useful free lists that could be helpful in research.

For example, 'Local lives' has a Northern Ireland Lives' section which lists 2,000 notable people with links to the Province.



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