

Method of Working

Process of Research

1. **1881 Census Transcription Template** – It will be necessary to first transcribe the 1881 census document. Please use the provided template to aid this process and to collect important data.
2. **Full Census Summaries – Data Collection** – Focussing on a single inmate, next complete the Full Census Summaries template document. This give a rough idea of the main events in the inmate’s life, acting as the bare bones to which you can build a fulsome account. When completed for each inmate, this database will also provide us with a representative overview of the lives of the inmates as a whole.
3. **More Than Oliver Twist - Life History Summaries** – This step can be completed during or after the first two steps. The resources and references listed in this document are in a suggested research order. Research has a habit of taking strange, unexpected paths and going in funny orders – so simply complete the references and notes as you encounter them. For those new to family history research, this template provides a suggested structured way to begin your research. Once completed, please restructure the information to read chronologically.

Writing Biographies

1. **More Than Oliver Twist – Biography Style Guide AND More Than Oliver Twist – Biography Examples** – After you have completed all research, please use these documents to help write and structure your inmate bios.
2. **More Than Oliver Twist – Reference Style Guide** – Please reference sources used in a complete and consistent manner, as described in the reference style guide provided.