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Crockford's Clerical Directory: a Directory of the Clergy of the Church of England, the Church in Wales, the Scottish Episcopal Church, the Church of Ireland (London, 1858-) is the basic source of career information for Anglican clergy.

The first issue entitled *Clerical Directory* was issued in 1858 and it was usually issued annually. It contains alphabetical lists of the clergy of the Church of England (though it does not include dates of birth or death or family information) and also includes clergy of the Episcopal Church in Scotland, Established Church of Ireland, and certain colonial Anglican churches. It includes information on education, date and diocese of ordination as deacon (d) and priest (p), posts held and publications. It also includes details of non-stipendiary ministers and those involved in some kind of ministry outside the parochial system (including hospital, prison, educational or services chaplains).

For the history of Crockford's, see: https://www.crockford.org.uk/faq/history-of-crockford

Lambeth Palace Library holds a complete set. A few historic editions are available via Ancestry (subscription required): <u>http://search.ancestry.co.uk/search/db.aspx?dbid=1548</u>

Modern information from 1968 onwards is available online by subscription via <u>www.crockford.org.uk</u> although a small percentage (around 3%) of Anglican clergy opt not to be included in Crockford. A list of abbreviations is to be found here: <u>www.crockford.org.uk/faq/list-of-abbreviations</u>

Earlier directories (not so detailed as Crockford) include:

Clerical guide, or ecclesiastical directory... (London, 1817-29 and 1836)

Clergy List (London, 1841-1917). This was absorbed by Crockford's Clerical Directory in 1917.

Information at the end of this guide gives a full list of the available editions for *Crockford's*, the *Clerical guide*, and the *Clergy List*.

J. Foster, *Index Ecclesiasticus...* (Oxford, 1890). Includes beneficed clergy only, not curates. Covers the period 1800-1840 only. Though further volumes were planned, they were never published.

Royal Commission on Ecclesiastical Revenues, report 1835. Records all clergy (with year of admission), patrons of each benefice, number of curates, income of each benefice, other preferments held by incumbents etc.

For clergy 1540-1835, see the Clergy Database: <u>http://theclergydatabase.org.uk</u> This also gives a glossary: <u>http://theclergydatabase.org.uk/reference/glossary</u>

For other sources, see the Research Guide on Biographical Sources for Anglican Clergy.



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