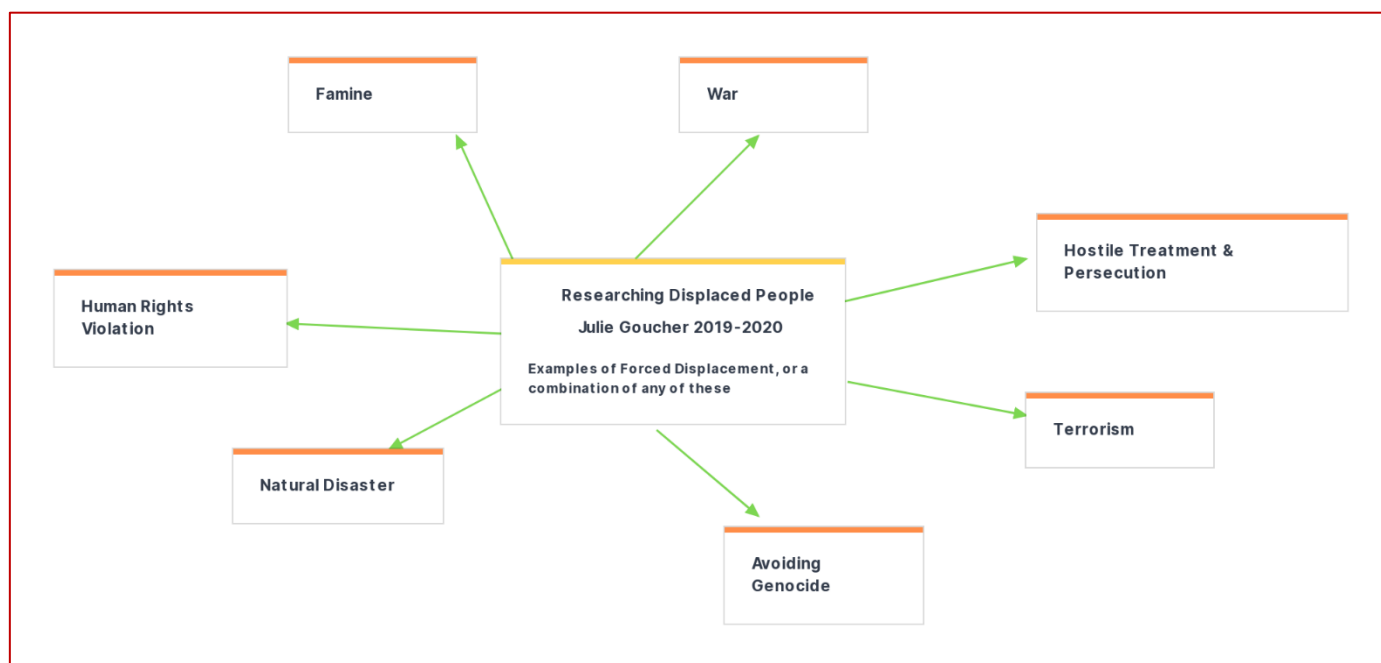




Displaced People are considered in two categories – INTERNAL where people find safety in their own country. EXTERNAL displaced people are actually, REFUGEES. These who are individuals that have found safety by crossing international borders. FORCED DISPLACEMENT –are those forced to move within or across borders because of some key factors which will cover shortly.

At the end of 2018 70.8 million people were forced from their home by conflict and persecution. That had risen, as we saw earlier to 80 million by June 2020. Amongst that number there are nearly 30 million refugees with half of those being under the age of 18.

### **Reasons for Displacement**



As you are researching there are some key and basic indicators to consider:

The context the individuals were living in and how the context affected them, coupled with the affects, of the key indicators **WHY, WHEN, WHERE, WHO, WHAT, WHERE & HOW**

## **Case Study 1 – French & American Prisoners of War 1803-1815 – Resources**

### **General References**

- The Transport Office might have some references to the soldiers who enlisted into the German or Italian Army. These records are held at The National Archives at Kew and not in Edinburgh, under ADM 98/238
- Book – Napoleonic Prisoners of War in Llanfyllin, Wales by Murray Chapman
- Funds due to the prisoners in records located at TNA AM98 280
- Transport Board to Agents Letters ADM 98/170
- <https://Dartmoor-prison.co.uk>
- The National Archives London England (Kew) <https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/>
- Peninsular War – [www.peninsularwar.org](http://www.peninsularwar.org)
- Book – Journal of a Young Man of Massachusetts, Late Surgeon on Board an American Privateer vessel who was captured by the British by Benjamin Waterhouse published 1816 Boston USA available via [www.gutenberg.org](http://www.gutenberg.org) (free access)
- Guide to the war of 1812 – Virtual Programs and Services Library of Congress – <https://loc.gov>
- Guild of One-Name Studies – <https://one-name.org>
- Learning about surnames – Pharos One-Name Studies Courses taught by Julie Goucher – [www.pharostutors.com](http://www.pharostutors.com)
- The War of 1812 – [www.warof1812.ca](http://www.warof1812.ca)

### **Porchester Castle**

- Porchester Castle now owned by English Heritage has a Prisoner of War camp since the 17<sup>th</sup> Century - <https://www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/places/portchester-castle/history-and-stories/portchester-castle-and-prisoners-of-war/>
- Material at TNA (The National Archives) at Kew under reference ADM 98/252 relating to Spanish prisoners

### **Dartmoor Prison**

- Dartmoor Prison is still serving as HMP Dartmoor
- Index of French Prisoners held at Dartmoor Prison TNA ADM 103/102 and also at FindMyPast
- Book - Dartmoor Prison Volume 1, 1809-1816 by Ron Joy
- Book – Hell upon Wales, Prisoner of War in Britain 1793-1815 Published History Press 2008
- [www.Legendarydartmoor.co.uk](http://www.Legendarydartmoor.co.uk)
- Thesis – The Prison on the Moor 1813-1815 by Justin Jones University of Texas May 2011 <https://rc.library.uta.edu>

### **Esk Mills**

- Material at TNA (The National Archives) at Kew under reference ADM 103/124 relating to French Prisoners.
- Material at TNA (The National Archives) at Kew under reference ADM 103/117 includes Prisoners held at Edinburgh Castle
- National Library of Scotland Blog - <https://blog.nls.uk/prisoners-of-war/>
- Find My Past - <https://search.findmypast.co.uk/search-world-records/prisoners-of-war-1715-1945>

## **Case Study 2 – Europe at the end of World War II (1939-1945) – Resources**

(Liberation 8 May 1945)

This is a snapshot of material that will hopefully be of interest as you research this emotive part of global history.

- Book – The Unsettling of Europe: The Great Migration 1945 to the present by Philip Gatrell, published London 2019 ISBN 978 0 241 290453
- Nuremburg Trials – [www.nuremburg.law.harvard.edu](http://www.nuremburg.law.harvard.edu)
- Book - It Happened in Italy: Untold stories of how the people of Italy defied the horrors of the Holocaust by Elizabeth Bettina published Nelson Current and published 2009
- Book - At Oma's Table: More than 100 recipes and Remembrances from a Jewish family's Kitchen Published by HP Books in 2007.
- Jewish Gen - [www.jewishGen.org](http://www.jewishGen.org) Excellent databases and does not just record those of the Jewish faith.
- Voices from Ravensbruck
  - <https://www.ub.lu.se/en/voices-from-ravensbruck>
  - <http://www.ub.lu.se/witnessing-genocide> (new site)
- Holocaust Encyclopedia - <https://encyclopedia.ushmm.org/en>
- Imperial War Museum – [www.iwm.org.uk](http://www.iwm.org.uk)
- Wiener Library - <https://www.wienerlibrary.co.uk/>
- Yad Vashem - <https://www.yadvashem.org/>
- Arolsen Archives - <https://arolsen-archives.org/en/>
- British Library: Voices of the Holocaust - <https://www.bl.uk/learning/histcitizen/voices/holocaust.html>
- Nazi Concentration Camps – [www.camps.bbk.ac.uk](http://www.camps.bbk.ac.uk)
- Museums located at the former camps
  - Dachau - <https://www.kz-gedenkstaette-dachau.de/en/>
- European Ancestors - <https://anglersrest.net/european-research/>
- Concentration Camps in Italy - <https://www.wmf.org/project/world-war-ii-concentration-camps-italy>
- Holocaust Education Trust - <https://www.het.org.uk/>
- British Red Cross - <https://www.redcross.org.uk/about-us/our-history/museum-and-archives/our-historical-collections>
- American Red Cross and WWII - <https://www.redcross.org/content/dam/redcross/National/history-wwii.pdf>
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission – [www.cwgc.org.uk](http://www.cwgc.org.uk)

**Case Study 3 –Far East at the end of World War II (1939-1945) – Resources**

(Liberation 15 August 1945)

- Cambridge Digital Library – Civilians in Singapore during WWII  
<https://cudl.lib.cam.ac.uk/>
- The Fall of Singapore - <https://cudl.lib.cam.ac.uk/view/MS-RCMS-00103-00012-00001/1>
- Imperial War Museum – [www.iwm.org.uk](http://www.iwm.org.uk)
- National Archives of Australia –
- War Memorial in Canberra, Australia – [www.awm.gov.au](http://www.awm.gov.au)
- National Archives at Kew London - <https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/>
  - RAF Nominal Rolls AIR 40/1899 (very fragile state)
  - Japanese POW Index Cards WO 345
  - War Crimes by Imperial Army WO 356 & WO 357
  - POW Questionnaires WO 392 /23 (A-D)
  - POW Questionnaires WO 392 / 26 (R-Z)
  - Changi POW Camps WO 367
  - RAF Nominal Rolls AIR 40/1906
- Changi Museum website – [www.changimuseum.sg](http://www.changimuseum.sg)
- [www.POWTaiwan.org](http://www.POWTaiwan.org)
- [www.POWresearch.jp](http://www.POWresearch.jp) (Japanese camps only)
- [www.mansell.com](http://www.mansell.com)
- Paperless Archive (Camps outside of Japan) [www.paperlessarchives.com](http://www.paperlessarchives.com)
- Hellship Information [www.westpoint.org](http://www.westpoint.org)
- Adam Park Project – [www.adamparkproject.com](http://www.adamparkproject.com)
- Thailand Burma Railway Centre – [www.tbronline.com](http://www.tbronline.com)
- East Indies Company Archives
- Thesis - Stanley Internment Camp, Hong Kong written by Geoffrey Charles Emerson and downloadable from [www.Hubhku.hk](http://www.Hubhku.hk) (slow download)

## **Top 10 Tips for Researching Displaced People**

1. Write out what you actually know of your individual and family and do the same with what you do not know, sometimes the items missing are the most interesting.
2. Obtain a map of the area and identify the areas relevant to your people
3. What was the context of their lives? Were they experiencing persecution? Fleeing war, Set the foundations to give your research substance.
4. Focus on key factors that likely have not changed – places of origin, surname? Does it provide opportunities to explore further?
5. Foreign surnames are often corrupted – people wrote what they heard. If you cannot read or write you likely do not know how to spell your surname and therefore cannot correct mistakes. Accents can impact the writing of surnames. Where is the surname to be found? Visit [www.forebears.io](http://www.forebears.io) and see how the surname is distributed across the world
6. Consider the border changes of towns and controlling powers – did the border move?
7. Did religion impact your ancestor?
8. One excellent site is the Jewish Gen site, which does incorporate non-Jewish names. I came across three references of Orlando's for my One-Name Study who were Italian prisoners of war after 1943. They were held by the Germans in several of the camps and all three of them perished.
9. Focus global – War is not a level playing field, people took opportunities as they presented themselves, as a way of achieving self-preservation. Some ended up in a totally different place to where they were from and where you might have expected them to be. So cast your research net far and wide
10. Depending on war, events etc obtain a broad history book for the country your family are from. Then you can gather more foundation material to aid your understanding of your people in their time and place.

### **Considerations for New Beginnings**

Below are the elements that perhaps offer starting points for research, on the basis that the answers to those elements below do not change or change substantially.

