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Announcements

The Toronto FHC will be closed Saturday, February 18th and Monday, February 20th for the Family Day weekend.

Additions to Our Permanent Collection

Ken Cox has generously donated a copy of his new book, *A Call to the Colours – Tracing Your Canadian Military Ancestors*, to our library. A Call to the Colours provides archival, library, and computer resources that can be employed to explore your family's military history, using items such as old photographs, documents, uniforms, medals, and other militaria to guide the search. The book is illustrated with examples of the sorts of artifacts and documents you can find, like a Loyalist muster roll, a Canada General Service Medal with an ancestor's name engraved on it, a set of First World War attestation papers, or a box of Second World War medals.

What's New

FindMyPast has published 38,269 new Lincolnshire parish marriage records for 76,538 people spanning the period 1699-1838.

FamilySearch has added Kent probate and land tax assessment records that cover the east part of Kent (for browsing only). The probate records not only contain wills but also Account papers, Administration bonds, Caveats, Guardian registers, Inventories and miscellaneous other papers. If you would like to know which diocese, archdeaconry or peculiar in which to look for your ancestor, consult one of our books, *Guide to Pre-1858 English Probate Jurisdictions*. They have also added a small number of browsable church records for Nova Scotia 1720-2001.

Ancestry is adding some interesting American/Italian records for various states. They are records of the Order Sons of Italy in America (OSIA), which was established in 1905 in New York as a mutual aid society to assist Italian immigrants coming to the United States. There are currently records for Pennsylvania, California, Massachusetts, and Illinois. Ancestry has updated the West Yorkshire baptisms and marriages, and the Liverpool Catholic marriages. New records for Warwickshire include Land Tax, Parish Poor Law, Bastardy Orders, and burial slips from Warwick Cemetery. Another new database is the records of Perthshire, Scotland, Cess, Stent and Valuation Rolls, 1650-1899. This is a collection of valuation rolls for the County of Perth, Scotland that run from 1885-1988. The valuation rolls contain more information than the cess or stent rolls, which recorded just the tax portion of the valuation, while the valuation rolls deal solely with the value of the property. The valuation rolls name the proprietor or tenant, describe or name the property and give an annual rental value.

The Forum

Questions: No new questions this week.

Suggestions:

Q1/05/2012. Canada/Ireland.

I am looking for John Robert McCullough, my 2x GreatGrandfather, who came over from Ireland. On Nov 27, 1844, he married Lizetta Potter, of Port Hope, in the Newcastle district. I can trace him through the censuses from 1851 to 1891 with various spellings. In the 1851 census he has the occupation of Physician added but this was not mentioned (ie: doctor in his name) when he was married. He was licenced in Ontario by the Medical Board of Upper Canada on Oct. 25, 1851. He was unlicenced in 1894 for advertising. He and Lizetta both have disappeared after 1891 but he must have been alive in 1894. His birth date is 1821. I cannot find when he came over nor when he died (hoping there would have been something said in his obituary about his family, birthplace, etc.).

My husband's name is McCullough and his 2xGreatGrandfather Thomas born circa 1819 came over from County Armagh in 1840 according to his obituary in 1905. Are my husband and I related? According to family lore this Thomas McCullough had a brother who came over with him to Canada and they split up because of a "family feud". Thomas's

brother's name was John and he was a doctor. Thomas went to Wellington County way; John was to have gone to Eastern Ontario way. Thomas' mother's name was Agnes and his father's name was Thomas. My John McCullough named a son Thomas and the only daughter Agnes.

John must have arrived in Canada as an adult and probably around 1840. This is after the "Peter Robinson" settlers from Cork, who arrived in the 1820s, before the huge migration of starving Irish immigrants in the late 1840s, and many years before Canada started keeping organized shipping records for everyone. I think that you would be very lucky to find information about his immigration.

We were also unable to find John after 1891 but his son, Thomas, emigrated to the US (probably Detroit) in 1895/7 and became a US citizen in 1902 with his family, wife Susan Maud, daughter Sarah, and sons John R, Thomas P and Wallace. Thomas is also a physician and perhaps left after the unlicencing of his father in 1894 (pure conjecture). I find him in Detroit in 1910, 1920 and 1930. Did his parents also move to the US?

I see no concrete evidence that you and your husband are related but it is fun to speculate.

Q2/05/2012. Ireland.

I am researching my great great grandfather James Hand who was born in Castleblaney, Co. Monaghan somewhere between 1839 and 1847. James married Elizabeth Hand (same last name) of Dublin, Ireland on March 3, 1872. His age on his marriage certificate is listed as full age. James and Elizabeth lived in Castleblaney for some time before moving to England as evidenced by the birth certificate of their daughter Mary Anne in 1874. James first shows up on the 1871 England Census (aged 32 born abt. 1839) as a lodger in Patrick Hand's home in Liverpool. James and Elizabeth moved to Salford, England and on the 1881 England census James is listed as 36 born about 1845 living in Broughton/Salford. I can't find any trace of him or the family in the 1891 England census. In 1901 his age is listed as 54 – born about 1847 living in Broughton/Salford. In the 1911 England Census his age is listed as 68 (born about 1843) but it looks like this entry has been corrected so perhaps even James didn't know when he was born. I'd like to know where I can go to find a record of his birth in Castleblaney. I'd also like to track down his father Bernard Hand who was listed as a farmer on James and Elizabeth's marriage certificate and I'm assuming in or near Castleblaney, Co. Monaghan.

I doubt that the James Hand found in England in 1871 is "your" James. His occupation and age are inconsistent with the James living in Salford and usually a brother-in-law would be listed as such and not as a lodger. There are deaths in the Salford Registration district which fit your James and Elizabeth – in 1927 James aged 85 (born 1842) and Elizabeth in 1934 age 81 (born 1853). You were very lucky that the 1911 census in England gave the town where James was born; that is very unusual. To find James birth in Castleblaney, you have to hope that there are parish registers for the church existing somewhere. The Irish Family History Foundation (www.rootsireland.ie) currently has a very small number of Roman Catholic and Church of Ireland records online for Co. Monaghan and they include RC marriages from Muckno (Castleblaney) but no births yet. They are always adding records so check later; searching is free after you register but you will have to pay for an actual entry. There was no record of Bernard Hand's marriage in Muckno. It would be helpful to know their religion.

For more information on Bernard you will have to look further afield. Our townlands reference guide says that Castleblaney (the town) is in Co. Monaghan, the Barony of Cremorne, the Parish of Muckno, and the Poor Law Union of Castleblaney. So you can search for Bernard in Muckno or Castleblaney, depending on the type of record. I found nothing for Bernard on the Ancestry Tithe Applotment Books and there are a few Bernard Hands in Griffiths Valuation in Co Monaghan but none in Castleblaney. The Flax Growers database is too early. The FamilySearch catalogue had no parish record films for Muckno or Castleblaney but it did have a number of films of court records for the Court of Petty Sessions (Caastleblaney, Muckno, Monaghan) which may give details of useful land transfers, etc. for Bernard.

Q3/05/2012. Ancestry/Family Tree Maker.

The latest Lost Cousins newsletter points out that you can buy FTM Platinum from Amazon UK for under 30 pounds which includes a free 6-month subscription to Ancestry UK. This would be great for me as my ancestors are from the UK. However, Amazon UK doesn't ship software to Canada. If we were to have it sent somewhere in the UK and forwarded on, do you think we could still use the free Ancestry subscription? Has anyone experimented with this?

Marie Burger had some experience in this: "A few years ago I bought Family Tree Maker (Canadian Version) which came with a sub to Canadian Ancestry. As all my ancestors are from the U.K. I contacted Ancestry to ask them if I could have the U.K. sub instead of the Canadian one and they agreed to do this. I didn't open the package until I had assurance from them that I could get the U.K. sub. Now I see that Family Tree Maker Platinum is selling here for \$99 with a 6 month sub to Ancestry.com. I've been checking out prices at different stores and found FTM 2010 for \$19.88 with a six month sub to Ancestry.com. This might be worthwhile if you can get them to give you Ancestry U.K. The store where this is available is Canada Computers (www.canadacomputers.co). If anyone is interested they can go to the website to check which stores have it."

Gay King wrote: "BEWARE! I have found that software from the U.K. does not work on my North American computer. The settings are somehow different making their software unusable."

A couple of readers had a suggestion when your subscription requires renewal. Call before the date and state that you are disappointed that there are lots of special deals for first-time subscribers and yet there is nothing for loyal subscribers. Both have received a significant reduction in their next year's costs.

Were You Aware ... Ancestry's New Viewer

I have been trying out Ancestry's new viewer this week and found that the images seem to download much slower and I have now switched back to the old Advanced Viewer. We would be interested in hearing your opinions.

Two Birth Registrations – One Child

In last week's Bulletin Ann Nelis told of one child who had two birth registrations under two different given names – Edna and Rita Frizelle (Blacklock). She provided us with copies of the two birth registrations and they are exactly the same registration. In column 10 (Names entered after registration), Edna's certificate shows Rita Frizelle "On Certificate of Naming". We had never seen this before. One of our reference books, *Ancestral Trails*, says "The given name of a child on a birth certificate can be changed within 12 months of the birth being registered if the child has not been baptised with the registered name. This procedure is rarely used and should not cause you any difficulty in tracing an entry since the record of the birth should be indexed under both names." Online the Borough of Poole says that a birth registration can be changed within 12 months by providing information when the child is baptised with a different name but if there is no baptism, the parents can complete a 'non-baptism' naming form, the certificate of naming. The registration should appear under both names as Edna and Rita Frizelle did. But this was not the case with the registration of Meta Eileen. She was originally registered with the name Violet and later, by Certificate of Naming, registered as Meta Eileen. This only appears under the registration of Meta Eileen both in the GRO and in the local registry office, as found online at the Cumbria BMD (<http://www.cumbriabmd.org.uk/>).

Searching Electoral Records

The *GenealogyInTime Magazine Newsletter* of February 4, 2012 had a good article on how to search Electoral Registers. Given the large collection of London records on Ancestry and others coming online this year, it is timely and well worth a read. Find it at <http://goo.gl/F0bak>.

Films received in the seven days ending on February 9, 2012 and due for return on March 8, 2012.

Films Received Table	
Film Content	Film No
DNK MER Søndersted Fødte og Døbte 1781-1814 v. 4	0049526
ENG DEV Holsworthy PR & BT Transcripts 1563-1837	0917146
ENG DEV Various Non-Conformist Registers	0590692
POL LD Szczerców Civ Reg 1848-1865	0747933
POL LD Szczerców Civ Reg 1871-1874	1191787
USA NY Albany PRs 1683-1985	0017508
USA NY Buffalo St Pauls & St Marks BMBs 1842-1928	1901556

A patron wishing to view a film ordered by another should check first with staff. The ordering patron will always have priority. The description of the film given above may not be a full description but a search in the Family History Library Catalog will reveal the full content. The geographical abbreviations are Chapman codes.

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Tuesday 9.30 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Wednesday 9.30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Thursday 9:30 a.m. to noon; 6.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m.

Friday 9.30 a.m. to 12 noon

Saturday 9.30 a.m. to 12 noon.

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For a copy of a searchable listing of all the films, fiche, CDs and books held at the Toronto Family History Centre in pdf format, go to the Toronto FHC Website at <http://torontofhc.blogspot.com/> and look for it under Resources.

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