

In This Bulletin

It is with extremely heavy hearts that we announce the death of our Toronto FHC director, Doug Armstrong. Doug passed away suddenly on March 15th while vacationing in France. He was at the Family History Centre with Gwen most Saturdays - they were a real team. Volunteers and patrons will miss his patient help. We all send our condolences and thoughts to his beloved wife, Gwen, who was his partner in many ways, including being co-director at the FHC.

Announcements – April closures, Updated All Resources List, OGS Conference 2013

What's New – FindMyPast (Canterbury Collection – East Kent Records), DeceasedOnline (Manor Park Cemetery records complete), Ancestry (Maine marriages), FamilySearch (Kyiv Ukraine, Mexico, NY Passenger records, Ohio deaths), Origins.net (South London burials)

The Forum – More suggestions for the census question, no new questions

Were You Aware ... Various Irish Resources, United Church Archives Moving, UK County Resources – Lancashire & Yorkshire

Announcements

We are closed for Easter – March 29th to April 1st inclusive. Until further notice, we will be open for abbreviated hours: Tuesday 9:30am to 2pm; Wednesday 9:30am to 3:45pm and Saturday 9:30am to noon. Thursday evening hours will resume April 25th. Please call before you come even if you have a reservation.

An updated List of All Toronto FHC Resources is available on our [website](#). You can download it as a pdf file by looking on the Resources page and clicking on the link "**List of All FHC Resources 2013 03 21**" or "**List of All Resources**". If you wish to know if we have a particular film at the Toronto FHC, please check this list. It contains every film, fiche, CD, etc that we hold. Do a search (Ctrl F) for the film or fiche number you are looking for. You can also view the lists of books, CDs and film here.

[OGS Conference 2013 – Pulling up Stakes – Putting Down Roots](#)

Oshawa – May 31 to June 2 2013 at Durham College and UOIT

This year's conference will include a number of presentations about migration routes and transportation methods. When our ancestors decided to "pull up stakes" and leave their homelands, they had to consider the land, sea (and later air) routes that were available to them. With eight workshops on Friday, 27 lectures on Saturday and 20 on Sunday the Conference has something for everyone. Find the conference schedule and registration forms [here](#). Early bird registration will save you money and it lasts until Sunday – register online [here](#).

What's New

FindMyPast (both the UK & Worldwide versions) have added the "Canterbury Collection". The Canterbury Collection has parish records from east Kent, roughly east of a line drawn between Teynham and Hythe. It contains records of almost 900,000 baptisms from 178 parishes from 1538 to about 1900, 100,000 banns beginning in 1754, 500,000 marriages from 139 parishes starting in 1538 and 700,000 burials from 178 parishes. If searching for these record collections in the list of Life Events, the data is filed under *Canterbury* and not *Kent*. I have just tried out this collection. I have a few brass rubbings that I did some years ago in St Peter's & St Paul's Church in Boughton under Blean, Kent. [*"I do not know whose ancestors they were, but I know whose ancestors they are now."* G&S] One rather grand brass is of Thomas HAWKINS who died in 1587; so I looked for him. I found a Thomas HAUKYNS buried in 1587; after looking at the image, I checked the transcription and found that this Thomas HAUKYNS was indeed buried in Boughton under Blean – success!

DeceasedOnline has put the last 160,000 burial records for Manor Park in Newham, East London online. These cover the period 25th March 1875 to 15th December 1898 and comprise burial register scans together with details of all interments in graves and grave section maps. DeceasedOnline notes that "What is both interesting and tragic is the sheer number of interments during this 25 year period due to a combination of the teeming population and the high infant mortality rate in 19th Century East End of London". There are now nearly 430,000 burial and cremation records for Manor Park.

Ancestry has updated the marriage records for Maine.

[FamilySearch](#) – The Kyiv, Ukraine Orthodox Consistory Church Book Duplicates 1840-1845 now contains 1.1 million indexed records (images available at FHCs). The number of indexed Catholic church records for Mexico has increased to 43 million baptisms, 6 million marriages and 362,000 burials (indexes only). There are nearly two million New York Passenger and Crew Lists 1925-1942 available currently (images available anywhere). The indexed Ohio deaths with images 1908-1953 now number over 3.5 million.

[Origins.net](#) has added over 389,000 [South London \(Surrey\) burials](#) for the period 1545-1905. The South London Burials Index contains surname and forename, age where given in the register, year of burial, parish and additional info/notes, which **may** [not very likely] include information such as addresses, parents names and other personal details. This is in addition to the 169,000 Middlesex and City of London Burials 1560-1909 which can be found here too. This website has an interesting collection of wills indexes, which may be worth looking at. To search this website, one can sign up for £8 for 72 hours for access to the complete site.

The Forum:

Questions: No new questions were received this week.

Suggestions:

Q1/2013/08. 1891 Census Problem – UK

I am researching the family of James Hand, house painter, born about 1842 in Castleblayney, Ireland, and his wife Elizabeth Hand born about 1852, Dublin, Ireland. The family moved to England sometime before December 1878 and while I am able to find them in the 1881 and 1901 UK Census, there is no sign of them in the 1891 UK Census. I have tried a number of different ways to search for the family but have come up empty-handed. In addition to James and Elizabeth, occupants of the household could have included Bernard (b. 1872/Ireland), John (b. 1876/Ireland), Elizabeth Christina (b. 1878/Manchester); James Gilbert (b. 1880/Manchester); William (b. 1883/Manchester); Francis Patrick (b. 1885/Manchester); and Michael Joseph (b.1887/Manchester). They had another son Charles Gilbert but he was born in 1892. The 1891 UK Census could hold keys to other children they had but who did not survive (I have found 9 of the 14 children reported by James Hand in the 1911 UK Census). Any suggestions on ways I might search the 1891 UK census further to find them would be much appreciated.

Ann Nelis wrote: "I had a case a little similar to this. I had three baptisms in Ireland (1861-1865) but was unable to find the marriage or any subsequent events. One day, I tried Findmypast /English Census and found the family in England. I also found the marriage in 1858 with the eldest being born in England in 1860 (prior to those in Ireland) and subsequent births in England following 1868. So they were in England and obviously went back to Ireland for some years and then back to England. I am suggesting that since there seems to be 5 years between the birth in 1887 of Michael Joseph and Charles Gilbert in 1892, that perhaps they may have returned to Ireland for those years thereby missing out on 1891 census. I would suggest looking for births in Ireland during that time, which may give the answer."

Mike Webber wrote: "Quite a challenge! After some heavy digging, I also could not find them in 1891. However, the following may be of interest:

"Firstly, the researcher did not mention daughter Mary A. Hand, age 6, born in Ireland, shown in the 1881 Census. She does not appear with the family in the 1901 Census; she does not appear to have been married in between (there is a Mary Ann Hand marrying in 1897, but she seems to appear as Mary Ann White at her parents Patrick and Margaret Hand in the 1901 Census). However there is a death index record for a Mary Ann Hand age 14 in Manchester QJune1889 (8d/215). While information is often limited on death certificates, there might be something of interest shown there.

"Secondly, there is a marriage index record for an Elizabeth Christina Hand marrying in QSep1898; checking the 1901 Census, it seems likely that she married William Barlow; there is also a death index record for an Elizabeth Christina Barlow, but age 26, registered in Prestwich QMar1907. And two Barlow children are with the Hand family in 1911, one of whom matches a son with Elizabeth and William in the 1901 Census. So their marriage certificate might also have information relevant to the Hand family address in 1891.

"The Hand family's address of 1881 was 63, Warwick St. in Broughton, Salford. In the 1891 Census, they were unfortunately no longer living there! Finding the 1901 address of 4 George St, Cheetham proved harder; Findmypast has a link to George St, but the link goes to Grove Street. Browsing in 1901 Ancestry, I believe the correct George Street was very close to Grove, and browsing the same area in 1891 Ancestry indicates that George Street should be shown in District 3 of Cheetham, Lancashire (see District 3, Page 1 - census area definition). Unfortunately the pages are damaged or missing at the end of that district, and George Street is nowhere to be found in either Ancestry or Findmypast! Perhaps this is why the family seems to have vanished into thin air for a while!

“So fingers crossed for information from the various other documents suggested!”

Were You Aware

IrishGenealogy Relaunched

The state-funded [Irish Genealogy](#) has received a makeover. Here one can search for church records in counties Dublin, Cork, Carlow and Kerry (the records are free and unavailable anywhere else online). It has been completely redesigned and the new search tries to locate records in other databases, like 1901/1911 Census records, Tithe Applotments, Soldier's Wills, Griffith's Valuations, Ireland - Australia Transportation database, Military Archives, Castle Garden and Ellis Island records, and the National Photographic Archive from the National Library of Ireland. This website has quite a number of useful links for Irish genealogists.

Irish Genealogy Toolkit

Browsing around on the web led me to [this website](#) which also appears to have useful information and links for those researching their Irish ancestors. Claire Santry has organized this website and also runs a blog – [Irish Genealogy News](#).

Dublin City Voters 1908 – Free Online

John Reid's Anglo-Celtic Connections blog mentioned that there is a new database on Dublin City Library and Archive's site – [Dublin City Electoral Rolls 1908](#). In 1898 the Local Government (Ireland) Act increased the franchise to include occupiers, inhabitants and lodgers, as well as women over the age of 30. The population of Dublin City, as returned in the Census of 1901 was 290,638; a total of 46,055 persons were registered to vote in 1908. In 1908, Dublin City consisted of an area bounded by the Royal Canal on the north and the Grand Canal on the south, with the addition of the former Townships of Clontarf, Glasnevin and Drumcondra; and of New Kilmainham, both of which were added to Dublin City in 1900. Names are entered according to electoral ward, which in turn are entered in alphabetical order i.e. Arran Quay Ward; Fitzwilliam Ward; Inns Quay Ward, etc. Voters are grouped within each ward according to category i.e. Parliamentary and Local Government Voters; Freeholders and Leaseholders; Lodgers; and Freemen. Within each category, voters are listed street-by-street with streets being entered in alphabetical order. In order to validate the registration of each voter in each category, additional information is given, which can include type and description of accommodation; occupation; name of landlord; amount of rates or rent paid. Kudos to the Dublin City Library and Archive and John Grenham for making this available.

Irish Directories Online at Origins.net Free This Weekend

[Irish Origins](#) (part of Origins.net) currently has 69 Irish directories from 1824-1900 online. These directories are covered by two searches: Dublin Directories 1824-1894 and Directories of Ireland 1845-1900. Directories are a vital research tool, and a must for those interested in Ireland shortly before enumeration of the 1901 Census of Ireland. Register or login to access the directories FREE from 29 March to midnight (GMT) 1 April 2013.

Templepatrick Presbyterian Church

[Emerald Ancestors](#) claims to provide instant access to one of the largest collections of Northern Irish genealogy records available, containing birth, marriage, death and census records for over 1 million Irish ancestors. They have Irish family records from civil registration indexes, church registers and historical sources in Counties Antrim, Armagh, Down, Fermanagh, Londonderry & Tyrone. Chris Paton's [British GENES blog](#) noted this week that the church census of 1831 for Templepatrick Presbyterian Church in County Antrim has been added to the database. One can search this site without charge but full membership starts at £9.99 and offers instant access to the genealogy records, with advanced search facilities.

PRONI's Valuation Revision Books

If you know where your Northern Ireland ancestors lived, you might find something of great interest in the Valuation Revision books. I would suggest that you read Chris Paton's [British GENES blog](#) about this.

United Church Archives Moving Again

[Genealogy Canada](#) this week reports that the United Church Archives will be moving from their national office at 3250 Bloor Street West to the Toronto Christian Resource Centre at 40 Oak Drive in the Regent Park neighbourhood of downtown Toronto. The Archives will be closed to all researchers June 10–September 15, 2013, reopening in the new location September 16, 2013.

UK County Resources – Lancashire, Yorkshire, next week Durham

This week we have a few suggestions for Lancashire and Yorkshire. If you have a resource that you find particularly useful for Yorkshire or Durham, please send it/them to the Bulletin.

[If you have not tracked any English or Welsh ancestors back to the start of civil registration in 1837, you should start by using the civil registration index at [FreeBMD](#) and census information for 1841 to 1911. If you need some help to do this, please come to any Family History Centre where volunteers will be happy to help.]

Marion Wilburn writes: "The **Manchester and Lancashire Special Interest Group, Toronto Branch, Ontario Genealogical Society** meets every two months to share resources and information on Lancashire and to assist each other with our research. Contact: Marion Wilburn marion@wilburn.ca for further information."

Yorkshire is a physically large county that is made up of four parts: West Riding (200 parishes), North Riding (229 parishes), East Riding (204 parishes) and the Ainsty & City of York (49 parishes). Each of these parts has an associated record office.

The largest online source for Yorkshire parish records is currently Ancestry's West Yorkshire records which have nearly nine million indexed parish records with images. FindMyPast has two small sets of Bradford burials containing about 45,000 burials. FindMyPast announced recently an exciting partnership with the Borthwick Institute to digitise its Yorkshire records.

The old FamilySearch IGI is still very useful for Yorkshire. Click [here](#) to access it directly. To see what is available on the IGI for your parish of interest, got to Hugh Wallis' IGI Batch numbers for [Yorkshire](#). The IGI records give transcriptions of church records for baptisms and marriages.

[Yorkshire BMD](#) has transcriptions of local register office indexes after 1837. Their transcriptions currently include 3.3 million births, 1.2 million marriages and 1.2 million deaths. These indexes often include additional information like mother's name for births and spouse's name for marriages. It is updated frequently.

The Toronto FHC has quite a large collection of parish register films, although it is only a tiny fraction of what is available in Salt Lake City. Check our List of All Resources to see if your parish is included.

Films received in the week ending March 28th, 2013 and due for return May 16th, 2013.

Film Content	Film No
DEU WPRU Rosenberg Church books Births 1825-1877	0208300
DEU WPRU Rosenberg Church books Indexes to 1816	0208256
DEU WPRU Rosenberg Church books Marriages 1816-1944	0208304
ENG OXF Aston Rowant, Adwell PR Transcripts	0416721

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 FamilySearch catalog will reveal the full content. The geographical abbreviations are Chapman codes.

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For a copy of a searchable listing of all 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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